

# GEORGIA DESIGN

THE MAGAZINE FOR FINE INTERIOR DESIGN, ARCHITECTURE, AND BUILDING THROUGHOUT THE STATE



## WINNERS OF THE 2025 GEORGIA DESIGN AWARDS

A LAKE  
SINCLAIR  
RENOVATION

HOLIDAY  
TRAVEL TO  
CHARLESTON

HOW TO  
SHOP FOR  
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+ LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD  
CELEBRATING DESIGNER SUZANNE KASLER

2026

# GDA

GEORGIA DESIGN AWARDS

ARCHITECTURE | INTERIOR DESIGN | CUSTOM HOMES  
EXTERIORS | DETAILS | LANDSCAPE DESIGN  
REMODELING | RESIDENTIAL | COMMERCIAL

## SUBMIT YOUR PROJECTS

Accepting Submissions  
**March 1st – July 31st**

[GeorgiaDesignAwards.com](https://GeorgiaDesignAwards.com)



# OVERVIEW

*GEORGIA DESIGN* and *Atlanta Magazine* are pleased to present the fifth annual Georgia Design Awards. These awards are the first of their kind—bringing together all segments of the design, architecture, construction and landscape communities in order to showcase the best work and brightest talent across the state of Georgia. The program is also the first to involve both trade and consumers. Leveraging the full audiences of both our magazines, along with the extensive reach of *AtlantaMagazine.com*, the winning designs will be showcased in front of design enthusiasts throughout the region.

The Georgia Design Awards spans the categories of architecture, interior design, homebuilding, remodeling, and landscape design—both residential and commercial. Entrants must be based in Georgia and will have the opportunity to submit projects ranging from a single room or product installation to an entire home or public space.

Submissions will be accepted beginning March 1, 2026, through July 31, 2026. Entries are judged by an independent panel of design professionals from outside of Georgia. Winners will be announced at the Georgia Design Awards Gala in November 2026. Award-winning entries will also be featured in the winter edition of *GEORGIA DESIGN*.

# HOW TO ENTER

Begin by visiting [GeorgiaDesignAwards.com](https://GeorgiaDesignAwards.com) and creating an account. Once an account has been created, and after you've signed in, click the "New Entry" link and fill out the form with your project details and attach your images. Remember to save your entry. You may revisit and submit as many entries as you wish until 11:59 p.m. on July 31, 2026. Once you've entered all of your projects, use the "Submit and Pay" link to check out and finalize your submissions.

## PROJECT IMAGES & NAMING CONVENTIONS

Each entry must be accompanied by at three (3), but no more than eight (8), high-resolution image(s). Image(s) submitted must be about 8 x 10 inches, at 300 dpi minimum (any image that does not meet this requirement will not be accepted). The acceptable format is JPG, with a size limitation of 50MB per image.

Please see our Photography Terms section.

Important Note: To ensure anonymity, photos should be named by category and NOT the name of the professional/homeowner submitting the project.

Please label your images as

"CategoryEntered\_ProjectName\_ImageNumber.jpg"

Example of correct image name:

GreatRoom\_MidcenturyMagic\_1.jpg

GreatRoom\_MidcenturyMagic\_2.jpg

If your images are not named properly, your project may be disqualified. You may enter as many projects as you wish. Please upload your appropriately named images via the online submission form.

## BEST IN SHOW

"Best in Show" will be awarded to the highest-scoring project across all categories.

## PROJECT CONCEPT STATEMENT/DESCRIPTION

The form will require an overview (100–250 words) detailing significant aspects of the project. The statement should discuss design challenges, project location (city name), design solutions, and other pertinent aspects, but must NOT mention firm names, nor individuals involved. Entrants must include the year the project was completed. Design projects more than three years old will not be accepted. Projects should be submitted via the entry submission form at [GeorgiaDesignAwards.com](http://GeorgiaDesignAwards.com).

## JUDGING

An independent panel of design experts outside of Georgia will determine the winners. Judges are drawn from media, respected academic institutions, and private practice, and include prominent names from design and architecture. The editorial team at *GEORGIA DESIGN* will oversee the process and make certain it is professional and fair. The panel's expertise will reflect a broad spectrum of relevant professions, including architecture, building, remodeling, interior design, and landscape design. All judges' decisions are final.

