

Thomas D. Montero, FCSI

"In recognition of your notable contributions to education programs, your commitment to excellence, and your leadership role in service at the chapter, region, and Institute levels, you are advanced to Fellowship in the Institute on the 26th day of June 1993."

Houston, Texas



THOMAS D. MONTERO was born in 1940 in New Orleans, Louisiana. As a youngster, due to his father's trade, Tom had the opportunity to live and go to school in many states in the Southeastern part of the country. His family didn't live in the same town for more than two years until he was in high school and college.

In elementary school, as a 7th grader, Montero read a book about Frank Lloyd Wright and decided he wanted to become an architect. Prior to entering high school he contacted the Dean at LSU and requested a suggested curriculum to prepare himself for an architectural degree. He attended Southeastern Louisiana College in Hammond, transferred to LSU Baton Rouge where he received a Bachelor of Architecture in 1965. He later did post-graduate work at the University of South Florida in air conditioning design and structural design for small buildings.

Tom received his license to practice architecture in 1967 and opened a private practice while teaching in Louisiana's Vo-Tech School System. He has his NCARB certificate and is licensed in Louisiana and Florida, and formerly licensed in Georgia, Alabama, and South Carolina.

With an offer he couldn't refuse, he moved his family, and dogs, to Tampa, FL to become the president of a small A&E firm during which time he joined CSI's FL West Coast

Chapter in 1975. He served on and chaired many committees; and became its president in 1979. During his service to the FL West Coast Chapter, he chaired the first Region Conference to be hosted by the Chapter.

In 1982 he became manager of the Central Florida (Orlando area) office of a Miami based PEA firm and transferred his CSI membership to the Greater Orlando (GO) Chapter. In 1985 he chaired the Host Chapter Institute Convention Committee. In 1990 he became the SE Region's Director, the first from the GO Chapter. After serving on and chairing several committees, he became Chapter President in 1994. The Chapter honored him by submitting him for Fellowship in '93 and was one of the Institute's Professional VPs in '95.

Throughout his years of CSI membership, he has continued to support, advise, and mentor through chapter, region, and Institute presentations, which has contributed to the success of the Chapter, Region, and Institute.

Beside his commitment to CSI, Montero and his daughter, formally a CSI member, breed, raise and show both rough and smooth-coated collies. They have several AKC champions but due to the health condition of his wife Lorraine, who was very active as a CSI Spouse, they no longer show their dogs.

CSI Membership

Florida West Coast Chapter, 1975-1982
Greater Orlando Chapter, 1981 to present

Region Offices, Committees

SE Region Conference Chair, 1980
SE Region President, 1992
SE Region Education Committee Chair

Institute Offices, Committees

Jury of Fellows
Institute Education Committee, 1985-1988
SE Region Director, 1990-1992
Vice President, 1995

Awards

Chapter
Florida West Coast Chapter's President Certificate

GO Chapter Certificate of Appreciation, 1986-1989, 1991, 1992, 1997

GO Chapter John Hart Award, 1991

Southeast Region

Director's Certificate, October 1980
Director's Award, October 1985
Organizational Certificate of Appreciation, Oct 1986
Education Award, October 1987
Education Commendation, September 1989
Certificate of Recognition, September 1989
Certificate of Appreciation, October 1991
Institute Director's Certificate, October 1995

Institute

Institute Certificate of Appreciation, 1988, 1991, 1994, 1996
Institute Publications Commendation, June 1990
Institute Certificate of Merit & Appreciation, June 1992