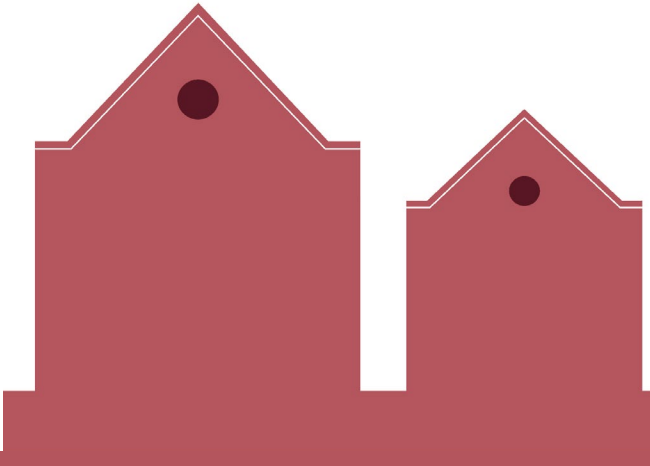


2018 ALICE WASHBURN AWARD WINNERS



The AIA Connecticut Design Committee announces the 2018 The Alice Washburn Awards. This award program acknowledges excellence in traditional house design, adapted to fit 21st century needs. The program has three categories: New Construction, Accessory Buildings, and Additions/Renovations.

Connecticut is rich with architectural traditions that provide cultural continuity. Traditions are defined by a wide variety of underlying styles, including Colonial, Georgian, Greek Revival, Queen Anne, Shingle and Vernacular. Alice Washburn was an early 20th century Connecticut designer and builder, largely self-taught, whose work is known for its thoughtful, stylistic and programmatic invention.



JURORS

- Mohamed Farzan, AIA
NewPort Architecture, LLC, Newport, RI
- Paul Weber, AIA
Paul Weber Architects, Newport, RI
- Martha Werenfels, AIA
Durkee Brown Viveiros & Werenfels Architects
Providence, RI



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CATEGORY:
New Construction Winner

CLIENT/PROJECT INFORMATION:
Kirchhoff Home
Darien, CT

ARCHITECT INFORMATION:
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Situated on a tidal inlet from Long Island Sound, this five-bedroom house blurs the lines between traditional New England vernacular forms and decidedly contemporary ones. As a result, the home is reminiscent of traditional New England style but with window placement that is deliberate and asymmetrical.

Windows wrap the corners forming diagonal views into to landscape. The main area of the home combines kitchen, living room and dining room. This space has direct access to the raised structural pool area, which includes a spa and screen porch.

There is a dramatic floating stair made from patinaed plate steel with oak planks for the treads. The clients' primary request was to provide areas to display their expanding art collection while maintaining a casual feel of a beach house.

Jury Comments:
The house is nicely detailed, a modern interpretation of farmhouse forms. Well designed, it fits beautifully into the landscape. The bridge concept ties the interior and exterior together, creating a nice relationship spatially.



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MERIT AWARD

CLIENT/PROJECT INFORMATION:
Lion House
Stamford, CT

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