



J. Riely Gordon Art Contest Winners Announced

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Winners from all of the categories for the J. Riely Gordon art contest proudly display their prizes. – photo courtesy Mieko Mahi

At the J. Riely Gordon Conference this past weekend in Hallettsville, winners of the first J. Riely Gordon art contest were announced. The contest, judged



Moses Adams with his grand prize-winning model of Gordon's Kahn and Stanzel Building – photo courtesy Mieko Mahi

by TxA 2016 President Paul A. Bielamowicz, AIA, Brantley Hightower, AIA, and Emily Little, FAIA, challenged entrants to illustrate some aspect of Gordon's life or work in any medium.

Prizes were awarded in children's and adult divisions. Lilly Machicek, a student at Sacred Heart Catholic School and in a 4H photography workshop, took home three prizes for her photographs of the Old Victoria Courthouse. In addition to winning first and second place in the children's category, she was awarded "Best of Show for Abstract." In the adult category, Randy Reynolds of Dripping Springs won first place for a photograph of the Fayette County Courthouse. Reynolds also received the "Best of Show for Light Study," award for images of the Old Victoria Courthouse at both day and night. The "Best Black and White Photo" went to Darrell Wachel for a photograph of the Fayette County Courthouse. The overall "Best of Show" honor went to Moses Adams of Houston. Adams created a clay model of Gordon's Kahn and Stanzel building, the only entry in the contest that was not a photograph. Adams received a \$200 prize. Describing the contest's entries, Bielamowicz says "I was impressed by the age diversity in the art contest, with teenagers and younger children submitting photography as well. It was great to be able to hear the artists talk about the buildings – which is their favorite courthouse, why a particular detail caught their eye, or the comparisons that they drew between different courthouses they had seen. It was clear that the art contest encouraged the artists to look a little closer at the architecture of these buildings."



Judges Paul A. Bielamowicz, AIA, and Emily Little, FAIA, deliberate over the contest entries. – photo courtesy Mieko Mahi

Learn more about the J. Riely Gordon conference [here](https://texasarchitects.org/v/blog-detail/Hallet-Oak-Gallery-and-TxA-to-Sponsor-J-Riely-Gordon-Art-Contest-and-Conference/pf/)
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. Stay tuned for a TxA video about Texas courthouses and more on the work of J. Riely Gordon.

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