



The Interior of the Reading Distilling Guild on the first floor of the Weidenhammer Building.

WEIDENHAMMER BUILDING RECEIVES AIA INTERIOR ARCHITECTURE AWARD

Muhlenberg Greene Architects'
503 Penn Street Design Recognized
by Eastern PA Chapter

The American Institute of Architects Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter honored Muhlenberg Greene Architects with the Interior Architecture Award for the Weidenhammer Building at the

President Dinner on December 1, 2022, at the President's Night and Design Awards in Allentown.

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The Design Awards program highlights members' dedication to creating a better built environment, engaging our communities, and advocating for the industry through a culture of excellence and innovation.

Jurors commented that they were immediately drawn to the interior, particularly because of the way in which it beautifully exposes old material, such as the wood and iron framing, and the exposed brick party walls. They also noted that public restrooms are seldom seen as contributing to the overall interior or feel of a building – but this project is a clear exception - owing to the elegant exposed historic stone in this unlikely space. Additionally, the jurors pointed out that the fourth-floor skylight floods the lobby with natural light bringing cheer to the entire interior.

The firm was also recognized for the project in 2021 by the Greater Reading Chamber Alliance, honored in the Bar/Restaurant category at the Building Berks Awards. Jim Sarro, AIA, Secretary and Principal of Muhlenberg Greene Architects was the Principal-in-Charge of the project.

Partners on the project include owner

John P. Weidenhammer, the Ciatto Construction Company, Building Systems Engineering Group, and the City of Reading.

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