Signatures of Loudoun

Ten Years

of the Design Excellence Program
The Loudoun County Design Cabinet is an award-winning volunteer group of professional architects, landscape architects, planners and engineers formed in 2003. To complement Loudoun’s natural beauty, and to reinforce its sense of place and community, the cabinet encourages the highest quality urban, architectural, landscape and transportation planning.

To assist the Department of Economic Development, the cabinet provides a forum for discussion and advice on design related issues, projects and opportunities.

This booklet is a collection of the first 10 years of the Signatures of Loudoun Design Excellence Awards. Viewing the winners allows you to experience the diverse architecture and culture of the county, from its suburban/urban setting in the east to the rolling hills and rural agriculture in the west. Throughout the county and over our history, Loudoun residents have always had a sensitivity to the built environment. These awards celebrate that sensitivity with pride.

On the cover: RagingWire Data Center Campus, Ashburn; Margaret Rust tile at the Joan Gardiner Tile Project, Leesburg; Sunset Hills Vineyard, Purcellville
The Signatures of Loudoun Design Excellence Awards were developed a decade ago to uniquely define and recognize Loudoun County’s architecture and iconic communities. The categories of awards have been tailored over the years to respond to the climate of the times, however, you will see that excellence in design is consistent. The current categories are:

**Details** — Design excellence or whimsy demonstrated in the form of minutiae or finishing touches, which visually delight or offer a sense of continuity with Loudoun’s history.

**Familiar** — Design excellence demonstrated in the exceptional attention given to surrounding buildings, places and details during the project design. A highly “contextual” design solution.

**Interiors** — Design excellence demonstrated in an interior space. This could include space in residential, commercial, retail and public-sector structures.

**Legends** — Recognition for design excellence over a period of 25 years or more — the “test of time.” These projects are the icons of our collective memory which make Loudoun unique.

**Makeovers** — Design excellence demonstrated in the form of historic renovation and/or adaptive reuse. Projects characterized by the preservation of a piece of Loudoun County’s unique history.

**Public Spaces** — Design excellence demonstrated in the form of public greens, streets, plazas and squares, which, by their attributes, have become a favorite mixing place.

**Pace Setters** — Recent, visually groundbreaking projects which continue to shape Loudoun County as a unique environment and set the pace for the future.

**Students’ Choice** — One of the winning projects will also be chosen by a panel of Loudoun high school students as best representing Loudoun County design excellence.
Dulles Airport Terminal & Expansion, Dulles
Category: Legends
Photo: Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority

The Mighty Midget, Leesburg
Category: Makeover
Photo: Town of Leesburg

Red Goose Shoe Sign, King Street, Leesburg
Category: Details
Photo: Larry Rosenstrauch

Dulles One Building at Dulles Town Center, Dulles
Category: Pace Setters
Photo: Lerner Corporation
Historic Downtown Purcellville
Category: Mixing Places
Photo: Loudoun Economic Development

Dodona Manor, Leesburg
Category: Makeovers
Photo: Town of Leesburg

Lakeside @ Loudoun Tech, Sterling
Category: Pace Setters
Photo: Buchanan Partners

Nichol’s Hardware Store Interior, Purcellville
Category: Details
Photo: Loudoun Economic Development
Red Fox Inn, Middleburg
Category: Legends
Photo: Loudoun Economic Development

Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail
Category: Mixing Places
Photo: Loudoun Economic Development

Howard Hughes Medical Institute, Ashburn
Category: Pace Setters
Photo: HHMI

George Washington University Building 1, Ashburn
Category: Pace Setters
Photo: GW Virginia Science and Technology Campus
Photo Listings from Left to Right:
1. The Offices at Adams Mill, Purcellville
2. Meadow Hill, Leesburg
3. Ashburn Library
4. Clyde's Willow Creek Farm, Broadlands
5. Leesburg Restaurant
6. Lightfoot Restaurant, Leesburg
7. Magnolias at the Mill, Purcellville
8. Market Station, Leesburg
9. AOL, Ashburn
10. Station Auto Wash, Leesburg
11. Leesburg Town Hall Parking Garage
12. Middleburg Community Center
13. Loudoun Courthouse Green, Leesburg
14. Heyner's Cobbler Shop Guest House, Round Hill
15. Mom's Apple Pie, Leesburg
16. Purcellville Train Depot
17. Giant Ants, Waterford
18. Tool-Stephan House, Purcellville
Mom's Apple Pie Building, Leesburg
Category: Legends
Photo: Town of Leesburg

Lightfoot Restaurant, Leesburg
Category: Makeovers
Photo: Lightfoot Restaurant

AOL Creative Center One
Category: Pace Setters
Photo: Bonstra Haresign Architects

