

## **The Leicester B. Holland Prize**

The Leicester B. Holland Prize is an annual competition that recognizes the best single-sheet measured drawing of an historic building, site, or structure prepared by an individual(s) to the standards of the Historic American Buildings Survey (HABS), Historic American Engineering Record (HAER), or the Historic American Landscapes Survey (HALS). The prize is supported by the Paul Rudolph Trust, *Architectural Record*, a magazine of the American Institute of Architects (AIA); and the Library of Congress, and administered by the Heritage Documentation Programs of the National Park Service (HABS/HAER/HALS/CRGIS). The prize honors Leicester B. Holland (1882-1952), FAIA, chairman of the AIA's Committee on Historic Buildings, head of the Fine Arts Division of the Library of Congress and first curator of the HABS collection, a co-founder of the HABS program in the 1930s, and the first chair of the HABS Advisory Board. The prize is intended to increase awareness, knowledge, and appreciation of historic sites, structures, and landscapes throughout the United States while adding to the permanent HABS, HAER and HALS collection at the Library of Congress, and to encourage the submission of drawings among professionals and students. The prize is also intended to reinvigorate the art of architectural delineation and composition in the tradition established by the Ecole des Beaux Arts. Beaux Arts methodology embraced the study and drawing of historic buildings as a crucial component of architectural education, providing an opportunity for young architects to gain an understanding of the principles of design and construction. Additionally, it was a means through which architects mined historic buildings for architectural motifs to be used in their restoration and new design projects. By requiring only a single sheet, the competition challenges the delineator to capture the essence of the site through the presentation of key features that reflect its historic and its architectural, landscape architectural or engineering significance. The Holland Prize competition is open to all those interested, regardless of experience or professional background.

### **Awards:**

*Architectural Record* magazine will publish the winning drawing, and the winner will receive a \$1000 cash prize and a certificate of recognition. Merit awards of \$500 and a certificate of recognition will also be given to worthy entries. (All prizes are awarded at the discretion of the jury.)

### **How to Participate:**

#### **Eligibility**

No particular professional credentials are required; anyone is eligible to compete in the Holland Prize competition. Only present employees of the Heritage Documentation Programs (HDP) are ineligible. The prize entry may be undertaken in conjunction with required courses, electives, independent study and summer institutes. There is no entry fee.

#### **Projects**

The site selected for documentation must be appropriate for inclusion in the HABS/HAER/HALS Collection and can include buildings, structures, engineering and industrial sites, and landscapes. (Note that the HDP does not adhere to the fifty-year rule required by the National Register of Historic Places, and also welcomes the documentation of vernacular sites and structures.) The drawing must be of a site that has not been previously recorded by HABS, HAER or HALS through measured drawings, unless as an addendum to an existing set of drawings it makes a new and substantial contribution to the understanding of the site. Applicants should contact the Holland Prize Coordinator with any questions.

#### **Drawing Regulations**

The documentation is to consist of a single, well-composed sheet of drawings that best conveys the significance of the building, site, structure, or landscape. The measured drawing must conform to the

HABS, HAER (including the Guidelines for Recording Historic Ships), or HALS Guidelines and Standards, and to the Holland Prize Rules and Recommendations. Guidelines can be downloaded via the HDP website at <http://www.nps.gov/history/hdp/standards/guidelines.htm>. Participants are encouraged to consult the *Built in America* website at the Library of Congress ([http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/collections/habs\\_haer/hhquery.html](http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/collections/habs_haer/hhquery.html)), or the HDP website (<http://www.nps.gov/history/hdp/samples/index.htm>), for examples of measured drawings that meet the standards.

### **Entry Instructions**

Individuals must submit the Holland Prize Entry Form by the deadline. Upon receipt of the entry form, HDP will provide a sheet of the appropriate HABS, HAER or HALS Mylar with title block for hand-drawn projects, or the AutoCAD title block for CAD projects. There is no charge for these materials.

### **Schedule**

30 April 2011: Postmark deadline for submission of entry forms  
30 June 2011: Postmark deadline for submission of completed entries  
summer 2011: Holland Prize Jury  
fall 2011: Holland Prize awards ceremony [TBA]

Information regarding the competition will be posted in late fall of the previous year.  
For Further Information Contact:

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### **Leicester Holland Prize: Rules and Recommendations**

It is anticipated that individuals will perform all of the hand delineation or CAD drawing on their own. However, recognizing that field measuring is generally not accomplished single-handedly, more than one individual may be utilized to produce the drawing.

Final submissions must be on standard-sized (24" x 36") HABS, HAER, or HALS Mylar.

If using CAD, an official HABS, HAER, or HALS title block must be used, and will be provided upon receipt of the entry form. The lines of the title block may not be altered in any manner. Name and location information should be verified with the Holland Prize Coordinator before being inked or plotted. The HABS, HAER or HALS number should be left blank; this will be assigned in the HDP office upon receipt of the submission.

Submissions are to follow the Guidelines of the HABS, HAER or HALS program, depending on the site or structure being recorded.

CAD drawings must be plotted using a laser plotter. Inkjet plots are not considered archival, and will not be accepted.

The sheet should include those elements that best represent and/or convey what is significant about the site or structure from the standpoint of both history and design. The sheet can encompass numerous

elements including, plan(s), elevation(s), section(s), site plan, and details such as typical windows and doors, architectural details and molding profiles, and construction elements in the case of HABS recording. Submission of HAER drawings, in addition to the above, may also include process plan(s) and machinery sections and details. Likewise HALS drawings may include vegetation and circulation plans, and hardscape elements. A very brief, concise statement of significance may appear on the sheet, and is required if there is to be no accompanying written report. (Additional information beyond the concise statement can be provided in a short-format historical report.) Plans and elevations are generally shown in the same scale, but two scales may be used in order to facilitate a more comprehensive inclusion of elements. Likewise, sections may be in a different scale, depending on the amount of detail shown. Field notes should be folded to 8 ½ x 11 size, and each sheet should be labeled with the name of the structure.

NOTE: The HDP architectural, engineering, and landscape staff is available to provide preliminary review of Holland Prize submissions. Please contact the Leicester Holland Prize Coordinator if you wish to submit a draft set for review.

### **The Leicester Holland Prize: Judging**

The jury will consist of representatives from the three member institutions: the National Park Service, Heritage Documentation Programs (HDP); *Architectural Record*; and the Library of Congress, Center for Architecture, Design, and Engineering. More than one representative from HDP may be on hand to judge the entries, depending on the subject matter.

### **Rating Scale (100 POINT MAXIMUM + up to 10 BONUS)**

#### **Bonus Points (5)**

HABS, HAER or HALS short-form historical report to accompany drawing

#### **Appropriate Level of Documentation (20 Point Maximum)**

Well interpreted (20 points)

Significant features missing or not interpreted (10 points)

Not well documented or interpreted (5 points)

#### **Dimension and Annotations (10 point maximum)**

Excellent – highly informative (10 points)

Adequate – informative (7 points)

Minimal – uninformative (3 points)

#### **Field Records (20 point maximum)**

Well-presented (20 points)

Submitted (up to 15 points)

Not Submitted (0 points)

#### **Drafting Quality (20 point maximum)**

Excellent (20 points)

Good (13 points)

Fair (7 points)

#### **Sheet Composition (30 point maximum)**

Excellent (30 points)

Good (20 points)

Fair (10 points)