## PHOTOGRAPHY TERMS

Entrants must submit only royalty/reuse-free photos. It is the entrant's responsibility to obtain releases from their photographer before submitting images (to be used during the Georgia Design Awards Gala and published by Atlanta Magazine LLC and its affiliates at no additional charge).

All photography submitted may be published free of charge by Atlanta Magazine LLC with free usage in print and online. It is the entrant's responsibility to inform the photographer of these terms. If you are listing your photographer's name and that photographer took photos that you are entering in more than one category, please list your photographer's name/company the same way throughout. Photo selection and size/ cropping is at the magazine's discretion.

DEADLINE	FEES
All entries must be submitted and paid for in full via the web form by <b>11:59p.m. on July 31, 2026.</b>	1–3 entries \$100 each 4–6 entries \$75 each 7+ entries \$50 each

Entry fees are payable via our online entry form, which accepts PayPal, Visa, MasterCard, or American Express. Fees are non-refundable.

## ELIGIBILITY

The Georgia Design Awards are open to trade professionals in the following categories: Interior Design, Architecture, Home Building, Home Remodeling, and Landscape Design. Consumers/homeowners who are interested in having their homes/projects considered can do so but should include the names, if any, of design/build professionals who completed the work being submitted. Trade or retail showrooms are also eligible to submit projects for consideration but should include the names of any design/build professional who was involved with the project being submitted. Entries that have won in or were submitted to competitions other than the Georgia Design Awards are allowed. Projects submitted previously to the GDA awards that have not won an award may be resubmitted.

The principal design/build/architecture professional overseeing each entry must be based in the state of Georgia, regardless of whether that professional's firm is headquartered in Georgia. Projects themselves may be located in other states and must have been completed since July 31, 2023. Atlanta Magazine LLC reserves the right to disqualify any entries that do not meet the requirements.

## GUIDELINES / ADDITIONAL TERMS

Gold-winning entries will receive only one award plaque. Additional plaques may be purchased for \$45.

If other companies, designers, and/or homeowners contributed to the project and would like to receive awards, duplicate plaques may be purchased upon receipt of the winner letter at an additional cost of \$45. Important note: If you list a co-entrant on an entry, the co-entrant's name will appear as a co-winner with your company name in the magazine and on the award plaque if your submission is selected as a winner. There is a separate opportunity on the submission form to list others who contributed to the project; this area is optional and those you list here may be mentioned at the gala or in the *GEORGIA DESIGN* editorial.

When there are fewer than five entries in a particular category, no award will be given unless there is a gold winner. Failure to comply fully with contest rules may result in disqualification.

Entry fee is nonrefundable and will not be returned (even if entry is determined to be ineligible or disqualified). Atlanta Magazine LLC and *GEORGIA DESIGN* are not liable for lost, stolen, ineligible, misdirected, damaged, mutilated, or postage-due entries.

Winning submissions become the property of Atlanta Magazine LLC and *GEORGIA DESIGN*. Atlanta Magazine LLC and *GEORGIA DESIGN* retain legal/publishing rights after publishing of the Winter 2026 *GEORGIA DESIGN* magazine.

