



2021 DESIGN REPORT

*Senior Living By Design Award
Honorees & Nominees*



2021 SENIOR LIVING BY DESIGN JUDGES



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AG Architecture



**Cynthia Shonaiya,
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Principal
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Kellie McKinzie
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The Sheridan at
Lakewood Ranch
Senior Lifestyle



**Deborah J. Seitz,
AIA, LEED AP Homes**
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Note: Judges were recused with regard to any community with which they were affiliated or of which they had knowledge.

HONORING DESIGN THAT CONNECTS US

BY JANE ADLER

The awardees and nominees of this year's Senior Living by Design share attention to a quality we all came to value highly over the past year: Connection.

Although some were planned before the pandemic began to take its toll, the lessons learned during difficult times are reflected in ways large and small. Flexible open rooms that can be adjusted for airflow, spaces for smaller groups, and household-style neighborhoods make it easier for residents and loved ones to connect under many kinds of circumstances. Exteriors connect to their surrounding neighborhoods, in architecture, in scale, and in style—from farmhouse to coastal to historic—so senior living communities fit in and look right at home.

And also like so many of us did, these designs re-prioritize connection with nature and the outdoors. Easy transitions from indoor spaces and a variety of terraces, patios, balconies, and rooftops are the new standard. Wellness centers and dining spaces alike glow with natural light and colors inspired by nature.

The Senior Living by Design Awards received more entries than ever before in 2021. The need for older adults to have a choice of distinctive places to call home, where they can live with independence, comfort, and safety, was highlighted for all of us in the past year. The talents and expertise of the architects, designers, and interior designers on display show that these needs will be met with both care and creativity.



**AZURA ASSISTED LIVING AND
MEMORY CARE OF BROOKFIELD**

AZURA ASSISTED LIVING AND MEMORY CARE OF BROOKFIELD AT MIEROW FARM

Few places stir the imagination like a traditional farmhouse, harkening back to America's roots. Welcoming kitchens, cozy spaces, and natural surroundings evoke memories of good times. The easy atmosphere encourages people to gather and enjoy each other's company.

These images inspired the design at Azura Assisted Living and Memory Care of Brookfield at Mierow Farm. Located in Brookfield, Wis., outside of Milwaukee, the community sensitively integrates Azura's household model onto the site of a beloved local landmark farm and roadside produce stand.

Azura's four farmhouse-style buildings feature 20 private units each. Two buildings are dedicated for memory care residents; the other two offer assisted living. Each is a fully functioning "household" with a residential kitchen, multiple common areas, and outdoor spaces. The goal is to create an environment that truly feels like home, a place where everyone feels comfortable.

"This project focuses on the household model of design, in contrast to the hospitality models that are more common," says Senior Living by Design judge Cynthia Shonaiya, principal at architecture firm Hord Coplan Macht. "The approach has resulted in spaces that are warm and inviting, and truly convey a sense of home."

Each household has its own color palette, while complimentary architectural elements create a cohesive feel for the community as a whole. The front door of each household is painted a bold accent color to help residents locate their home from the central commons space.

The design also supports Azura's MOSAIC philosophy of care, providing all the pieces needed to provide personalized engagement. Flexible spaces within each household deliver small-group peer interactions and one-on-one time with caregivers. A cozy sunroom has large windows, comfortable seating areas, and activity tables.

The overall design of the community takes its cues from its location in what was historically a farm community. The site had been an infill farm parcel in the heart of Brookfield that had not yet been developed, with a big white barn—a recognizable community landmark—and a roadside stand that had been operated by a local farmer for more than 50 years. When Matt Lyons, director of development at Azura, moved to Wisconsin, he took his children to the farm stand to buy Halloween pumpkins for Halloween.

"When I found out this property was available, as a member of the community, a key factor was to incorporate the barn and farm stand into the project," says Lyons. "The design brings together Azura's core values to create a culture of care in a farm setting."

To preserve the site's identity, the project includes the original barn, which is also featured in artwork in the community, and the roadside stand retained its space. Ample green space, walking paths, and gardens reinforce the farm connection.

The community makes a great first impression, according to Senior Living by Design judge Kellie McKinzie, executive director at The Sheridan at Lakewood Ranch: "I love the farm-like atmosphere. It's very warm and inviting."

Location: Brookfield, Wis.

