

Palm Springs Art Museum’s Curator of Architecture and Design Receives Best Book Recognition for “E. Stewart Williams: An Eloquent Modernist”

While New Architecture and Design Center Attracts Worldwide Attention

PALM SPRINGS, Calif. (January 16, 2015) – Palm Springs Art Museum is proud to announce that Sidney Williams, Curator of Architecture and Design, has been recognized by the leading industry publication, *Architectural Record*, for the exhibition catalogue *An Eloquent Modernist: E. Stewart Williams, Architect*. The new Palm Springs Art Museum Architecture and Design Center, Edwards Harris Pavilion opened with this exhibition and has garnered worldwide interest as a destination for serious midcentury modern enthusiasts.

Williams’ book details the life of E. Stewart Williams, responsible for iconic midcentury buildings in and around Palm Springs, while sharing insight into his ideas about site-specific architecture and integrating buildings with the local environment.

Notably, Sidney Williams spearheaded the vision for the new Architecture and Design Center which was in the works several years prior to its recent opening in November 2014. It is a classic midcentury structure retaining a Class 1 Historic Site status. It was originally Santa Fe Savings & Loan, designed in 1961 by E. Stewart Williams, and the opening exhibition is appropriately *An Eloquent Modernist, E. Stewart Williams, Architect*, celebrating his 50-year career defining desert modern style.

Additionally, the new A+D Center has been featured in highly recognized consumer media including *Travel & Leisure*, *Variety*, *METROPOLIS*, *Wall Street Journal*, *New York Times*, *Los Angeles Times*, *San Francisco Chronicle*, *Art Ltd.*, and others; and in industry leading trade publications such as *Architectural Record*, *Architects Newspaper*, *Architect Magazine*, and *DWELL*; and internationally in *Monocle*, *Vogue Ukraine*, *EnRoute*, *World Architecture News*, and more.

Now visitors attending the annual Palm Springs Modernism Week, February 12 – 22, can further explore the area’s rich history at the A+D Center on a tour with The Modern Tour, LLC TCP 34310, the A+D Center’s official tour partner.

Architectural Record, boasting the largest circulation of any architecture publication in the world, reviews hundreds of books each year and named Williams catalogue as a “Best Book” of 2014, viewable at <http://bit.ly/1y2DkRF>. It is 210 pages and available for \$59 at Bradford W. Bates Vault: The Museum Design Store at the A+D Center, or at the Museum Store at Palm Springs Art Museum.

About Palm Springs Art Museum

Palm Springs Art Museum is the largest cultural institution in the Coachella Valley with three locations. The flagship building is in downtown Palm Springs featuring compelling art exhibitions, a vast permanent collection, and the Annenberg Theater, all in a 150,000 square foot, architecturally-significant building. Palm Springs Art Museum Architecture and Design Center, Edwards Harris Pavilion features exhibitions and programming that explore the rich topics of architecture and design. Palm Springs Art Museum in Palm Desert is an 8,400 square foot, Silver LEED-certified building named The Galen that presents rotating exhibitions and special collections. It is surrounded by the four-acre Faye Sarkowsky Sculpture Garden featuring important sculpture works. For more information, call 760-322-4800, visit www.psmuseum.org, and follow the museum on Facebook, Twitter and InstaGram.