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# MAYOR'S DESIGN AWARDS 2007

## Purpose

The Mayor's Design Awards celebrate design in myriad forms: bold and humble, gritty and polished, contemporary and traditional. The 2007 MDA recognizes 17 projects that enliven Denver because they are innovative, creative, beautifully designed or simply delightful! The award honors those who make design excellence a priority. We pay tribute to them for making our city provocative and memorable.

## General Selection Criteria

- Sustainability
- Seeding good design
- Design as branding, heritage, ethnicity
- Extraordinary use of the ordinary
- Honoring the public realm
- Creative - above and beyond...

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## Category and Description

### Reclaimed Splendor

- Ingenious reuse of materials
- Innovative reuse of a building or space

### Buildings That Beckon

- Extraordinary curb appeal
- Engages a distinct relationship to the street
- Welcoming entries and display windows
- Incorporating generous, comfortable and active public space
- Encourages informal public gathering and promotes pedestrian life

### Wicked Little Details

- Creative use of common building materials and paint
- Imaginative design/use of lighting, signs and other exterior fixtures
- Design details that brand, reflect ethnicity, culture or heritage

### Density by Design

- Context sensitive infill that advances housing and employment density
- Design offers visual interest, incorporating human-scaled materials and detail
- Contextually sensitive, relating to adjacent structures or landscape
- Supports multiple transportation options: LRT, bus, bike, walk

### Home is Where the Art Is

- Extraordinary contribution to the live or work environment
- Reflects the style and personality of the owner, while reflecting neighborhood fabric
- Expansion or renovation that's harmonious with the original

### It Ain't Easy Being Green (but it's getting easier!)

- Follows the principles of environmentally sensitive design
- LEED certified

### Wildcard

- Any gesture that makes Denver interesting, provocative and memorable

## And the winners are...

# Mountain View Dental

4590 Lowell Boulevard

Category: Reclaimed Splendor

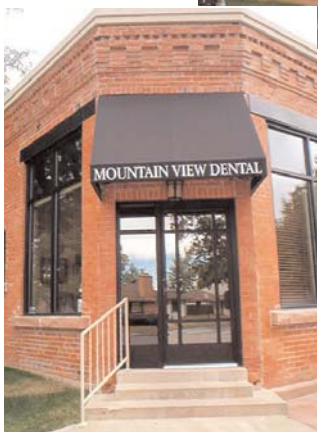
At the corner of Lowell Boulevard and W. 46th Ave., Mountain View Dental is the new "crown" jewel of Northwest Denver. The building's owner removed a faux mansard roof to reveal a charming, turn-of-the-century brick commercial building. Prominent window and entry features accented by subtle lighting fixtures reclaim the simple beauty of the original façade.



Before



After

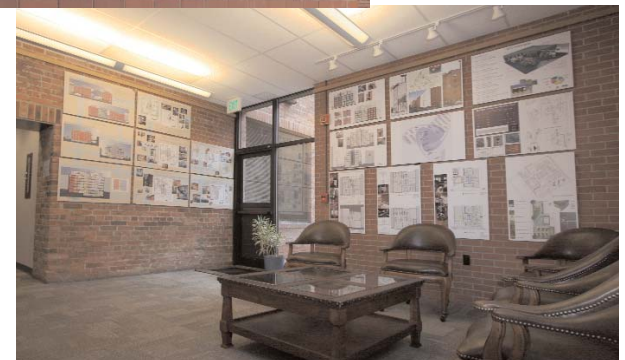
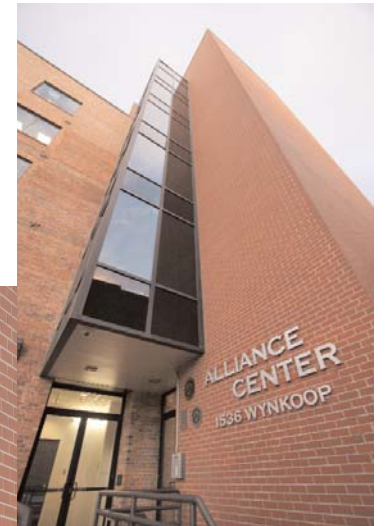


# Alliance Center

1536 Wynkoop Street

Category: It Ain't Easy Being Green

As one of only three LEED Gold certified office buildings in Colorado, the Alliance Center lives the vision of its owner and tenants. The space houses a multitude of non-profit organizations committed to a more sustainable Colorado. The building fosters collaboration through shared meeting space, available to both tenants and non-tenants. The Alliance's long-term goal is to create a national gathering place for sustainability advocates to meet, think and share ideas.