Provider: Azura Assisted Living and Memory Care

Architect: GROTH Design Group

Interior Design: GROTH Design Group

**HOUSEHOLD MODEL:
COMMUNITIES
DIVIDED INTO
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HOMELIKE
ATMOSPHERE.**



At Azura's Brookfield of Mierow Farm, living, dining, and relaxing are tailored for comfortable smaller-group mingling.





BRIGHTVIEW GROSVENOR



Natural light, big windows, and outdoor social spaces make the most of the beautiful and historic setting at Brightview Grosvenor.



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The best designs create a distinct sense of place. Unique characteristics connect it to the surrounding environment, making the design feel as if it belongs nowhere else.

That philosophy guides development at Brightview Senior Living. The company makes a distinct effort to create each new community to complement the architecture and history of its area.

Brightview Grosvenor achieves that mission by highlighting the local heritage. The assisted living and memory care community in North Bethesda, Md., is situated on land that was part of the Grosvenor estate: Home of Gilbert Grosvenor, long-time editor of *National Geographic Magazine*, a publication that has taken generations of readers around the world.

Before this project, neighbors had resisted development on the infill site. But Brightview Grosvenor has a compact footprint: The four-story structure has a walk-out level in the back and looks as if it's only three stories high from the two sides facing the public views.

"Effort was made to make the building feel like it was at home there," says Duncan Walker, principal at architecture firm Hord Coplan Macht. "It is an asset to the neighborhood."

The community is just down the street from the Grosvenor mansion, a Tudor with steeply pitched gabled roofs. But the Brightview community takes its design inspiration from craftsman-style homes in the surrounding neighborhood, with an exterior of wood and brick and solid wood beams supporting the porte cochère, creating a warm sense of arrival.

The craftsman style continues throughout the interior. Beamed ceilings and rich wood accents compliment the natural color palette. Modern lighting fixtures provide a bit of contemporary flair.

The lush and extensive landscaping highlights the connection to the Grosvenor estate, which had been one of the first private bird sanctuaries in the country. In a nod to this, Brightview Grosvenor has placed a variety of bird-friendly features throughout the property, including in the memory care roof garden: accessible water features, native plants, and bird feeders when appropriate.

"Brightview Grosvenor displays a thoughtful, intentional approach to native landscaping, which reflects the heritage of the Grosvenor family and the surrounding community," says Kristian Spannhake, senior project director at Brightview Development. The project's LEED Gold Certification is another sign of the company commitment to environmental sustainability.

The changing grade allows residents to walk directly out to both the first-floor amenities and the terrace-level outdoor garden. A variety of covered porches, garden walls, and well-planted slopes provide privacy, scenic views, and social spaces.

"The community preserves the memory of Gilbert Grosvenor well," says Senior Living by Design judge Deborah Seitz, principal at Lenhardt Rodgers Architecture + Interiors. "The focus on the outdoor environment provides quality immersion in nature."

Location: North Bethesda, Md.

Provider: Brightview Senior Living

Architect: Hord Coplan Macht

Interior Design: Aumen Asner

**NATIVE PLANTS:
LANDSCAPE DESIGN
WITH PLANTS THAT
NATURALLY THRIVE
IN A LOCATION HELPS
CUT DOWN ON CARE
AND WATER AND
SUPPORTS DIVERSE
AND ENGAGING
BIRD LIFE.**



RIDERWOOD

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Wellness is tops on the wish list of today's senior living residents: They want to feel good, stay healthy, and join in.

Erickson Senior Living's Riderwood makes wellness a priority. Through a master planning effort, the design team, along with stakeholder input, created a new center for wellness on the 120-acre campus of the continuing care retirement community in Silver Spring, Md. It is sponsored by National Senior Communities, Inc., and managed by Erickson Senior Living.

"The state-of-the-art wellness center reflects Riderwood's and Erickson Senior Living Development's commitment to helping seniors enjoy an active, engaged lifestyle that fosters their passions and interest, in addition to promoting their health and well-being," says Alan Butler, CEO at Erickson Senior Living.

To get there, the small and scattered existing wellness spaces were transformed into a wellness hub, with robust programming in a central location easily accessible by walking paths or a shuttle bus drop-off, and convenient parking.

Sited along the main campus drive, the center forms a community focal point, with a curving roof structure and large storefront-style windows framing the aquatic center. Inside, these windows fill the modern space with warm daylight. Golden interior wood finishes, including the curved aquatic-center ceiling, integrate the natural environment.

A large trainer desk welcomes residents and overlooks the fitness gym. An open studio offers yoga and group fitness classes. The range of programming allows for many activities to take place at the same time, creating vibrant spaces throughout the day.

