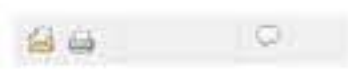


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Merit Award, New Construction

The classic aesthetic of late 19th- and 20th-century country homes was perfectly blended with modern upgrades to create a home that's both beautiful and functional in this property, which was given a Merit Award.



Created by Saniee Architects LLC of Greenwich, the layout of the home is centered around the kitchen and the family room—the literal heart of the home. Whether the configuration is used for busy parents who want to watch over their children while they cook or for social couples who want to throw dinner parties for their friends, an adjacent kitchen and family room is essential for modern living. In this home, the two spaces are optimally located for short and long views. The entire home, including the basement, benefits from plenty of natural light. In construction, masterfully executed by Duce Construction of New York, the team took pride in making the home environmentally responsible.

The sequence of movement within the house is designed to promote stimulating experiences like the entryway that guides the eye upward to the translucent ceiling or the long naturally lit gallery that creates a horizontal flow toward the informal part of the house. A floating ceiling of slatted gray-blue beams brings down the grandeur of the vaulted living room making the space feel more comfortable and homey.



"It is innovative, yet uses traditional forms and details to mitigate the potential of size to overwhelm the site," said the Washburn jurors.

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