

Going for Gold

AWE-INSPIRING NEW BUILDS, JAW-DROPPING REHABS: MEET THE SPECTACULAR WINNERS OF OUR FOURTEENTH ANNUAL DESIGN AWARDS.

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Okay, by now you know the drill: A clutch of intent judges gather around a giant table strewn with photographs, plans and half-empty coffee cups for a day of intense deliberation. This year our panel included Marc Roehrle, principal with Boston's Bauen Studio; Elizabeth Whittaker, principal with Merge Architects in Boston; and interior designer Shari Pellows, who heads an eponymous Boston firm and participates in the Boston Design Center's Designer On Call program. The anticipation was, as always, high; no interruptions allowed. ■ Projects had poured in from all over Rhode Island, making for a record-breaking number of entries. Remarkable shingle-style houses, Block Island getaways and a humble garage turned swank *piéd à terre*. Traditional and modern, quirky and cool—this is one memorable bunch of winners. Congratulations go out to them. And also thanks to all the other candidates who gave us an opportunity to view their incredible work. Not that we ever need reminding, but when it comes to good design, this little state has a lion's share.

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For too long Jamestown's administrative offices were located hither and thither and large meetings were relegated elsewhere. So rather than demolish the old town hall, Burgin shifted the landmark on the site—forging room for a two-story office building—swept away an addition and relocated the vestibule. Today, the former hall serves as council chambers and public meeting space. Married with a new entry, the dual structures are happy partners. A contemporized corner window allows passersby to see in, while a bell tower, replicated from an aged photo, nods to the past. Our panel admired the architect's attention to the streetscape and refinement. As they put it: "This project appears unabashedly simple, but like the silent person who runs deep, it's much more."

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