"Flexibility was key for the upper-level-spaces to provide robust programming," says Scott Davis, associate principal at architecture firm Hord Copland Macht.

Large-scale rooms on the second level accommodate big groups for activities such as community and educational programs, lectures, and even pickleball tournaments. Movable partitions allow room sizes to be adjusted for different activities.

Interior spaces connect directly to exteriors, encouraging residents to enjoy the natural environment. A lawn and sun patio on the second level open to the roof terrace holding tree-filled planters.

Opportunities for residents to track progress, assess fitness, and share achievements are integrated into the design. Hearing systems are installed to aid residents, and acoustic materials are used throughout. The pool features a continuous ramp that provides accessible entry for all abilities. The fitness gym is filled with senior-focused cardio, strength, and stretching equipment.

The result is an active destination that serves all residents and creates meaningful reasons for gathering and forming a sense of community.

"This is a beautiful center," says Senior Living by Design judge Kellie McKinzie, executive director at The Sheridan at Lakewood Ranch. "Residents should flourish from the many choices they have."

Location: Silver Spring, Md.

Provider: Erickson Senior Living

Architect: Hord Coplan Macht

Interior Design: Merlino Design Partnership

**WELLNESS:
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AND SOCIAL,
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At Riderwood, sleek modern surfaces create a well-being center light-years away from the typical gym.





FRIENDSHIP VILLAGE SCHAUMBURG



Friendship Village's spacious dining areas, open kitchen with brick oven, and elegant configurations of screens make dining a social event.



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The chic new dining area at Friendship Village Schaumburg, in Schaumburg, Ill., meets its goal of elevating mealtime to all it can be, offering socialization, discoveries, and a multi-sensory experience residents can enjoy and bond over.

One of the older buildings at the continuing care retirement community had an outdated food service operation: a buffet, where residents lined up with trays. With its resident-centered philosophy, the management at Friendship Village recognized the opportunity to transform dining into an engaging experience.

The existing space was converted into an upscale, contemporary restaurant called Mosaic. Guests are greeted and seated by hostesses. Orders are taken tableside on iPads from a seasonally appropriate, healthy menu.

"This project showcases the stunning transformation of an old cafeteria to a modern and attractive community food-service hub," says Senior Living by Design judge Cynthia Shonaiya, principal at architecture firm Hord Coplan Macht.

The new space is configured around a central 360-degree open kitchen—no walls or doors. "Everything flows around the free-standing kitchen," says Bruce Hurowitz, principal at MDP/Merlino Partnership, the firm that created the interior design. "We reinvented the whole dining experience."

Residents can watch the chef prepare meals in the open kitchen, which includes a brick pizza oven. A special chef's table is available for one-on-one meals and interactions with the chef.

Because the kitchen is open, special attention was given to noise reduction to enable easy conversation among the residents. New technology helps to muffle the hum of exhaust fans and condensers.

Adjacent to the restaurant, the community created a permanent teaching kitchen, where residents, families, and prospects can enjoy a creative culinary hands-on learning experience. A private dining room for family gatherings is also available.

A combination of rich wood tones and tile details as well as mix of warm and cool finishes reinforce the dynamic, modern spirit. Screen walls, tile patterns, sliding doors, and wood feature walls provide focal points and artistic accents in each dining destination.

Perhaps most important, the design is resident-centered, which helps account for its quick acceptance and early success. Before any concepts were put on paper, residents and staff were surveyed extensively about what they wanted in a dining program.

Residents were involved at every step of the renovation process. Working with Friendship Village leadership, the design team apprised residents and staff on project progress, answered questions, and minimized disinformation. Weekly meetings with residents teased menus and showcased design concepts. Few resident complaints were received throughout construction.

Noting the importance of resident input, Senior Living by Design judge Deborah Seitz, principal at Lenhardt Rodgers Architecture + Interiors, says: "The process of including residents in the renovation inspires successful results."

Location: Schaumburg, Ill.

Provider: Friendship Senior Options

Architect: Spiegle Architectural Group

Interior Design: Merlino Design Partnership

RESIDENT-CENTERED DESIGN: SURVEYS AND DISCUSSIONS ABOUT WHAT RESIDENTS WANT, AS WELL AS LOTS OF COMMUNICATION SUCH AS "TEASERS" ABOUT NEXT STEPS AND NEW FEATURES, HELP CHANGES GO SMOOTHLY AND SUCCESSFULLY.



