



**Submit your projects beginning March 15, 2025
through July 15, 2025**
GeorgiaDesignAwards.com

GEORGIA DESIGN

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



Overview

GEORGIA DESIGN and *Atlanta* magazine are pleased to present the fourth 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 15, 2025, through July 15, 2025. 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 2025. Award-winning entries will also be featured in the winter edition of *Georgia Design*.



How To Enter

Begin by visiting 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 15, 2025. 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: "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 five years old will not be accepted. Projects should be submitted via the entry submission form at 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.

DEADLINE

All entries must be submitted and paid for in full via the web form by 11:59p.m. on July 15, 2025.

FEES

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.

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.

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 re-submitted. **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, 2020.** 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 at a cost of \$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 non-refundable 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 2025 *GEORGIA DESIGN* magazine.



Categories For Contest Submissions

Contest categories are subject to change

Interiors

- ❖ Residence up to 4,000 sq. ft. (images from at least four spaces)
- ❖ Residence more than 4,000 sq. ft. (images from at least six spaces)
- ❖ Apartment/Loft/Condo
- ❖ Model home interior design (single or multi-family residence)
- ❖ Vacation home interior (any size) in Georgia
- ❖ Vacation home interior (any size) outside of Georgia
- ❖ Traditional Foyer/Entry
- ❖ Contemporary Foyer/Entry
- ❖ Traditional Living room/Great room
- ❖ Contemporary Living room/Great room
- ❖ Traditional dining room
- ❖ Contemporary dining room
- ❖ Powder room
- ❖ Sitting room/Keeping room
- ❖ Kitchen (up to 200 sq. ft.)
- ❖ Kitchen (between 201 – 500 sq. ft.)
- ❖ Kitchen (over 500 sq. ft.)
- ❖ Butler's pantry/Scullery
- ❖ Traditional Master Suite
- ❖ Contemporary Master Suite
- ❖ Bath (up to 150 sq. ft.)
- ❖ Bath (more than 150 sq. ft.)
- ❖ Traditional Guest Suite
- ❖ Contemporary Guest Suite

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interiors
GEORGIA DESIGN AWARDS

BATHROOM MORE THAN 150 SF



GOLD Forbes + Masters

SERENE RETREAT

Located in a historic Dallas, Texas, neighborhood, this 1950s-era bathroom underwent a transformative renovation to incorporate modern amenities and enhance functionality. The reworked floorplan includes a freestanding tub, a steam shower with a barrel vault ceiling, and handmade tiles in a soothing color palette that ranges from warm taupe to pearl white. A niche chandelier in tile and wrapped in natural stone houses the double vanity. Pale blush cabinetry and a strand of illuminated faceted crystals fill the room with serene femininity. Other design details include brass sconces that complement the hardware and plumbing fixtures, custom cabinetry that conceals ample storage, and pull-out laundry hampers. "The shower's color palette and tile sold me on this space," said one judge. PHOTOGRAPHY BY LACEY LAND



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Interiors

- ❖ Traditional Library/Study
- ❖ Contemporary Library/Study
- ❖ Children's room/Play space
- ❖ Accessible/Universal design (elevator, walk-in shower, counter height, etc.)
- ❖ Garage
- ❖ Laundry room/Mud room
- ❖ Specialty room (gym, music, craft, billiards, pet area, etc.)
- ❖ Closet
- ❖ Basement
- ❖ Wine room
- ❖ Bar
- ❖ Home office
- ❖ Porch/Sunroom
- ❖ Interior use of stone, porcelain, glass or other hard surfaces
- ❖ Interior lighting
- ❖ Interior use of color
- ❖ Traditional interior design (more than one room)
- ❖ Contemporary interior design (more than one room)
- ❖ Use of a collection, antiques, or art

interiors
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WINE ROOM | BAR



GOLD Design Galleria Kitchen and Bath Studio
(Coentrants: Richard W. Greene, Architect, and
Connie Cayson, interior decorator)

ENTERTAINING IN STYLE

The designers of this speakeasy-style bar in an Atlanta home created a moody space anchored by two tall wine units concealed behind reeded panels. Glass shelving with brass and polished nickel accents display the husband's bourbon collection, and a dramatic onyx slab adds high-end style to the space. Custom cabinetry conceals an ice maker, a refrigerator/freezer unit, and plenty of storage for glassware and mixers. Architectural details, including unique brass hardware on the cabinets, echo the refinement and quality of materials found in the rest of the house. "Luxurious and chic," said one judge of the space. PHOTOGRAPHY BY TOMAS ESPINOZA



Residential Architecture

- ❖ Historic renovation / restoration (50 years or older)
- ❖ Small-scale remodel (up to 1,000 sq. ft.)
- ❖ Large remodel (over 1,000 sq. ft.)
- ❖ Addition
- ❖ Vacation home (exterior architecture) in Georgia
- ❖ Vacation home (exterior architecture) outside of Georgia
- ❖ New Model home
- ❖ New build, residence up to 4,000 sq. ft.
- ❖ New build, residence more than 4,000 sq. ft.
- ❖ Overall home architecture

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residential architecture
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HISTORIC RENOVATION 50 YEARS OR OLDER



GOLD | HFC Interiors (Coentrant: Amberly White Design)

