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**AIA BROOKLYN AND QUEENS CHAPTER LAUNCH  
THE BROOKLYN + QUEENS DESIGN AWARDS**

*The American Institute of Architects Brooklyn and Queens chapters are pleased to announce their call for entries for their design awards program to recognize work developed and renovated in the past five years.*

**The 2016 AIA Brooklyn + Queens Design Awards**

With the growth of new development and renovation in our two boroughs in the past five years, our professional associations are excited to collaborate on this event to celebrate the contributions of the design professions to the urban environment we all share.

In its inaugural year, the **Brooklyn + Queens Design Awards (BQDA)** program has been established to encourage excellence in architectural design, to raise public awareness of the built environment and to honor the architects, owners and builders of significant projects within the two boroughs. It is the goal and collaboration of the **AIA Brooklyn** and **AIA Queens** Chapters to promote chapter members and affiliates through the display of their design and service accomplishments.



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Both chapters hope to encourage design excellence in architecture, to raise public awareness of the built environment and to honor the architects, owners and builders of significant projects within the two boroughs.

**AIA Brooklyn and Queens Chapters are excited to announce they are now accepting entries for 2016 AIA Brooklyn + Queens Design Awards!**

**Registration deadline:** March 22nd, 2016, 11:59 PM

(Per Entry Registrations are \$200 for AIA Brooklyn + Queens chapter members \$300 for non AIA Brooklyn + Queens chapter members, \$100 for unbuilt category, \$25 for students)

**Submission deadline:** March 30th, 2016, 11:59pm

For more information and awards categories, visit <http://aiabrooklyn.org/design-awards/>

To Register, visit: <https://www.123signup.com/event?id=ppfts>

Entries are encouraged from design firms or teams of architects of any age or experience level, provided they are working under a licensed architect for all major categories. Unbuilt categories and student works do not require the work to be under a licensed architect.

The Design Awards Program will recognize significant architectural and landscape projects that have been built in Brooklyn and Queens since 2011. We are inviting architects and landscape architects to submit projects in various categories (residential, commercial, institutional, etc) submit projects that will be evaluated by a jury of architects who will select the award winning projects. We also have a category for student projects as well as projects that were designed but not built.

The 2016 winners will be recognized at the BQDA Awards Reception and if attending, presented with the Award. The winners of the 2016 AIA BQDA will also be featured in a publication to be distributed digitally throughout AIA New York State as well as printed media and press.

### **The Design Awards Jury**

The Brooklyn + Queens Design Awards will have a jury process with peers of the AIA community leaders outside of the Brooklyn and Queens chapters which will review submissions and will select projects that deserve a Design Excellence, Merit, and Student award. The winners will be announced in May 2016.



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## **About AIA Brooklyn Chapter**

Of the 300+ chapters comprising the American Institute of Architects nationwide, the Brooklyn Chapter ranks seventeenth in seniority. Its formation was unusual for its time. The Institute was struggling to establish itself as the sole national organization of architects; most chapters were centered in major cities and were widely dispersed throughout the country. Our founding fathers felt that Brooklyn was large enough to be independent from the New York chapter.

Few chapter records remain of those early years. Institute archives show that, because of distance and lack of interest, many chapters managed to meet only yearly, if at all. Yet the monthly Brooklyn chapter meetings were always lively social affairs with program speakers and elaborate dinners. Also documented are yearly boat outings to the beaches and pleasure palaces of Long Island. Up until World War I, the chapter held yearly exhibitions of architectural work at the Brooklyn Museum.

In 1944, the chapter established a foundation to further the profession of architecture and held annual dinner dances to fund scholarships for architecture students. In 1957, in association with the centennial of the national Institute, the chapter celebrated its five hundredth meeting with a gala dinner at the Granada Hotel. In 1967, the Brooklyn Society of Architects joined the chapter.

Throughout the last one hundred and ten years, chapter members and their firms have left a legacy of public and private buildings. Members have participated in the civic life of the city and state, lobbying for changes in government and in its regulations. They have promoted aesthetic values through competitions and exhibitions and sought to inform the public on the role of architecture. But, most of all, they have continued the chapter in the spirit of fellowship and good will evident since its founding.

## **About AIA Queens Chapter**

Founded in 1945, the AIA Queens Chapter currently has 325 members located throughout the borough of Queens. The chapter was originally the Queens Society of Architects established in the 1930's which then became a member of the American Institute of Architects on October 30, 1945. The American Institute of Architects (AIA), founded in 1857 in New York, is a nationwide, 86,000 member based organization.

The AIA National headquarters are now located in Washington, DC. The AIA Queens Chapter is also part of the region covered by AIA New York State, located in Albany, which has a statewide membership of 8,000 members in 13 chapters and speaks for the interests of all registered architects in New York State. The city of New York has five local chapters, or components, representing each borough of the city. The AIA Queens chapter proudly celebrated its 50th Anniversary in 1995 with a Proclamation from the NYC Council, a Declaration of Honor from the Queens Borough President's Office and a Certificate of Congratulations from AIA NYS. AIA Queens continues to actively address local issues of importance to architecture in the great borough of Queens.