SUNRISE OF OLD TOWN

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Centuries-old architecture, brick-lined sidewalks, and side-by-side townhouses: The charm of Old Town Alexandria also makes it a challenging place for new development.

With a carefully thought-out design, Sunrise of Old Town fits seamlessly into the historic district of Alexandria, Va., on the Potomac River just south of Washington, D.C.

Instead of creating one large building, the 93-residence assisted living and memory care community is designed to appear as a collection of smaller buildings and townhouses. Each section of the building has a unique façade, drawing on the late 19th to early 20th century architecture found along the street.

“The project looks like multiple buildings, with a mix of residential and main-street facades,” said Andrea Owensby, vice president of design at Sunrise Senior Living. “It was critical for the project to have the same feel as the historic neighborhood.”

The portion of the building that resembles a townhouse features a prominent bay window, along with a curved-to-square brick corner corbel that adds variety and texture to the design. A stunning four-story main entrance is in a Beaux-Arts style.

“The building is designed with a street facade that follows the historic proportions of buildings within the district,” said Senior Living by Design judge John Cronin, principal and senior design architect, AG Architecture.

A corner tower incorporates intricate brickwork and arched windows, and a publicly accessible path linking two streets is in the spirit of the narrow alleyways of Old Town.

Inside, design reflects the exterior’s historic character, but with a modern twist. Unexpected style combinations, colors, and bold fabric patterns depict the vibrancy of the neighborhood. Materials, textures, and room elements are layered to create a finished, naturally evolving look.

Carefully selected accessories add warmth to the interior, mimicking a collection of family heirlooms passed down through the generations. Curated original artwork by local artists reveal the rich history of the district. In the bistro, hardwood floors are laid in an intricate traditional pattern.

“We paid a lot of attention to the interior architectural details, to replicate what residents might have had in their homes,” said Owensby.

The layout of the common areas is reminiscent of both old and new houses. True to historic homes, the assisted living area is made up of several more intimate spaces—each with a story to tell, adding warmth and interest. Thoughtful space planning maximizes sightlines to promote resident engagement.

Recognizing best practices, the design team sought LEED Silver Certification, the framework for healthy, cost-saving green buildings. The team also implemented Fitwel strategies, a program to improve the health and well-being of residents.

Location: Alexandria, Va.

Provider: Sunrise Senior Living

Architect: Rust Orling Architecture

Interior Design: Sunrise Senior Living Design Department

**NEIGHBORHOOD FIT:
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Outside, Sunrise of Old Town presents the melange of facades typical of historic cities—but the inside holds modern spaciousness and amenities.



2021 SENIOR LIVING BY DESIGN NOMINEES

ACOYA SCOTTSDALE AT TROON, Scottsdale, Ariz. **Provider:** Cadence Living. **Architect:** Ryan Companies / Ryan A+E, Inc. **Interior Design:** Thoma-Holec Design. Variety and choice abound in this design, with 22 different floor plans for residences and the ability to offer multiple activities, wellness programs, and dining options at the same time.

AEGIS LIVING BELLEVUE OVERLAKE, Bellevue, Wash. **Provider:** Aegis Living. **Architect:** Ankrom Moisan Architects. **Interior Design:** Jeanna Korbas and Sara Kowalske (Aegis Living); Ankrom Moisan Architects. The first Aegis community to be fully centered in biophilic design, this oasis in the city brings the benefits of nature, natural materials, and light to enhance resident well-being.

ANCORA MEMORY CARE AT MOUNT ALVERNA VILLAGE, Parma, Ohio. **Provider:** Franciscan Ministries. **Architect & Interior Design:** pH7 Architects, Inc. This household model memory care community celebrates the story of each resident, using a combination of technology, images, and tactile elements for orientation and enjoyment.

ARBOR TERRACE EXTON, Exton, Pa. **Provider:** The Arbor Company/Capitol Seniors Housing. **Architect & Interior Design:** Meyer Senior Living Studio. With design echoing the rich history of farmlands, horse country, and colonial stonework, its traditional touches such as reclaimed wood and built-in niches join modern elements of a technology library and wellness suite.

ATRIA HIGHLAND PARK, Highland Park, Ill. **Provider:** Atria Senior Living/Capitol Seniors Housing. **Architect:** Moseley Architects. **Interior Design:** Studio SIX5. The community preserved the historic Frank Lloyd Wright Willits House on its property, and extended the distinctive Prairie Style windows and roofing, resulting in a community that interacts easily with neighbors, both in design and in daily life.

