



Architect Don Wexler

Donald A. Wexler, AIA, was born in South Dakota in 1926 and was raised in the Minneapolis area. After serving in the U.S. Navy during World War II, he studied architecture at the University of Minnesota, graduating in 1950. Moving to Los Angeles, Wexler worked briefly for famed modernist architect Richard Neutra. Wexler came to Palm Springs in 1952 to work with architect William F. Cody on the Tamarisk Country Club. That same year, he partnered with architect Richard Harrison, creating the firm of Wexler & Harrison. Over the next nine years the firm designed many important buildings in the Palm Springs area including the Spa Bath House (a joint-venture with Cody and Philip Koenig) and the Royal Hawaiian Estates condominiums. In 1961, Wexler and Harrison amicably dissolved the partnership. Wexler continued to produce groundbreaking architectural designs including a host of schools, numerous civic and commercial buildings, and such notable projects as the Canyon Country Club, the Palm Springs International Airport and the Steel Development Homes. In 2000, Wexler sold his firm to an architectural concern in Los Angeles. He still resides in Palm Springs.