

Top 10 Green Architects 2005

Ecological architects partner with nature to design homes that blend with their sites, provide healthy environments, and preserve natural resources. Here are ten of *NH&G's* favorites.



To compile this list of trend-setting architects across the nation, *NH&G* editors looked at the following criteria:

- Breadth and depth of experience with a deep history in green building
- Attention to climate, context, culture, and vernacular
- Holistic perspective: linking of humans and environment
- Understanding economics of building; keeping costs down
- Emphasis on healthy building
- Understanding of how houses are built and working with builders
- Attention to occupants' comfort, health, spiritual well-being, and enjoyment

1 DAVID ARKIN AND ANNI TILT

ARKIN-TILT ARCHITECTS, Berkeley, California

Straw bale and rammed earth construction; passive and active solar; nontoxic and recycled materials. (510) 528-9830; ArkinTilt.com

2 PAULA BAKER-LAPORTE

BAKER-LAPORTE & ASSOCIATES, Tesuque, New Mexico

Baubiologie; nontoxic building materials; energy-efficient systems; ecologically sensitive land use. (505) 989-1813; BakerLaporte.com

3 DALE BATES

LIVING ARCHITECTURE, Ketchum, Idaho

Passive solar; radiant heating and cooling; nontoxic materials; European breathing walls. (208) 726-3691; LivArch.com

4 DARREL DEBOER

DEBOER ARCHITECTS, Alameda, California

Simplifying structure; reducing cost of building naturally; bamboo and straw bale structures. (510) 865-3669; DeBoerArchitects.com

5 KEN HAGGARD AND POLLY COOPER

SAN LUIS SUSTAINABILITY GROUP, Santa Margarita, California

Natural forms; passive solar; fractal geometry; off-grid, straw bale, cohousing. (805) 438-4452; SLOSustainability.com

6 MARY KRAUS AND LAURA FITCH

KRAUS-FITCH ARCHITECTS, Amherst, Massachusetts

Cohousing and sustainable communities; ecologically and socially relevant design; LEED accredited. (413) 549-5799; KrausFitch.com

7 KELLY LERNER

ONE WORLD DESIGN, Spokane, Washington

Energy efficiency; nontoxic materials; straw bale; earthen plasters; solar; straw bale projects in rural Asia. (509) 838-8812; One-World-Design.com

8 HENRY YORKE MANN

Oliver, British Columbia

Honors practical and spiritual needs of owners and building sites. (250) 498-4766; HenryYorkeMann.com

9 MARLEY PORTER

LIVING ARCHITECTURE AND CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT,

Horseshoe Bay, Texas

Spaces that enrich the spirit; healthy, durable, low-maintenance materials. (830) 598-9300; LivingArchitecture.com

10 DAN ROCKHILL

ROCKHILL AND ASSOCIATES, Lawrence, Kansas

Designs that rise from the land; salvaged materials and reuse; historic preservation. (785) 864-4024; RockhillAndAssociates.com

—Vivienne Jannatpour

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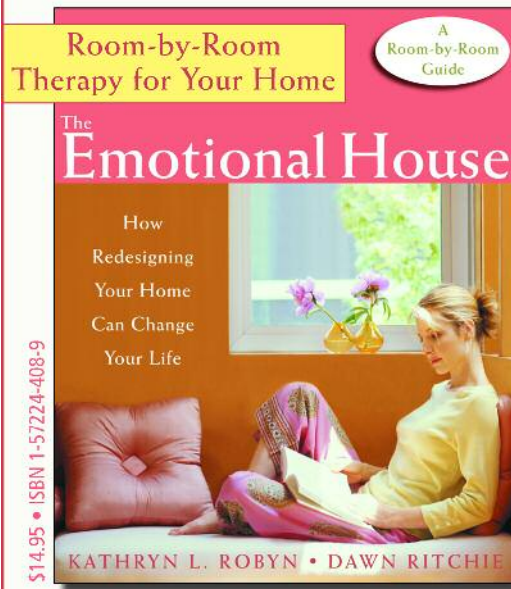
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Communities with economic, ecological, and social responsibility; "cradle to cradle" design. (434) 979-1111; McDonough.com

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