# CATEGORIES

## FOR CONTEST SUBMISSIONS

### INTERIORS

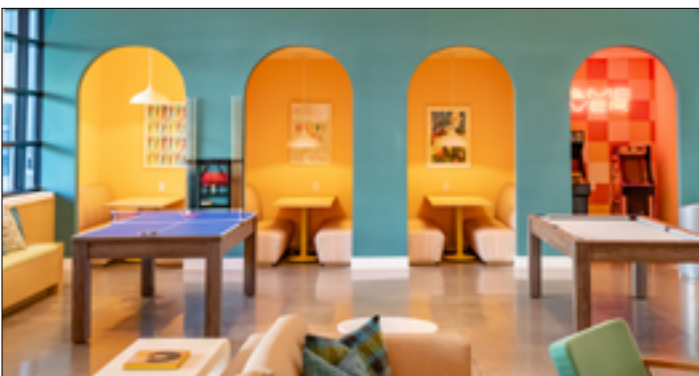
- APARTMENT / CONDO / LOFT
- BASEMENT
- BATHROOM (Up to 150 SF)
- BATHROOM (More than 150 SF)
- BUTLER'S PANTRY / SCULLERY
- CHILDREN'S ROOM / PLAY SPACE
- DINING ROOM, CONTEMPORARY
- DINING ROOM, TRADITIONAL
- FOYER, CONTEMPORARY
- FOYER, TRADITIONAL
- GUEST SUITE, CONTEMPORARY
- GUEST SUITE, TRADITIONAL
- HOME OFFICE
- KITCHEN (Up to 200 SF)
- KITCHEN (Between 201-500 SF)
- KITCHEN (More than 500 SF)
- LAUNDRY ROOM / MUD ROOM
- LIBRARY
- LIVING ROOM / GREAT ROOM, CONTEMPORARY
- LIVING ROOM / GREAT ROOM, TRADITIONAL
- OVERALL HOME INTERIOR DESIGN, CONTEMPORARY
- OVERALL HOME INTERIOR DESIGN, TRADITIONAL
- POWDER ROOM
- PRIMARY BEDROOM / SUITE, CONTEMPORARY
- PRIMARY BEDROOM / SUITE, TRADITIONAL
- SITTING ROOM / KEEPING ROOM
- SPECIALTY ROOM (Crafts, gym, music, etc.)
- SUNROOM
- VACATION HOME INTERIOR
- WINE ROOM / BAR

## INTERIORS - DESIGN DETAILS

- CABINETS
- CUSTOM FURNITURE
- CUSTOM DRAPERY / WINDOW TREATMENTS
- FLOORING / RUGS
- FIREPLACE
- LIGHTING
- MILLWORK
- STAIR & RAILING
- USE OF A COLLECTION, ANTIQUES, OR ART
- USE OF FABRICS / UPHOLSTERY
- USE OF GLASS, PORCELAIN, STONE, OR OTHER HARD SURFACES
- USE OF INTERIOR COLOR

## RESIDENTIAL ARCHITECTURE

- ADDITION (New room or rooms)
- HISTORIC RENOVATION (Home 50 years or older)
- NEW BUILD, CONTEMPORARY ARCHITECTURE (Up to 4,000 SF)
- NEW BUILD, TRADITIONAL ARCHITECTURE (Up to 4,000 SF)
- NEW BUILD, CONTEMPORARY ARCHITECTURE (More than 4,000 SF)
- NEW BUILD, TRADITIONAL ARCHITECTURE (More than 4,000 SF)
- OVERALL HOME ARCHITECTURE
- REMODEL OF AN EXISTING SPACE (Up to 1,000 SF)
- REMODEL OF AN EXISTING SPACE (More than 1,000 SF)
- VACATION HOME EXTERIOR



USE OF INTERIOR COLOR



VACATION HOME EXTERIOR

## RESIDENTIAL OUTDOOR SPACES

- DECK / PATIO / PORCH
- EXTERIOR USE OF CONCRETE / STONE / TILE
- EXTERIOR LIGHTING
- FENCE / GATE / WALL
- OUTDOOR KITCHEN
- OUTDOOR FIREPLACE
- OVERALL LANDSCAPE DESIGN (Less than 1 ACRE)
- OVERALL LANDSCAPE DESIGN (More than 1 ACRE)
- OUTDOOR WATER FEATURE
- POOL / SPA

## CONTRACT DESIGN

- COMMERCIAL LANDSCAPE DESIGN
- COMMUNITY SPACE (Breakroom, conference room, rooftop space, etc.)
- HISTORIC RENOVATION, PUBLIC BUILDING
- HOTEL
- MEDICAL FACILITY
- MULTI-FAMILY DWELLING
- OFFICE ARCHITECTURE AND/OR INTERIORS
- PRIVATE CLUB
- PUBLIC PLACE (Airport, Library, Museum, etc.)
- RETAIL (Boutique, salon, store)
- RESTAURANT / BAR
- USE OF COLOR



DECK / PATIO / PORCH



COMMUNITY SPACE



# QUESTIONS?

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Printable entry packets are available at  
[www.GeorgiaDesignAwards.com](http://www.GeorgiaDesignAwards.com)

## DATES TO REMEMBER

March 1, 2026 Submissions open

July 31, 2026 Submissions deadline

September 1, 2026 Finalists notified

November 19, 2026 Georgia Design Awards Gala

December 1, 2026 *GEORGIA DESIGN* Winter issue available

\*All timeline dates are subject to change