

Church of Christian Scientists 632 11th St, built 1951 first floor porch enclosed in 1977

Designed by John E. Wicks and Ebba W. Brown, this church is one of two International Style churches designed by the duo in the early 1950s. The addition of the reading room constructed in 1977 dramatically changes the appearance of what was once a 2-story open porch.



Zion Lutheran Church (Peace Lutheran)

565 12th St, built 1951-1953 Bell tower (Ernest Brown) added 1958

Designed by John E. Wicks and Ebba W. Brown, the International Style of this poured concrete, brick-faced church was influenced by the work of prominent architect Eliel Saarinen. Saarinen was president of the Cranbrook Academy, which is where Ebba completed her advanced studies in architecture. Ebba's husband Ernest also worked with both Eliel Saarinen and his son Euro.



Astoria Armory Community & Events Ctr 1636 Exchange St, built 1942

Designed by John E. and Ebba Wicks, this large reinforced concrete structure was constructed on top of a cemetery used by inhabitants of Fort Astoria. In addition to being a recreation and expo center, the building has housed the USO Club, the Clatsop unit of the Oregon National Guard, and a roller skating rink. The unique roof structure uses the Lamella technique of vaulting.

Do you have archives or anecdotes related to Ebba Wicks Brown that you want to share? Please contact us!

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EBBA WICKS BROWN ARCHITECTURAL TOUR

These 3 homes, designed by EWB, are within easy driving distance, please be conscientious and view these from the public right-of way:



Ernest & Ebba Brown's Personal Residence 160 Skyline, built 1958



Captain Edgar Quinn Residence 390 Franklin, built 1956



Burgund and Ila Church Residence 1421 Jerome, built c. 1950



Astor Library & Veterans Memorial 450 10th St, built 1967

Designed by Brown & Brown Architects, the library was constructed of reinforced concrete and surfaced with aggregate panels. This modern design shares similarities with other civic buildings built by architects whose work is sometimes referred to as 'brutalism.' The library, although not grand in scale, is monumental in design and the fortress-like exterior is unapologetically austere.



Illahee Apartments
1046 Grand Ave, built 1968

Designed by Brown & Brown Architects, this well maintained 35-unit apartment complex takes advantage of the project's site by using a 'stepping-up' design that runs along the natural slope of the block. The scale and brightly colored façade contribute to it being one of the most identifiable landmarks on the north slope of Astoria.

Ebba Wicks Brown Architectural Tour Map Key

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