ATRIA NEW CITY, New City, N.Y. **Provider:** Atria Senior Living/Capitol Seniors Housing. **Architect & Interior Design:** Meyer Senior Living Studio. A sweeping, spacious, and distinctive modern design includes use of reclaimed wood, custom art, an intergenerational playground, and advanced tech such as circadian rhythm lighting and wellness monitoring.

AVANTI SENIOR LIVING AT PEORIA, Peoria, Ariz. **Provider:** Avanti Senior Living. **Architect:** PRDG. **Interior Design:** Direct Supply Aptura. Reflecting the local culture of nearby resorts and wellness retreats, the community environment glows with travertine, glass, stained woods, and citrine colors, as well as a wellness suite designed with harmonizing tones of rose quartz, green calcite, and blue lace agate.

BELMONT VILLAGE ALISO VIEJO, Aliso Viejo, Calif. **Provider:** Belmont Village Senior Living. **Architect:** Van Tilburg, Banvard & Soderbergh. **Interior Design:** Danielle Lavalley, director of interior design, Belmont Village Senior Living. Views, comfort, and the Orange County lifestyle all figured into this design, which features expansive indoor and outdoor spaces, new technologies, and clean-lined Mediterranean-style exteriors.

BELMONT VILLAGE HUNTERS CREEK, Houston, Texas. **Provider:** Belmont Village Senior Living. **Architect:** Morris Architects. **Interior Design:** Danielle Lavalley, director of interior design, Belmont Village Senior Living. A thoughtful and complex renovation of this high-occupancy community brought it up-to-date and provided bigger and better spaces for resident engagement, including a sports lounge, alfresco dining, art studio, and theater.

BRANDYWINE LIVING AT POTOMAC, Potomac, Md. **Provider:** Brandywine Living. **Architect:** Niles Bolton. With its French country manor aesthetic reflecting the neighborhood's classic estate homes, this community, situated near a golf course, provides best-in-class amenities while conforming to the area's strong sustainability practices.

CHURCH HILL VILLAGE, Newtown, Conn. **Provider:** Senior Lifestyle Corporation. **Architect:** J. Randolph Parry Architects, PC. **Interior Design:** Banko Design. This wellness-focused community combines biophilic design and a neighborhood concept, with four residences joined by a central spine of glass corridors that open to landscaped courtyards for outdoor activities ranging from gardening to art to fitness.

DISCOVERY VILLAGE AT NAPLES, Naples, Fla. **Provider:** Discovery Senior Living. **Architect:** Architectural Concepts. **Interior Design:** Wegman Design Group; Discovery Design Concepts. The new community's goal is to offer Florida resort-style living, plus more: Pilot programs including an exhibition kitchen, proprietary concept health and fitness center, choice-based pricing program, more flexible and functional dining seating, and other personalized experiences.

DUXBURY HOUSE AT THE VILLAGE MEMORY CARE RESIDENCE, Duxbury, Mass. **Provider:** Welch Senior Living. **Architect:** Cutler Design, Inc. **Interior Design:** Kentco Corporation. Achieving homelike feel and scale, from its latticed windows to its country kitchen and coastal-design interiors, the community provides space and comfort for its individualized person-centered care programs.

2021 SENIOR LIVING BY DESIGN NOMINEES *(Continued)*

EVERLAN BY DOMINION OF CLEMSON, Clemson, S.C. **Provider:** Everlan by Dominion (Dominion Senior Living). **Architect:** McMillan Pazdan Smith Architecture. **Interior Design:** Banko Design. As an integral part of a mixed-use development of shops, restaurants, businesses, private homes, and nature preserves, the luxury condo-style building provides both on-site services and natural interaction with the neighborhood.

EVERLAN HIXSON, Chattanooga, Tenn. **Provider:** Everlan by Dominion (Dominion Senior Living). **Architect:** DKLEVY Architecture. **Interior Design:** Banko Design. Like a mountain resort, this community in the Appalachian foothills provides comfortable and engaging experiences: fire pits, putting greens, a piano bar, spa and salon, exterior dining and social spaces, as well as individual balconies and a large window wall to maximize the views.

EVERLEIGH CAPE COD, Barnstable, Mass. **Provider:** Greystar. **Architect:** The Architectural Team, Inc. **Interior Design:** StudioSIX5. The first age-qualifying community in its area, this classic New England vernacular design combines sophistication, Cape Cod views, biophilic design, and ample recreation space.

