

## American Institute of Architects taps Stuart Collection

**May 16, 1994**

Contact: Mary Beebe, Stuart Collection at UCSD, (619) 524-2117 or Alixandra Williams, 534-3120

### AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS TAPS STUART COLLECTION

The Stuart Collection of contemporary sculpture at the University of California, San Diego is among 10 recipients to receive the American Institute of Architects (AIA) 1994 Institute Honors for "distinguished achievements in the allied arts and sciences that benefit the built environment and the architectural profession."

Stuart Collection Director Mary Livingstone Beebe said, "The AIA Honors Award is widely acknowledged to be an important and highly distinguished tribute. We are greatly pleased with such outstanding recognition from our colleagues in the field of architecture."

The AIA chose to award the collection for its "provocative works of sculpture." The honors will be conferred during the 1994 AIA National Convention, May 13-16, in Los Angeles.

The AIA says: "The Stuart Collection is recognized internationally as a 'thoughtful and impressive range of outdoor installations' on the UCSD campus--'an amazing collection of site-related, contextual sculptures by leading contemporary artists,' according to its nomination statement. 'It is an ongoing project, begun in 1982, after the Stuart Foundation forged a unique agreement with the university in which all 1,200 acres of the UCSD campus are considered as potential sites for commissioned artwork.'"

Other award winners include: Gordon H. Smith of New York City, an "influential consultant on exterior wall systems; Sunset magazine, Menlo Park, CA, as the West Coast's oldest regional lifestyle magazine; the Salvadori Educational Center on the Built Environment, New York City; the Rhode Island Historical Preservation Commission, Providence; and Beth Dunlop, Miami Beach, author and architecture critic for the Miami Herald.

The 1994 AIA Award is but the latest for the Stuart Collection. In 1991, "Terrace," by Jackie Ferrara, received an American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA) San Diego Chapter Design Award.

In 1992, "Snake Path," by Alexis Smith, was awarded an Orchid Award, given by the San Diego Orchids and Onions Community Awareness Program. Sponsors include the American Planning Association (APA); American Society of Interior Designers (ASID); Association of Environmental Professionals (AEP); American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA); American Institute of Architects (AIA), Institute for Business Designers (IBD); and the American Institute of Graphic Arts (AIGA).

In 1993, the American Institute of Architects Honor Award was given to the Stuart Collection.

Self-tour brochures of the Stuart Collection are available at the Gilman Drive and Northview Drive information pavilions. For more information call the Stuart Collection office at (619) 534-2117.

(May 16, 1994)