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## The Connecticut American Institute of Architects Announces the 2024 Architecture Awards

(New Haven, CT, November 17, 2024) The Connecticut Chapter of the American Institute of Architects (AIA Connecticut) will host its 2024 Annual Awards Gala on December 12th at Cascade in Hamden, CT.

This prestigious event celebrates excellence in residential and commercial architecture, the transformative power of design, and the achievements of emerging professionals who have made outstanding contributions to the field. It also honors individuals and groups for their significant impact on the architecture profession and the organization.

From 210 submissions, 50 awards will be presented to individuals and firms, culminating in the announcement of the **Project of the Year**, selected by the Design Awards Jury. The evening will also recognize members celebrating 25- and 50-year milestones of AIA membership.

The 2024 awardees are:

### Alice Washburn Awards

The Alice Washburn Awards are named for the distinguished, self-taught Connecticut designer and builder of the 1920's, whose work is known for her thoughtful, stylistic, and programmatic invention.

Focusing on style, this program acknowledges excellence in traditional house design through the thoughtful adaptation of tradition to address 21st-century needs. Award categories: New Construction, Additions, Adaptive Re-use, Renovations and Restorations; and Accessory Buildings [Awards Page](#)

### New Construction

*Excellence:*

**Seaside Shingle**

VanderHorn Architects , Greenwich, CT

*Merit with Commendation for Sustainability*

**Waterfront Post and Beam**

Doyle Coffin Architecture, Ridgefield, CT

### Additions & Renovations

*Merit:*

**Historic House Renovation And Additions**

Scot Samuelson Architect, LLC, Sharon, CT

### Accessory Buildings

*Merit:*

**Pool House**

Scot Samuelson Architect, LLC, Sharon, CT

**Villa Pomme**

Lovas Architects, LLC, Westport, CT

## Business Architecture Awards

This statewide award honors architects and their clients whose projects help achieve the client's business goals and/or create outsized impact through the design of the built environment. Award categories include projects designed for businesses with fewer than 50 employees and projects for businesses with 50 or more employees.

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### Businesses with fewer than 50 employees

*Excellence:*

**Bessemer Venture Partners**

Amenta Emma Architects, Hartford, CT

**Grid Iron Capital, LLC**

CPG Architects, Stamford, CT

### Businesses with more than 50 employees

*Excellence:*

**The Village**

CPG Architects, Stamford, CT

*Merit:*

**Maxx Properties**

CPG Architects, Stamford, CT

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## Elizabeth Mills Brown Awards

The Elizabeth Mills Brown Awards recognize design excellence in the restoration, rehabilitation, adaptation, and reuse of historic structures.

The award is named after and honors the work of Betty Brown, a prominent Connecticut architectural historian, preservationist, civic leader, and author of the extraordinarily comprehensive and meticulously researched *A Guide to Architecture and Urban Design*. This award is presented in collaboration with Preservation Connecticut.

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*Excellence:*

**Restoration of the Brick House (by Philip Johnson, 1949)**

The Glass House, New Canaan, CT

**State Capitol Laylight & Skylight Restoration**

Crosskey Architects LLC, Hartford, CT

**Sterling Memorial Library Linonia & Brothers Reading Room**

Apicella + Bunton Architects, New Haven, CT

*Merit:*

**Lee's Academy**

Duo Dickinson Architect, Madison, CT

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## Design Awards

The AIA Connecticut Design Awards honor outstanding achievements in architecture by Connecticut-based firms and firms outside the state with projects in Connecticut. These awards celebrate excellence in both built and unbuilt projects, highlighting exceptional creativity, sustainability, and design innovation. This year, 28 projects were recognized, showcasing the remarkable talent and impact of architectural design locally and beyond.

Categories include Adaptive Re-use, Architecture: Encompassing Art, Commercial, Institutional, Educational, or Multi-family Residential Design (Over 25,000sf), Commercial, Institutional, Educational, or Multi-family Residential Design (Under 25,000sf), Interior Architecture, Residential Architecture, and Unbuilt Design. [Awards Page](#)

**Adaptive Re-Use***Excellence***Brooklyn Mass Timber House**  
NXTHVNSchiller Projects, New York, NY  
TenBerke, New York, NY**Architecture: Encompassing Art***Excellence***Pink House**  
**Starlight Park Facilities**Roger Ferris and Partners, Westport, CT  
GOA, New Haven, CT**Commercial, Institutional, Educational, or Multi-Family Residential Design – over 25,000 sq. ft.***Excellence***Hursey Center for Advanced Engineering and Health Professions** Payette, Boston, MA  
**Mansfield Elementary School** TSKP STUDIO, Hartford, CT  
**Science I Research Center** Payette, Boston, MA*Merit***Demerec Laboratory**  
**Yale Peabody Museum**Centerbrook Architects and Planners, Centerbrook, CT  
Centerbrook Architects and Planners, Centerbrook, CT**Commercial, Institutional, Educational, or Multi-Family Residential Design – under 25,000 sq. ft.***Excellence***Starlight Park Facilities**