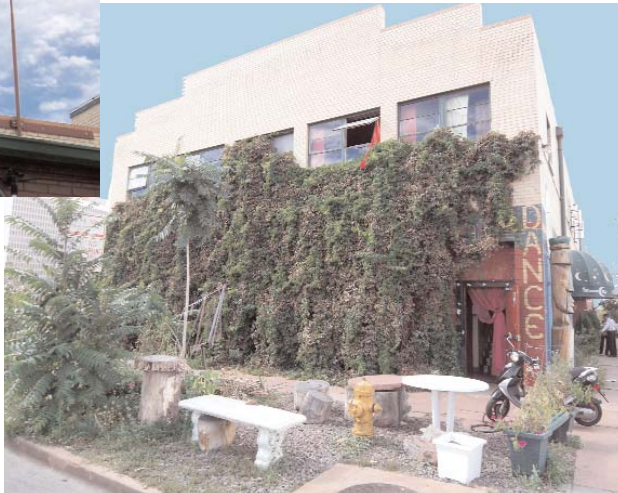


# Mercury Café Urban Wind Farm

2199 California Street

Category: It Ain't Easy Being Green

Owner Marilyn Megenity installed the first power-generating windmills in Denver atop her popular downtown restaurant. The Mercury also sports a "living wall" that filters air pollutants, and hand washing sinks in the rest-rooms that utilize grey water to flush the toilets. These integrated sustainable practices - and more - along with Colorado-grown cuisine, art, theater and music make the Mercury a prominent community-focused business.



# The Curtis Complex

14th Street between Arapahoe & Curtis

Category: Reclaimed Splendor

It's amazing that windows, great lighting and an updated building façade can convert two of downtown's least interesting corners into places that attract people. The once dead façade now connects passers-by with the funky, fun and engaging interior spaces.

The sunny public art at the corner of 14th St. and Curtis sums up the transformation – All Together Now!



# Olinger Complex

16th & Boulder Street

Category: Reclaimed Splendor

We hate to say it's too late, but the redevelopment of the old Olinger's mortuary at the foot of Highlands, is breathing new life into afterlife. A mix of tenants including Lola Restaurant, Karma Café and Vita Restaurant, revived this corner of the neighborhood.

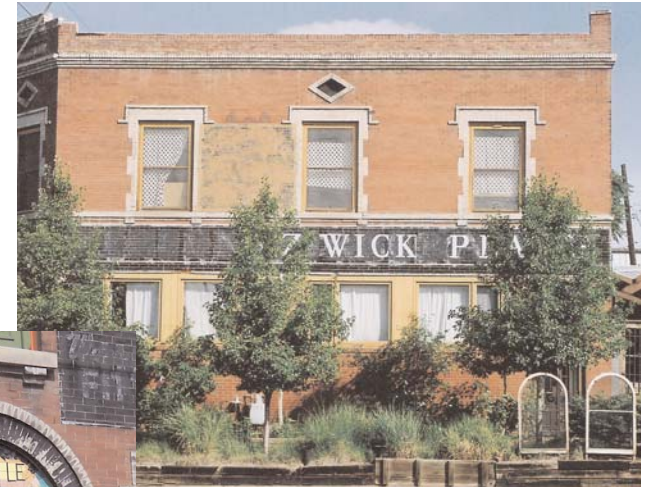


# Z Wick Place

3601 Wazee Street

Category: Home Is Where the Art Is

Another River North treasure, this delightful home-gallery-studio occupies a two-story red brick former hotel, adjacent to the railroad tracks. Filled with art, artifacts, domestic crafts and the infinite collections of its occupants - at Z Wick, there is no penalty for delight.