Clyde's Willow Creek Inn, Brambleton
Category: Familiar
Photo: Clyde's Restaurant Group
The Village of Waterford
Category: Student’s Choice, Legends
Photo: Kitty Rose

Fireman’s Field, Purcellville
Category: Mixing Places
Photo: Rick McCleary Photography

Loudoun County’s Heritage Stone Walls,
Western Loudoun, Category: Details
Photo: John R. Roberts

REHAU Palladium Building, Leesburg
Category: Pace Setters
Photo: Sisson Studio
2010

- AOL Creative Center 2, Dulles
- South King Street Center, Leesburg
- Burnett Residence, Hamilton
- Shoe’s Cup & Cork Club, Leesburg
- A.V. Symington Aquatic Center and Ida Lee Recreation Center
- Foxridge Park, Leesburg
- George C. Marshall Statue at Dodona Manor, Leesburg
- Hillsboro Old Stone School, Hillsboro
- Charles Luck Studio, Sterling
Hillsboro Old School, Hillsboro
Category: Legends
Photo: Ann Higgins

Shoe's Cup and Cork Club, Leesburg
Category: Makeovers
Photo: Town of Leesburg

Charles Luck Studios, Sterling
Category: Pace Setters
Photo: Charles Luck Studios

AOL Creative Center Two, Dulles
Category: Student's Choice Pace Setters
Photo: ESTO/Jeff Goldberg
2011

Claude Moore Recreation Center, Sterling
Lucketts Community Center, Lucketts
Stoneybrook Farm Market, Hillsboro
Wagon at High Hill Orchards, Round Hill
Bush Tabernacle Renovation, Purcellville
Jack Kent Cooke Foundation, Lansdowne

Purcellville Public Safety Center, Purcellville
Mahlon Myers Cottage, Waterford
Lovettsville Mini Mart, Lovettsville

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Courtesy of Dale Martin
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Lucketts Community Center, Lucketts
Category: Legends
Photo: Ann Higgins

Jack Kent Cooke Foundation, Lansdowne
Category: Pace Setters
Photo: Robert C. Lautman Photography

Stoneybrook Farm Market, Hillsboro
Category: Student's Choice, Pace Setters
Photo: Dale Martin

Bush Tabernacle Restoration, Purcellville
Category: Makeovers
Photo: Rick McLeary
2012

National Rural Utilities CFC Headquarters, Dulles

“Pete” Roberts Shed, Leesburg

Joan Gardiner Tile Project at Rust Library, Leesburg

Loudoun County Master Gardeners’ Demonstration Garden

Chinn’s Crossing, Middleburg

Sunset Hills Vineyard, Purcellville

Restoration of the Morven Park Mansion, Leesburg

2012 Church Street/ Mason Enterprise Center, Leesburg

Loudoun County Youth Shelter, Leesburg
Pete Roberts’ Tool Shed, Leesburg
Category: Legends
Photo: Robert Merhaut Photography

Sunset Hills Vineyard, Purcellville
Category: Makeovers
Photo: Sunset Hills

Joan Gardiner Tile Project at Rust Library, Leesburg
Category: Details
Photo: Susan VanEpps

National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation Headquarters, Dulles
Category: Pace Setters
Photo: Duane Lemke, Sisson Studios
2013

Loudoun County High School, Leesburg
Franklin Park Arts Center, Purcellville
Loudoun Country Day School, Leesburg
Log Cabin, Upperville

New Ebenezer Church, Bloomfield
Red Rocks Wilderness Overlook
Lakes at Red Rock Covered Bridge, Leesburg
Fazio Ristorante Italiano, Leesburg

Gum Spring Library Build-Out, Aldie
Barns at Hamilton Station Vineyards, Hamilton
Brambleton Town Center, Brambleton
RagingWire Data Center Campus, Ashburn

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Courtesy of Barns at Hamilton Station Vineyards

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Loudoun County High School, Leesburg
Category: **Student’s Choice, Legends**
Photo: Susan VanEpps

RagingWire Data Center Campus, Ashburn
Category: **Pace Setters**

Franklin Park Arts Center, Purcellville
Category: **Familiar**
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Loudoun Country Day School, Leesburg
Category: **Pace Setters**
Photo: Patrick Ross Photography
Equinix DC6/DC11 IBX Data Center & Regional HQ, Ashburn
Category: **Interiors**
Photo: Bilyana Dimitrova Photography

Signs of Middleburg
Category: **Student’s Choice, Details**
Photo: John Ralph of Quail Run Signs

Ferrari Maserati Lamborghini of Washington, Sterling
Category: **Pace Setters**
Photo: cox graae + spack architects

Walker Pavilion, Lovettsville
Category: **Public Spaces**
Photo: Karin Fellers
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