AIA Connecticut 2008 Alice Washburn Awards

Jurors:
Steve Culpepper, Editorial Staff, Taunton Press, Newtown, Connecticut; and

Mianus River House
Joeb Moore, AIA, Joeb + Partners Architects L.L.C., Greenwich, Connecticut

Photographer: David Sundberg, ESTO

Jury comments: The jury liked the well thought out, agrarian building, with its reference to Shaker architecture. They appreciated its interaction with the site. The house has an absolutely great floor plan and flow. All rooms relate well with the out of doors. Conceptually, it has a lot to do with traditional building while being thoroughly contemporaneous functionally. This is a very pleasing project: there is no place for clutter, but it is still comfortable.
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Honorable Mention

Greenwich House
Nick Arpaia, AIA, Arpaia Associates, P.C., Ridgefield, Connecticut

Photographer: Robert Benson

Jury comments: The house has an excellent plan and is very livable. There is excellent use of the property, especially with the front and rear yards. The solution to the constraints of the site was helped by the side entrance. Complementary in scale and use, the house is elegant but intimate, with a well-articulated design.
Jury comments: The jury admired the simplicity and usefulness of the pavilion, its tradition, materials, and construction. The design reflects the mood and intention of the structure. The attention to detail is beautiful. This single purpose space, for going outside to experience nature with no distractions and for appreciating the surrounding world, is unusual today.
Jury comments: The jury appreciated the way the pool house relates to the architecture of the main building in scale and stylistically. It liked the use of the roofline and proportion, and the connection to the main house in form and color. The jury also liked the way the living room was positioned as one space, connected to the pool. It was clear that this simple, playful building was used by for the gathering of the family and for recreation.