EVIN AT OCONOMOWOC, Oconomowoc, Wis. **Provider:** Koru Health. **Architect:** Thrive Architects. **Interior Design:** Leah Ogden Interior Design. In the heart of Lake Country, this community honors and reflects neighborhood history as well as providing a unique layout for nearly every apartment, rooftop dining patio, sustainability features including a rain garden and green roof, advanced air and water quality, and touchless safety features.

FRIENDSHIP VILLAGE OF SOUTH HILLS, Upper Saint Clair, Pa. **Provider:** Lifespace Communities. **Architect & Interior Design:** Perkins Eastman. A new biophilic design made for a better wellness-centered residence for those at various levels of ability: Amenities are more walkable, gathering spaces more accessible, and natural beauty integral.

HARBORCHASE OF STUART, Stuart, Fla. **Provider:** HarborChase. **Architect:** Baker Barrios Architects, Inc. **Interior Design:** Thoma-Holec Design. Designed to provide maximum choice, independence, and wellness, this community offers bright options such as multiple dining experiences including a live herb wall and chef's area with pizza oven, a robust wellness program, dog walks, and a virtual bowling alley.

HEARTLAND ASSISTED LIVING COMMUNITY, Powell, Wyo. **Provider:** Powell Valley Healthcare. **Architect:** Plan One Architects. Renovations to this wellness-focused community made sense for the pandemic as well as the future: The "Cozy Corner," a negative-airflow space with ADA-compliant bathroom, for visiting or small groups; doubled outdoor social space; and a hair and nail salon.

HIWASSEE PARK, Hiawasse, Ga. **Provider:** Baptist Retirement Communities of Georgia, Inc. **Architect:** Stegenga + PARTNERS, P.C. Comfortable, accessible, and welcoming, this Appalachian Mountain community, rich in views and outdoor spaces, approaches the rugged topography to create smooth and seamless transitions without sacrificing attention to environmental sustainability.

INSPIR CARNEGIE HILL, New York, N.Y. **Provider:** Maplewood Senior Living. **Architect & Interior Design:** Handel Architects. The design features luxurious spaces and access to nature, as well as encouraging enjoyment of the city. Climbing vines, terrace gardens, and a "skypark"—a multipurpose winter garden and outdoor terrace—are just a few of the innovations and surprises.

MARAVILLA AT THE DOMAIN, Austin, Texas. **Provider:** Senior Resource Group. **Architect & Interior Design:** Perkins Eastman. This LEED Silver building, designed with relaxed elegance, offers holistic wellness programming, indoor air quality filtration, three dining environments, a dining and entertainment courtyard, and performances from local entertainers.

MELROSE MANOR BY AURIA SENIOR LIVING, Melrose North, Johannesburg, South Africa. **Provider:** Auria Senior Living. **Architect:** Kunz Raubenheimer Architects. **Interior Design:** Metaphor Design. This provider continues its mission to redefine senior living in South Africa through beautiful and functional spaces. A renovated Mediterranean-style hotel gained courtyards, custom screens, lush gardens, library, cinema, and alfresco dining.

OAKMONT OF EAST SACRAMENTO, Sacramento, Calif. **Provider:** Oakmont Senior Living. **Architect:** OSL Construction/Gallaher Companies. **Interior Design:** Gallaher Companies. Tuscan styling and rich, contrasting colors to help lower-vision residents suit this resort-style community in the California countryside; each space has a distinct feel and personality to add interest.

SUNRISE OF BOYNTON BEACH FLORIDA, Boynton Beach, Fla. **Provider:** Sunrise Senior Living, Inc. **Architect & Interior Design:** Moseley Architects. Its Mediterranean style and arched colonnade entry walk blend with the surrounding neighborhood, and an undulating walkway along natural areas invites outdoor enjoyment—while the interior is designed for maximum flexibility as community needs change.

THE COOLIDGE AT SUDBURY PHASE 2, Sudbury, Mass. **Provider:** B'nai B'rith Housing New England. **Architect:** The Architectural Team, Inc. **Interior Design:** Wellesley Design Consultants. Affordability and independence meet, the result of collaboration among the provider, the town, residents, and faith leaders. The New England vernacular design includes spaces where area service agencies can work with residents for well-being.

THE MANOR VILLAGE AT DESERT RIDGE, Phoenix, Ariz. **Provider:** The Manor Village Life Centers. **Architect:** Biltform Architecture Group. **Interior Design:** DEI Design. Having residents feel at home is a goal of this community—it uses simple, serene, and durable materials; invests in air quality and health improvements; and features extra space and quality finishes.

