



2013 Toledo Architect of the Year Mary Glowacki, AIA

The Toledo Chapter of the American Institute of Architects is pleased to announce that Mary L. Glowacki, AIA, NCARB, LEED AP BD+C, has been named Toledo Architect of the Year for 2013.

Mary began her involvement with the Toledo Chapter of the American Institute of Architects (AIA) when she joined the organization in 1982 becoming the first female member. She quickly became involved as a high school advisor for one of the chapter's premier events, the nationally recognized High School Design Competition, running now for 63 years. This program is an outreach to the community youth, introducing them to the profession of architecture. She advised for several years and moved to the Co-Chair and Chair positions in 1991 and 1992. She continues her support of this event by her commitment to local students with her undying support while serving on the administrative committee since 2008. She served as the Associate Director on AIA Toledo's Executive Committee from 1984 - 1986. In 1994 she became the first female officer, starting as Treasurer, and continuing through the chairs, becoming the Chapter's first female President in 1998. In 2002 she was the Chair of the Architect's State Convention held in Toledo, and served on the committee when it was again held in the area in 2010. In 2013, she is beginning a three year term as Trustee on the AIA Ohio Foundation Board. This board is devoted to the continuing development of academic excellence in Ohio's four accredited schools of Architecture.

A graduate of Central Catholic High School, Mary attended The University of Toledo, obtaining her Associates Degree in Engineering Technology. She then continued on to Miami University where she received her Bachelor of Environmental Design before continuing on to The Ohio State University where she received her Master of Architecture. In 2004 - 2005 she participated in Leadership Toledo and in 2012 in the Lathrop School of Construction Management. In 1990, she was named the Outstanding Alumnus at The University of Toledo.

Mary first started work as a summer intern at Seyfang

Blanchard and Associates and with sole practitioner, Al Hunt. After graduation, she began her career in the Architectural Profession at Wilmot, Bower & Associates, Inc. She also worked at Interspec, the Design Division of McManus Troup. Upon completing the requirements for licensure, she passed her last exam in 1986 and became a licensed architect. She accepted a position with Health Care and Retirement Corporation, and then worked for Stough and Stough Architects, Poggemeyer Design Group, Vetter Design Group and SSOE Group. Mary started her own business in 2009, Mary L. Glowacki, AIA Architect, LLC. In 2011 the business obtained EDGE (Encouraging Diversity Growth and Equity) certification with the State of Ohio and in 2012 WBE (Women's Business Enterprise) with the City of Toledo. She has been working as an EDGE Consultant for several local Architecture and Engineering firms.

Mary has a passion for the built environment; she went on to fulfill her dreams, entering into a traditionally male dominated profession. She persevered and succeeded where few women at that particular time in Northwest Ohio had gone. From a young Draftsperson, to a Job Captain, to a Project Architect, to a LEED Accredited Professional, to starting and running her own business, to becoming an EDGE certified business, to being recognized by the City of Toledo as a WBE and finally to a Limited Liability Corporation. She is above all a survivor.

Mary and her husband Ed have been married for 31 years. They have lived in The Historic Old West End for 29 years and are still enjoying the historic neighborhood. As a representative of AIA Toledo, Mary has served on The Old West End Historic District Commission from 1984 - 1987, and chaired the Commission in 1987.

Ms. Glowacki will receive the prestigious AIA Toledo Architect of the Year Award at the organization's Architect of the Year Breakfast on April 23, 2013 at the Toledo Club. Please contact AIAToledo@bex.net by April 22nd if you would like to attend. Reservations are necessary.