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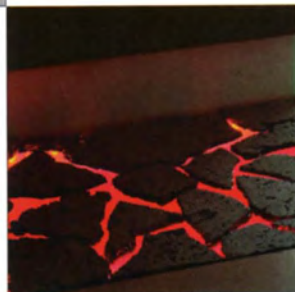


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## design awards



by meghan drueding,  
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bruce d. snider,  
and nigel f. maynard



Photos (from top): Bruce Damonte, courtesy Minarc, and Paul Warchol Photography

It may feel like dreamy nostalgia to peruse these award-winning projects, conceived and built in more felicitous times. You'll certainly encounter some lusciously extravagant flights of fancy and indulgence, as was the tenor of the mid-oughts. We still have a giddy affection for those houses that know no budgetary bounds, that find constraints only in the limits of architectural skill and creativity. Ah, what the mind can imagine and humankind can build! In a pure design competition, is it even fair or relevant to consider what we *should* build in addition to what we *can* build? Well, responsible architects are always pondering these questions.

And no doubt in times to come, the fevered debates will rage even hotter.

Our 10th annual *residential architect* Design Awards received more than 1,100 entries in 16 categories. Just 44 projects were recognized for honors, making RADA the most competitive residential architecture awards program in the country. The jury comprised six distinguished architects, including Gary L. Brewer, AIA, Robert A.M. Stern Architects, New York City; William Kreager, FAIA, Mithun, Seattle; Mell Lawrence, FAIA, Mell Lawrence Architects, Austin, Texas; Mark McInturff, FAIA, McInturff Architects, Bethesda, Md.; John Sheehan, AIA, Studio E Architects, San Diego; and John Vetter, AIA, Vetter Denk Architects, Milwaukee. At their discretion, the judges granted no award in the Bath category this year. In all, they bestowed 33 Merit awards, 10 Grand awards, and one Project of the Year award. Coverage begins here and continues in expanded form—with floor plans, more photos, and product specs—on [www.residentialarchitect.com](http://www.residentialarchitect.com) next month.

Go ahead, sit back and page through the best of what came before these troubled days. And let us begin to dream anew.



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## custom / 3,500 square feet or less merit

diamond project, san francisco

**terry & terry architecture**

berkeley, calif.

Our jury appreciated the light-filled spaces in this house designed by Alex Terry, AIA, for his family. The architect orchestrated the steep site by elevating living areas to the top floor. He placed the kitchen/dining area on grade with the backyard, and oriented the living room to the front, embracing distant vistas with a large covered balcony.

The front and rear walls of the house are mostly glass, maximizing light, ventilation, and views throughout the open plan. Wood floors and ceilings add richness and texture. Thick concrete walls form the sides of the house and encompass a cast-in-place fireplace and precast grooves for the glass panels.

“The trick was keeping materials minimal to give them power,” Terry says. “In doing a simple palette, you create calm space.”—*s.d.h.*

Sandblasted glass walls and railings lend protection and privacy without obscuring light in stairwells and the street-front balcony (right). The balcony adds a few extra feet to the living room and provides sun control for the western exposure.



**principal in charge / project architect:** Alexander Terry, AIA, Terry & Terry Architecture; **general contractor:** Ingmar Kauffeldt, Timberline Construction Co., San Francisco; **structural engineer:** Paul Means, Santos & Urrutia, San Francisco; **project size:** 2,300 square feet; **site size:** 0.08 acre; **construction cost:** \$450 per square foot; **photography:** Ethan Kaplan Photography. Visit [www.residentialarchitect.com](http://www.residentialarchitect.com) for floor plans and products.