THE PHOENIX AT BRASELTON, Hoschton, Ga. **Provider:** Phoenix Senior Living, LLC. **Architect:** Court Atkins Group. **Interior Design:** Banko Design. Incorporating flowing topography and natural vistas, the unique design includes a V-shape independent living neighborhood where every room has a view, as well as a figure-8 memory care neighborhood enclosing courtyards and dining and activity areas.

THE PROVIDENCE, Fairfax, Va. **Provider:** Silverstone Senior Living. **Architect:** Perkins Eastman. **Interior Design:** Thoma-Holec Design. Each floor is a neighborhood, offering flexible activities and visiting spaces, resident apartments with contemporary kitchens, and outdoor features ranging from a dining terrace to an exercise loop centered by a fountain.

THE RESIDENCE AT OAK GROVE, Thomasville, Ga. **Provider:** Priority Life Care. **Architect:** McMillan Pazdan Smith Architecture. This middle-market solution community offers affordability along with natural beauty and a sense of home. A patio, courtyard, walking trails, and wellness center are shaded by large old-growth oaks.

THE RESIDENCE AT WESTPORT, Westport, Conn. **Provider:** LCB Senior Living. **Architect & Interior Design:** The Architectural Team, Inc. Imbued with a sense of place inspired by its New England coastal location, but combined with a sustainable and sophisticated outlook, the design features artful surfaces ranging from granite to steel to reclaimed wood.

THE RESIDENCES AT PLAINVIEW, Plainview, N.Y. **Provider:** Chelsea Senior Living/Capitol Seniors Housing. **Architect & Interior Design:** Meyer Senior Living Studio. A lauded transformation of a former Marriott Residence Inn into a wellness-focused 55+ community, the design adds elegant touches such as a two-story lobby and meticulous landscaping, and a bright beach aesthetic.

THE RIDGE PINEHURST, Lakewood, Colo. **Provider:** The Ridge Senior Living. **Architect:** Lantz-Boggio Architects & Interior Designers. **Interior Design:** StudioSIX5. Physical health, the great outdoors, and social encounters are emphasized in this design, with a large indoor pool, outdoor walking trails, and floor-to-ceiling glass with views of the mountains, the courtyard, or the golf course.

WATERCREST SARASOTA, Sarasota, Fla. **Provider:** Watercrest Senior Living. **Architect:** HKS. With "independence with choice" as the guiding principal, individual residences offer different and additional features from the typical—and are all corner units. Light-filled garden apartments surround shared living space; memory care includes Watercrest's branded Market Street village and a sensory garden.

THE WATERMARK AT BROOKLYN HEIGHTS, Brooklyn, N.Y. **Provider:** Watermark Retirement Communities' Élan Collection. **Architect:** Montroy DeMarco Architecture. **Interior Design:** Lemay+Escobar Architects. A transformation of an historic property in a vibrant city space, this high-rise community with a luxury resort feel offers a public art gallery, dining spaces from a European-style café to an exhibition kitchen, a wood-leather-velvet adorned library, performing arts center, and wellness center with indoor pool.

THE WATERMARK AT NAPA VALLEY, Napa, Calif. **Provider:** Watermark Retirement Communities' Élan Collection. **Architect:** SmithGroup JJR. **Interior Design:** DesignPoint, Inc. In the destination setting of California's premier wine country, the community offers indoor/outdoor living, integrative wellness features, open and flowing floor plans, and a sophisticated combination of rustic and modern designer touches.

THE WATERMARK AT WESTWOOD VILLAGE, Los Angeles, Calif. **Provider:** Watermark Retirement Communities' Élan Collection. **Architect:** CallisonRTKL. **Interior Design:** Hirsch Bedner Associates. A mid-century modern sensibility says classic Los Angeles, while indoor/outdoor living and open, sun-filled layouts say contemporary Southern California. Unique features include an "outdoor living room" courtyard, private dog run, and vaulted ceilings in the apartments.

2021 DESIGN TRENDS AND INNOVATIONS

By Sara Wildberger

Here's a look at some of the trends and innovations reflected in this year's honorees and nominees.

ATTENTION TO ENTRANCES

Acknowledgement that community entry may take a little longer and may need additional safety features came through in the trends toward enhanced and enlarged porte cochère areas that accommodate more cars and passengers and streamline traffic flow.