GOA, New Haven, CT

*Merit***HMTX World Headquarters**  
**Whittingham Discovery Center**McLennan Design, Bainbridge Island, WA  
Centerbrook Architects and Planners, Centerbrook, CT*Citation for Engaging the Waterfront and the Maritime Community***U.S. Coast Guard Maritime Center of Excellence** SmithGroup, Washington, DC**Interior Architecture***Excellence***Cullman Art Center at The Hotchkiss School**

Bristow Proffitt Studio, Lakeville, CT

*Merit***Jefferson House Hitchcock Wing**  
**Meriden Public Library**  
**Tasting Rooms**Amenta Emma Architects, Hartford, CT  
TSKP STUDIO, Hartford, CT  
Abruzzo Bodziak Architects LLC, Brooklyn, NY*Citation for Fun Colorful Design***Gioia**

Atelier Cho Thompson, New Haven, CT

*Citation for Sensitivity to the Original Structure***Chapel Hall**

Centerbrook Architects and Planners, Centerbrook, CT



### Residential Architecture

#### *Excellence*

**Brooklyn Mass Timber House**

Schiller Projects, New York, NY

**Koechl House**

Rolfs Elert Office, Port Chester, NY

**New Canaan Pavilion**

TenBerke, New York, NY

**Pink House**

Roger Ferris and Partners, Westport, CT

#### *Merit*

**Restoration and Recreation of a French Provincial House**

Saniee Architects LLC, Greenwich, CT

**Stick House, Brick Garden**

Abruzzo Bodziak Architects LLC, Brooklyn, NY

**West Cornwall Addition**

Steven Goldberg Architect, Sharon, CT

### Unbuilt Design

#### *Merit*

**Playscapes**

FORMA Architects PLLC, Brooklyn, NY

#### *Citation for Reinterpretation of Traditional New England Form*

**Coastal Gables**

Further Architecture Office PLLC, Stratford, CT

Additionally, the following will be recognized during the evening.

### Women in Architecture Award

The Women in Architecture Awards recognize licensed women architects within AIA Connecticut who showcase exceptional design skills, advocate for fair and sustainable practices, and positively impact the industry. [Awards Page](#)

**Elizabeth Hedde, AIA**

Centerbrook Architects and Planners, Centerbrook, CT

### Emerging Professionals Award

The Emerging Professionals award honors emerging architects and recent graduates who have demonstrated exceptional, innovative contributions to the architecture profession. It recognizes those who have excelled not only within the discipline but also through exemplary service in the public realm, advancing both the field and the communities they serve. The award celebrates creativity, leadership, and dedication, supporting the growth and impact of the next generation of architects.

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#### *Honor Awardee*

**Deep Chaniara, AIA, NOMA**

Pickard Chilton, New Haven, CT

#### *Honorable Mention*

**Jason Levy, Assoc. AIA**

QA+M Architects/Patriquin Architects

### Connecticut Treasures

Connecticut Treasures, formerly part of the People's Choice program, highlights the richness and diversity of architecture across all eight counties in Connecticut. Each year, the public is invited to participate by voting for their favorite building, celebrating the unique history, character, and cultural significance of structures throughout the state. This statewide award offers an opportunity to recognize and honor the enduring legacy and architectural



heritage that these buildings represent for Connecticut's communities. This year's building theme for Connecticut Treasures focused on Town and City Halls. [Awards Page](#)

**New Haven City Hall**

New Haven, New Haven County

### **Public Service Award**

For many years, AIA Connecticut has recognized individuals and organizations who have given outstanding service to the Connecticut architectural community as a whole, including service to the profession, public service, and education.

Individuals, groups, associations, and members of the Connecticut community at large are eligible for this award. Past honorees have included architects, municipal and State leaders, educators, authors, and organizations of various types. [Awards Page](#)

**Omarys Vasquez, AIA NOMA.**

State Building Inspector, Division of Regulatory Compliance, State of Connecticut

### **President's Award**

Member-volunteers are and will always be AIA Connecticut's greatest asset. Instituted in 2018, the President's Award recognizes an AIA Connecticut architect member who has made outstanding contributions to our organization through participation, service and promotion of AIA CT's mission and vision. [Awards Page](#)

**Bruce R. Becker, FAIA**

Becker + Becker, Westport, CT

### **Allied Member of the Year**

Recognizes Allied Members who are not architects, but by their interest, participation, and concern have promoted and contributed significantly to the profession of architecture through their membership and participation in the Connecticut Chapter of the American Institute of Architects. [Awards Page](#)

**Chad Vogt, P.E.**

e2 Engineers

### **Volunteer of the Year**

The Connecticut chapter honors our volunteers for their support and contributions through committee work and programs. Their service is recognized on the Volunteer of the Year plaque prominently displayed in our office.

This year, we would like to recognize and express our gratitude to two members for their participation and commitment to AIA Connecticut..

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**Andrea Boyle, AIA**

**Jonathan Humble, FAIA**

Additional information and images are available at the links above or at <https://aiact.org/awards/>.

*About AIA Connecticut:*



As a valuable resource for architects and the public, AIA Connecticut has a membership of more than 1,500 individuals, including architects, designers, students, and professionals in related fields. We are dedicated to supporting the architectural profession, fostering design excellence, and contributing to societal improvement by prioritizing the quality of the built and natural environments and adhering to the highest standards of practice and a code of ethics.

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