

# SOME VSBA AWARDS

*VSBA's work has received more than 140 major design awards.  
Among these are 9 National Honor Awards from the American Institute of Architects  
and 16 from local and state chapters -- including 3 Gold Medals from the Philadelphia chapter.*



## **AIA FIRM AWARD**

In 1985, VSBA received the American Institute of Architect's highest corporate honor, the Architectural Firm Award, for "having so profoundly influenced the direction of Modern architecture."

## **AIA 25 YEAR AWARD FOR VANNA VENTURI HOUSE**

In 1989, the American Institute of Architects recognized the enduring significance and ongoing influence of Robert Venturi's house for his mother with its 25 Year Award.

## **PRITZKER PRIZE**

In 1991, Mr. Venturi was honored as Laureate of the Pritzker Architecture Prize from The Hyatt Foundation. According to the jury, Mr. Venturi "has expanded and redefined the limits of the art of architecture in this century, as perhaps no other has through his theories and built works." For more information, visit the Pritzker Prize web site: [www.pritzkerprize.com/venturi.htm](http://www.pritzkerprize.com/venturi.htm).

## **NATIONAL MEDAL OF ARTS**

In 1992, Robert Venturi and Denise Scott Brown were awarded the National Medal of Arts by the President of the United States, George H. W. Bush. This Medal is authorized by Congress to recognize "individuals or groups who, in the President's judgment, are deserving of special recognition by reason of their outstanding contributions to the excellence, growth, support and availability of the arts in the United States."

## **AIA CLASSIC BOOK AWARD FOR COMPLEXITY AND CONTRADICTION IN ARCHITECTURE**

First published in 1966, this remarkable book has become a seminal document in architectural literature. As Venturi's "gentle manifesto for a non-straightforward architecture," the book expresses the rebellion against the purism of Modernism. C+C has been published in 16 languages (including a samizdat edition in Czechoslovakian). In 1996, it received the Classic Book Award in the AIA's Seventh Annual International Architecture Book Awards.

## **AIA/ACSA TOPAZ MEDALLION**

In 1997, Denise Scott Brown was awarded the American Institute of Architects' Topaz Award for excellence in architectural education. Ms. Scott Brown has been teaching since graduation from Penn in 1960, occasionally in collaboration with Robert Venturi. After several years at Penn, teaching took her to UCLA's urban design program (via Las Vegas), but she would return to Philly to join VSBA and re-enter academia periodically as a teacher, juror, overseer, and lecturer.