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Nominate the good, the bad and the ugly San Diego architecture



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Nominations for the annual Orchids & Onions contest for best and worst San Diego architecture are due Friday, with several hundred already submitted, according to event chairman David McCullough.

Anyone may submit an entry under nine categories: architecture, historic preservation, urban design, landscape architecture, planning policies, interior design, environmental graphics, public art and sustainable design. (Single-family homes are not eligible and multifamily projects are not eligible in the sustainable design category).

The entry forms and other details are available from the program organizer, the San Diego Architectural Foundation, at (619) 232-1385 or at its Web site, www.sdarchitecture.org. At the bottom of the home page of the *Union-Tribune's* Web site, www.uniontrib.com, there's a link to the nomination form.

Begun in 1974, Orchids & Onions is an educational program to acquaint the public with examples of good and bad design and planning.

A jury of experts picked by McCullough's organizing committee will sift through the submissions and decide who will receive a bouquet of orchids if they've done a good job or a bunch of onions if their effort is not so laudable.

In addition, the public will have a chance to vote via the Internet for "people's choice" awards.

McCullough said the awards event will take place Nov. 30 at a site to be determined.

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