# 972 South Gilpin Street

Category: Home Is Where the Art Is

Can “pop-top” adequately describe this Washington Park transformation? Sleek architectural lines altered a traditional Tudor from simple home to inhabitable sculpture. Though irrefutably bold, the understated elegance of the new form neither overwhelms the scale and texture of near-by brick one and two-story homes, nor screams 'look at me!' However, awestruck by the emergent beauty, one must stare.

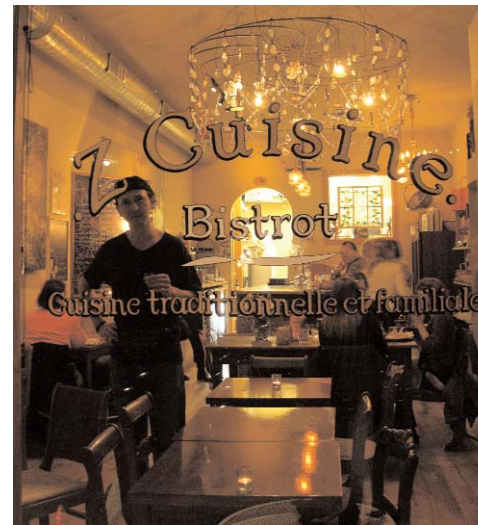


# Z Cuisine

2239 West 30th Avenue (at Wyandot)

Category: Buildings That Beckon

The windows on the outside of this charming French bistro reveal satisfied diners sitting amidst an intimate room that makes you think you've stumbled into a fabulous find on the Rue du Bac! Everything that emerges from the kitchen will have you singing La Marseillaise.