ELEGANT COUNTRY ESTATE

The owners of this Norwood, Georgia, country estate, which was desperately in need of an update, envisioned a home that would serve as a welcoming retreat for friends and family. After two years of renovation, the house not only was restored, but also took on a new life. The designer's primary goal was to revive the residence's original character while making it suitable for modern living. They worked carefully to preserve key architectural elements, including the original heart pine wood floors and walls. Every element—from cabinet hardware and plumbing fixtures to wallcoverings and window treatments—was chosen with meticulous attention to detail. Layered rugs, textured wallcoverings, and soft fabrics create cozy spaces throughout the house. Shades of blue and green echo nature's own colors. "The thoughtfulness of keeping architectural elements and curating specific pieces really makes this home feel like it was collected over decades, which makes this a very successful renovation," said one judge. PHOTOGRAPHY BY EMILY FOLLOWILL



Details

- ❖ Millwork
- ❖ Stair & railing
- ❖ Decorative glass & mirror
- ❖ Flooring
- ❖ Interior use of stone/tile
- ❖ Interior lighting
- ❖ Smart home/technology
- ❖ Fireplace
- ❖ Custom cabinetry
- ❖ Custom furniture

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PRIVATE CLUB

SILVER
BLUR Workshop
(Coastwest Reynolds Lake Oconee)

GATHERING HOUSE
This lounge and multiuse event space was designed for residents of The Homesteads at Reynolds Lake Oconee in Greensboro, Georgia. The intention was to create a building that felt both luxurious and perfectly at home within the dense landscape. Heavy timbers anchor both sides of the narrow, glassy form, which was placed close to the site's dramatic boulders so that the stones seem to be incorporated into the interior experience. The color palette as well as the furnishings and finishes are inspired by the picturesque setting. In the evening, dramatic uplighting casts a radiant glow on this glass gem in the forest. PHOTOGRAPHY BY GAREY GOMEZ



BRONZE
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INTOWN GOLF CLUB
The Intown Golf Club in Charlotte is a private social club for golfers who want to squeeze in a quick round during lunch (via the latest technology), host a social gathering, or grab an after-work cocktail. The designers drew inspiration from the North Carolina landscape, with deep greens and tobacco featured prominently throughout the moody space. Golf carts and touchpoints are seen throughout the design, which is influenced by a '70s European vibe. A large bar is the focal point in this inviting retreat that offers a weatherproof setting for play and practice. PHOTOGRAPHY BY LAUREN RUBINSTEIN

Outdoor Spaces

- ❖ Exterior use of stone / tile / concrete
- ❖ Residential landscape water feature
- ❖ Residential swimming pool / spa
- ❖ Residential sports area (basketball, tennis, putting green, etc.)
- ❖ Deck / patio / porch / screened porch
- ❖ Outdoor kitchen
- ❖ Outdoor fireplace
- ❖ Residential landscape design (over one acre)
- ❖ Residential landscape design (under one acre)
- ❖ Gate/Fence/Wall
- ❖ Use of exterior lighting

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outdoor spaces
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DECK | PATIO | PORCH



GOLD Copper Sky Design + Remodel

POOLSIDE PARADISE

The owners of this Ansley Park home longed for a large outdoor entertainment area where they could host family and friends. The renovation began with the addition of sleek new accordion steel doors that opened the family room to the patio. This single change not only enhanced the visual appeal of the home but also improved accessibility to the backyard. The design team then replaced a weathered pergola with a proper ceiling structure and installed motorized retractable screens and vinyl panels. A new spiral staircase leads to a second-story deck that features lowered wood screens at each end for privacy. Given the homeowners' love of entertaining, the designers also installed outdoor speakers for playing favorite soundtracks as well as color-changing LED lights and gas lanterns to enhance the atmosphere for evening gatherings. "This gorgeous space is well planned for entertaining and creates a family room feel," said one judge of the winning entry. PHOTOGRAPHY BY MARC MAULDIN



Contract Design

- ❖ New showroom (retail or trade)
- ❖ Retail (boutiques, stores, salons, etc.)
- ❖ Restaurants/Bars
- ❖ Private Club
- ❖ Historic renovation public building
- ❖ Office (interiors and/or architecture)
- ❖ Hotel
- ❖ Multi-Family
- ❖ Lobby
- ❖ Public Place (museums, parks, etc.)
- ❖ Commercial landscape
- ❖ Community space (kitchen, breakroom, conference room, gym, etc)
- ❖ Use of color
- ❖ Rooftop space

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contract design
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RETAIL



GOLD Pamela Williams Interior Design

BOOKWORMS WINE & BOOK LOUNGE

In an era where digitalization threatens the traditional bookstore, Bookworms Wine & Book Lounge in Decatur, scheduled to open in 2025, is a literary retreat that celebrates the joy of reading. To create a warm and library-like atmosphere, designers balanced natural light with a darker academia theme featuring warm woods, coffered ceilings, and comfortable seating. The first floor boasts a cigar lounge with a commercial ventilation system and sealed floor-to-ceiling glass partitions. The second floor features a wine bar that highlights local vineyards and provides ample space for reading and mingling. The third floor offers a large retail space and an enormous skylight view of the outdoors. Semiprivate reading nooks are interspersed throughout the three floors. "This space is beautiful," said one judge. "I love the use of tile and stone." PHOTOGRAPHY BY PWID+AMID



Questions?

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Dates To Remember

March 15, 2025 Submissions open

July 15, 2025 Submissions deadline

September 1, 2025 Finalists notified; Georgia Design Award tickets on sale

November 20, 2025 Georgia Design Awards Gala

December 2, 2025 *GEORGIA DESIGN* Winter issue available

*All timeline dates are subject to change