

2019 STEPHEN R. KELLERT BIOPHILIC DESIGN AWARD WINNER ANNOUNCED

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November 20, 2019 (ATLANTA): The International Living Future Institute (ILFI) honored the late scholar and Yale University social ecologist Stephen R. Kellert's legacy at the third annual Biophilic Design Award. The award is in recognition of achievements in the built environment that demonstrate Kellert's understanding of the human/nature connection.

Womb with a View, Cannon Beach, Oregon, USA Nathan Good Architects, Salem, Oregon



Designed for a single-family, Womb with a View is a curvilinear wood-clad residence overlooking the Pacific Ocean and the village of Cannon Beach, Oregon. The home offers a place of refuge, recovery, and rejuvenation with an interior environment that is both "spacious and cozy" with a variety of ceiling heights, interior wall surfaces of natural materials (wood, stone, and plaster) and focused views to the surrounding landscape. Through bands of clerestory windows, natural light brings the eclectic interior to life, even on the overcast days common to the Oregon Coast. A 250-year-old Sitka Spruce anchors the layout of the home, serves as a shade canopy, and provides habitat for a multitude of coastal creatures.

Applauded by the jury for its delightful use of wood throughout, this treehouse beach cabin alludes a warmth that is especially inviting. There is a sweetness to this project that sings of love and reverence of nature. The conscious decisions to connect one with the natural world internally are

clearly reflected in the design concept.





Photos courtesy of Nathan Good Architects.

This year's jury included:

- Judith Heerwagen, Ph.D., Award Committee Chair, US General Services Administration
- Bert Gregory, FAIA, LEED Fellow, Design Partner, Mithun
- **Timothy Beatley**, Ph.D., Teresa Heinz Professor of Sustainable Communities, School of Architecture at the University of Virginia
- Tenna Florian, AIA, LEED AP BD+C, Associate Partner, Lake | Flato
- Sonja Bochart, IIDA., LEED AP BD&C, WELL AP, Principal, Shepley Bulfinch
- Kenner Kingston, LFA, LEED AP BD+C O+M, President, Arch Nexus
- **Erin Rovalo**, Ph.D. Candidate, Certified Biomimicry Professional (CBP), LEED AP BD+C, Biophilic Design Support, ILFI
- Amanda Sturgeon, FAIA, LEED Fellow, Chief Executive Officer, International Living Future Institute

About the International Living Future Institute:

The International Living Future Institute is an environmental NGO committed to catalyzing the transformation toward communities that are socially just, culturally rich and ecologically restorative. ILFI is premised on the belief that providing a compelling vision for the future is a fundamental requirement for reconciling humanity's relationship with the natural world. ILFI operates the Living Building Challenge, the built environment's most ambitious performance standard. It is a hub for many other visionary programs that support the transformation toward a living future. Learn more at http://www.living-future.org.

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