

# HOME TOURS

A TOUR BY ARCHITECTS

## CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

**Deadline:** 11:59 PM, March 20, 2026

### 2026 SELECTION CRITERIA

Welcome to the 11th annual AIA Silicon Valley Home Tours, featuring exceptionally-designed residences located within the Silicon Valley. Our tour has become a showcase home tour to attend with 2019's record attendance of 400+ tour goers and outstanding media exposure for each of the four homes featured. This is a unique opportunity for you, as a residential architect, to showcase your unique designs and demonstrate how an architect can provide homeowners with a high level of creative and personal solutions. Home Tours is an excellent venue to provide the community with insight from an architect's point of view and to see housing trends; to inspire, and be inspired.

The selection criteria will include (and are not be limited to):

- Home must be designed by a California licensed architect.
- Completed application. (Fill out the form and upload documents online here)
- Unique design solutions, quality of craftsmanship, and innovative use of materials.
- Sustainable design is not a requirement although it will be considered a significant advantage.
- Homes will be substantially complete and furnished by April 2023. Preference will be given to houses that are furnished, occupied, and landscaped by the date of submission.
- Logical feasibility for tour, including (and not limited to):
  - Access to project location. Priority for projects within the Santa Clara County, however residences that fall outside the boundary lines will be considered.
  - Circulation route (how the public will navigate through the space)
  - Available parking
  - Location in relation to the other homes on the tour
  - Signed Owner Agreement

Project submissions that include an Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) are especially welcomed.

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## IMPORTANT 2026 DATES

The Home Tours Committee will review the submissions and visit homes over a one to two day period within two weeks from the close of submissions to determine the recommendations for the Home Tours. These recommendations will be presented to the AIA Silicon Valley Executive Committee for final approval.

<b>March 20 at 11:59 PM</b>	Home Submission Deadline
<b>February 4 – March 20:</b>	Official Entry Period
<b>March &amp; April</b>	Committee Site Visits
<b>April 24</b>	Notification of Homes Selected
<b>May 26</b>	Pictures Due for Publicity
<b>June 15</b>	Publicity Starts
<b>August 19</b>	Meet the Architects Party
<b>August 26 &amp; 28</b>	Docent Trainings
<b>September 19</b>	Home Tours

\* NOTE: All dates/times are subject to change and will be in coordination with the architects and homeowners. Additional dates/times may be added as needed. Participants will be notified by email. Timeline to successfully prepare for our Home Tours depends on everyone's cooperation and participation.