Montalto Receives Award For Historic Preservation

ON NOVEMBER 9, The Robert H. Smith Center at Montalto received an Award of Merit in the category of Historic Preservation by the Virginia Society of the American Institute of Architects. The Design Awards celebrate the best architects in Virginia and honor recent projects that represent examples of thoughtful and engaging design.

In 1771, Jefferson made a contract with Edward Carter, “to give me as much of his nearest mountain as can be seen from mine, and 100 yds. Beyond the line of sight…” (Memorandum Book 24, March 1771) in order to purchase Montalto. In 2004, the Thomas Jefferson Foundation purchased Montalto as a safeguard for the historic and scenic nature views from Monticello.

Completed in April 2011 by Glave and Holmes Architecture, the Robert H. Smith Center on Montalto now functions as a place for global dialogue about Jefferson’s ideas. The newly restored Garrett Hall at the University of Virginia will also receive this year’s Award of Merit for Historic Preservation. The UVa project was completed by the Architectural Resources Group with Frazier Associates. The recipients of the Design Awards were honored in Richmond, Virginia, on November 9, 2012.