AMENITIES V2.0

Exciting examples of amenities with something extra:

- **Art studios** are arguably the most common new arrival to the amenities list, with many communities designating well-lit spaces for creative pursuits.
- **Exhibition kitchens, flexible dining:** Discovery Village at Naples, Naples, Fla. (Discovery Senior Living; Architectural Concepts; Wegman Design Group, Discovery Design Concepts) includes both an exhibition kitchen and flexible dining seating. Harborchase of Stuart, Stuart, Fla. (HarborChase; Baker Barrios Architects, Inc.; Thoma-Holec Design) has a live herb wall as well as a chef's area with pizza oven. Maravilla at The Domain, Austin, Texas (Senior Resource Group; Perkins Eastman), as befits its location in a music city, offers a dining and entertainment courtyard with live performances.
- **Salons, spas, and wellness:** The need for on-site salon and spa services made such amenities almost a basic—yet they're offering more services and resort-level design. Avanti Senior Living at Peoria, Peoria, Ariz. (Avanti Senior Living; PRDG; Direct Supply Aptura) features a wellness suite glowing with harmonizing crystal tones of rose quartz, green calcite, and blue lace agate.
- **Visiting space:** Heartland Assisted Living Community, Powell, Wyo. (Powell Valley Healthcare; Plan One Architects) developed a small building for visiting called the "Cozy Corner." It has negative-airflow and an ADA-compliant bathroom for safe and comfortable visits. Many communities have expanded outdoor visiting spaces.

BIOPHILIC DESIGN

Biophilic design—based on the word meaning "love of nature"—uses principles of the human connection to nature and natural processes in creating spaces that maximize benefits of nature to well-being. Several communities use this design concept:

- Aegis Living Bellevue Overlake, Bellevue, Wash. (Aegis Living; Ankrom Moisan Architects; Jeanna Korbas and Sara Kowalske, Aegis Living) is the first Aegis community to be fully centered in biophilic design.
- Church Hill Village, Newtown, Conn. (Senior Lifestyle Corp.; J. Randolph Parry Architects, PC; Banko Design) combines biophilic design and neighborhood concept.
- Friendship Village of South Hills, Upper Saint Clair, Pa. (Lifespace Communities; Perkins Eastman) has a biophilic design featuring walkability and outdoor gathering spaces.

VIEWS AND GALLERIES

Great views and interesting art can inspire both contemplation and conversation:

- Atria New City, New City, N.Y. (Atria Senior Living/Capitol Seniors Housing; Meyer Senior Living Studio) features custom artwork.
- The Watermark at Brooklyn Heights, Brooklyn, N.Y. (Watermark Retirement Communities' Élan Collection; Montroy DeMarco Architecture; Lemay+Escobar Architects) has a gallery space open to the public; it has already hosted an exhibit that drew national acclaim.
- The Phoenix at Braselton, Hoschton, Ga. (Phoenix Senior Living, LLC.; Court Atkins Group; Banko Design) uses a V-shape community design to ensure every independent living room has a view.
- Belmont Village Aliso Viejo (Belmont Village Senior Living; Van Tilburg, Banvard & Soderbergh; Danielle Lavalée, director of interior design, Belmont Village Senior Living) has several galleries: The first floor holds a display, featuring World War II veterans. The second floor features the *Lasting Love* gallery, with portraits of resident couples, and the *Centenarian* gallery, honoring that milestone. The third-floor corridor displays resident artwork. Finally, a display features several of the more than 300 Neolithic-era fossils found and preserved by an archeologist and paleontologist on site during construction.

FLOOR-PLAN CHOICES

More, and more varied, floor plans for individual residences are a feature of several new and renovated communities.

- Acoya Scottsdale At Troon, Scottsdale, Ariz. (Cadence Living; Ryan Companies / Ryan A+E, Inc.; Thoma-Holec Design) features 22 different residence floor plans.
- Evin at Oconomowoc, Oconomowoc, Wis. (Koru Health; Thrive Architects; Leah Ogden Interior Design) has a unique layout for nearly every apartment.

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- Inspir Carnegie Hill, New York, N.Y. (Maplewood Senior Living; Handel Architects) includes climbing vines, a terrace garden, and a "skypark" winter garden to keep nature part of the picture.
- The Watermark at Brooklyn Heights recreated a classic historic property in a trendy neighborhood with touches such as multiple dining spaces and a performing arts center.
- The Watermark at Westwood Village, Los Angeles, Calif. (Watermark Retirement Communities' Élan Collection; CallisonRTKL; Hirsch Bedner Associates) provides a sunny California vibe and features such as an outdoor courtyard.

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