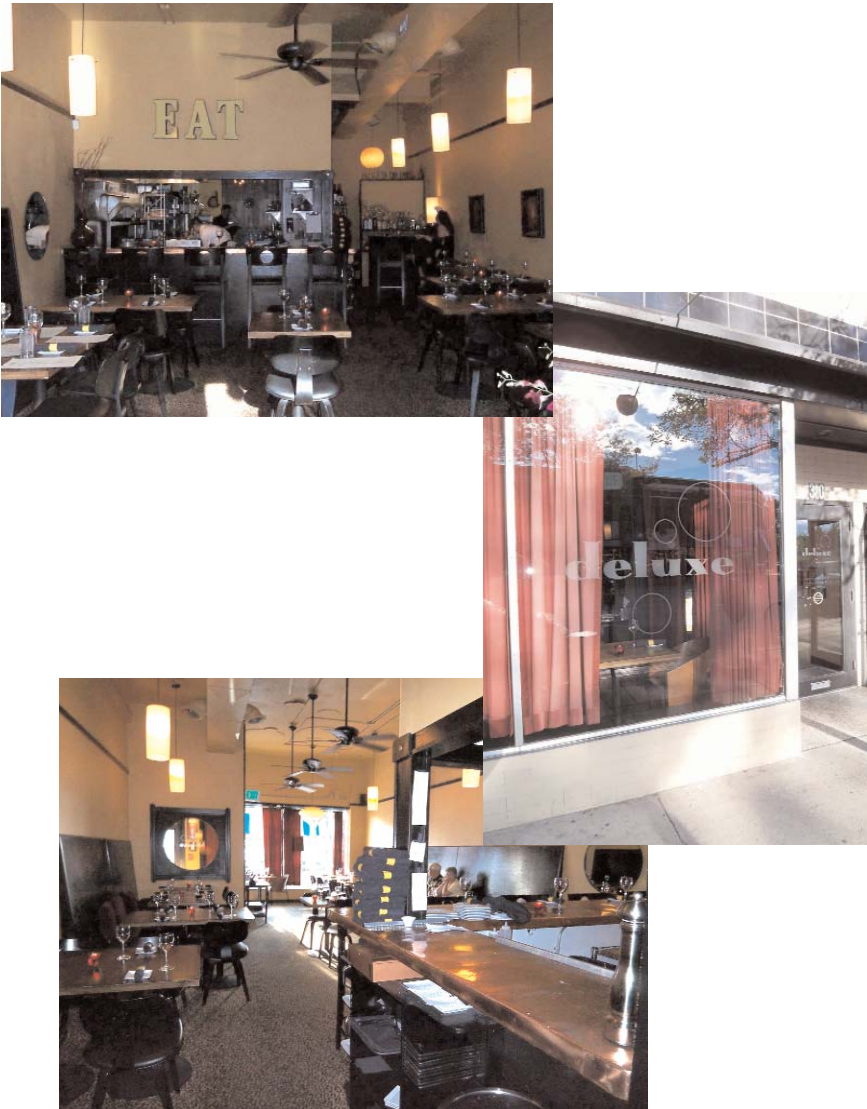


# Deluxe

30 South Broadway

Category: Buildings That Beckon

Boasting the two best bar seats in town, this intimate, sleek storefront restaurant and bar tucked among its neighboring vintage clothing, furniture and used book shops offers a hideaway from the busy city. And, the food is every bit as delicious as the atmosphere.



# Taxi 2

3455 Ringsby Court

Category: Density By Design

A collaboration between Will Bruder, David Baker and Harry Teague, Taxi resides at the intersection of great architecture, lively enterprise and art. This project is located in Denver's most interesting emerging neighborhood, River North. Zeppelin Development recently opened the 510 ft long "Landscraper," which offers work and live spaces for the creative entrepreneur and committed urbanista.



# 43 Russia

43rd & Bryant

Category: Density by Design

Meeting the street with the same courtesy as its 20th Century brick bungalows, this highly contemporary Sunnyside infill project shares the scale and mass of its more mature neighbors. The complex sensitively utilizes 21st Century details (including solar panel siding) to bring the present into harmony with a vintage neighborhood.



# Snooze

2262 Larimer Street

Category: Wicked Little Details

The brainchild of an industry student turned entrepreneur, Snooze, an A.M. eatery, reinterprets coffeeshop architecture. Starbursts, atomic amoebas and other sputnik and space age details in the signage, wall art, and custom booths give Snooze an understated Googie sense of architectural humor. It's seriously well-designed, but doesn't take itself too seriously.



# Weir Building & Duo Restaurant

2413 West 32nd Street (at Zuni)

Category: Wicked Little Details

Restoration of the former mercantile building at the corner of 32nd and Zuni created boutique spaces for local retailers and restaurants that serve residents above and in the surrounding historic Highlands neighborhood. Historically correct windows define the building and Duo restaurant played to this detail using vintage window panes as room dividers. More wicked little details abound from exposed brick and an open kitchen that create a warm and inviting neighborhood destination.



# Plinth Gallery

3520 Brighton Boulevard

Category: Wicked Little Details

This ceramics gallery is a traffic stopping transformation of a funky quasi-industrial space. Pristine white walls and platforms have replaced wood paneling. Careful attention to lighting and accessories complete the makeover. Plinth Gallery's thoughtful reinterpretation of a Brighton Boulevard industrial space is blazing a new path along this key gateway to downtown Denver.



# Designed to Ride

## Bus stops in the Cherry Creek area

Category: Wildcard

In an effort to make bus stops more conspicuous within the urban environment, Transportation Solution created accidental public art with their Designed to Ride program. Colorful displays provide a bright spot at transit stops with useful information for transit riders.



# University Hills Cares!

Category: Wildcard

The Mayor's Design Awards program celebrates all the gestures that make Denver a beautiful city. It is particularly significant when these acts extend beyond physical beauty to reveal kindness and stewardship. In July of 2007, as part of its mission to refocus service efforts toward the surrounding community University Hills Baptist Church launched the University Hills Cares! Campaign with help from the University Hills Neighborhood Association. Over 150 volunteers provided assistance to 50 neighborhood families. This assistance included outside work like cutting grass, pulling weeds, removing bushes and small trees, cleaning gutters and downspouts and washing windows. Inside work included house cleaning, minor repairs, reorganizing garages, cleaning out closets and delivering items to Goodwill. This collaborative random act of kindness exceeded all expectations and reminds us all of what it means to be part of a community.



# Erico Motorsports

2855 Walnut Street

Category: Wildcard

Erico Triumph/Ducati motorcycle dealership is the coolest thing on two wheels! Well, selling two wheels. Formerly a brick service station, owners converted garage doors into expansive picture display windows. With just a little red paint, a terrific sign and imagination Erico is a clever re-use of an industrial space.



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