

# Buffalo architectural firm wins award for urban hunting barn

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Murphy & Co. Design, a residential architectural firm based in Buffalo, Minn., has been named one of the winners of Marvin Windows and Door's annual myMarvin Architect's Challenge.

Murphy was honored among 11 winners for its work on a hunting barn in Wayzata.

The barn is a guest house for a client who wanted a place to display his hunting trophies, said Bill Costello, Murphy & Co. senior designer and project architect. It was designed by Jeff Murphy, who co-owns the six-person firm with his wife, Jill.

This is the first year Murphy & Co. entered the contest. There's no cash prize for the award, but the firm will be included in some of Marvin's advertising.

"We've had some nice hits on our Facebook page and heard feedback from some colleagues who saw the announcement," Costello said.

The contest, run by Warroad-based Marvin, recognizes the best architecture in the U.S., Canada, Ireland, Israel, Japan, Spain and the United Kingdom. One of the winners this year was a four-story villa overlooking the Mediterranean Sea in Sotogrande, Spain.

"These winning projects are an inspiring display of architecture," Brett Boyum, Marvin's director of marketing, said in a news release. "Whether a faithful historic restoration or a completely original creation, these architects show what's possible with inspiration and a focus on quality."

This year's judging panel included architects Carson Looney of Looney Ricks Kiss, Memphis, Tenn.; William Kreager of Mithun, Seattle; and Mark McInturff of McInturff Architects, Bethesda, Md.

For a complete list of all the winners and to see a slideshow of the work, go to MSPBJ.COM and search for "Marvin Windows".

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**This guest house in Wayzata by Murphy & Co. Design, was meant to resemble hunting lodge. It recently won an award from Marvin Windows & Doors.**