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## The Connecticut American Institute of Architects Announce the 2025 Architecture Awards

(New Haven, CT, November 7, 2025) The Connecticut Chapter of the American Institute of Architects (AIA Connecticut) will host its 2025 Annual Awards Gala on December 11th at Bristol Event Center in Bristol, 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.

Fifty-five 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 2025 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  
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#### Accessory Buildings

*Excellence:*

Pond Chalet

Rolfs Elert Office, Port Chester, NY

#### Additions & Renovations

*Excellence:*

Four Winds

Rolfs Elert Office, Rolfs Elert Office, Port Chester, NY

*Merit:*

French Provincial

Saniee Architects LLC, Greenwich, CT

#### New Construction

*Merit:*

General's Residence

Duo Dickinson architect, Madison, CT

*Commendation:*

Island Cottage

Vicente-Burin Architects, Fairfield, CT



## 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 *New Haven: A Guide to Architecture and Urban Design* ([Yale University Press](#), 1976). This award is presented in collaboration with PreservationCT.

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*Excellence:*

**Barnum Museum Exterior Rehabilitation**  
**James Dwight Dana House at Yale University**

Antinozzi Associates, Bridgeport, CT  
Apicella + Bunton Architects, New Haven, CT /  
Petra Construction, North Haven, CT

**The Pond Weed House Historic Preservation**  
**Oxoboxo Lofts**

Christopher Fagan Studio Architecture, Long Island City, NY

*- With Commendation for Masonry Preservation*

Paul B. Bailey Architect, LLC, New Haven, CT

*Merit:*

**Hotchkiss School Memorial Hall**  
**Linus Plimpton House**

Newman Architects, New Haven, CT  
Crosskey Architects, Hartford, CT

## 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, of the 111 submissions, 20 projects will be awarded, showcasing the remarkable talent and impact of architectural design locally and beyond.

Categories include *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), Historic Preservation & Adaptive Re-Use, Planning: Community, Campus, Town and Urban, Residential Architecture, Small Firm Design, and Unbuilt Design.*

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### Architecture: The Encompassing Art

*Merit:*

**Yale Center for British Art - Welcome Desk & Museum Shop**

Knight Architecture LLC, New Haven, CT

*Citation - Creative Use of Humble Materials:*

**StoreStage**

North Studio, Middletown, CT

### Commercial, Institutional, Educational, or Multi-Family Residential Design (Large: over 25,000sf)

*Excellence:*

**T3 RiNo**

Pickard Chilton, New Haven, CT

*Merit:*

**Southern Connecticut State University School of Business**

Sasaki, Boston, MA and OakPark Architects, West Hartford, CT



**The Eight**  
**The Grove Residence Hall**

Pickard Chilton, New Haven, CT  
Amenta Emma Architects, Hartford, CT

### **Commercial, Institutional, Educational, or Multi-Family Residential Design (Small: under 25,000sf)**

*Excellence:*

**Pruzan Arts Center at Wesleyan University**

Peterson Rich Office, Brooklyn, NY  
Newman Architects, New Haven, CT

*Merit:*

**The Lizzie and Jonathan Tisch Center for Innovation & Active Citizenship**

Sasaki, Boston, MA

*Citation – Pergola Design:*

**Piazza at The Basilica of Saint John the Evangelist**

Centerbrook Architects & Planners, Centerbrook, CT

### **Historic Preservation & Adaptive Re-Use**

*Excellence:*

**Farmington Canal Heritage Trail, Phase 4, Below Grade Segment**

Dean Sakamoto Architects LLC, Honolulu, HI

*Merit:*

**37 Hillhouse Avenue**

Christopher Williams Architects, New Haven, CT

**East Hartford Senior Center**

Christopher Williams Architects, New Haven, CT

**YNHH Saint Raphael Campus, Heart & Vascular Center  
& Cardiac Rehabilitation Program**

Joseph Sepot Architects, Branford, CT

### **Planning: Community, Campus, Town and Urban**

*Excellence:*

**Chestnut Street Redevelopment**

Beinfield Architecture, Easton, CT

### **Residential Design**

*Excellence:*

**A House for Grandmothers**

Atelier Cho Thompson, New Haven, CT

*Merit:*

**Kent House**

Brent Buck Architects, Brooklyn, NY

*Excellence With Citation for Landscaping*

**Meadow Pavillion**

Joeb Moore + Partners, Architects, Greenwich, CT

### **Small Firm Design**

*Excellence:*

**A House for Grandmothers**

Atelier Cho Thompson, New Haven, CT

### **Unbuilt Design**

*Excellence:*

**The Joinery**

Pickard Chilton, New Haven, CT

*Merit:*

**Bushnell South**

Amenta Emma Architects, Hartford, CT

### **Drawing Awards**

The Drawing Awards celebrate the art and craft of architectural representation, recognizing drawings that inspire, inform, and elevate the design process. Presented biennially, the program honors exceptional works that convey



architectural ideas with creativity, clarity, and skill—whether capturing the essence of a built project, exploring a proposal, or envisioning an imagined place. The award acknowledges drawing not only as a tool of design but as an enduring medium of architectural thought and storytelling.

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*Excellence Awardee:*

**An Inspired Perspective**

Brian Varano, AIA | Silver Petrucelli & Associates

*Merit Awardees:*

**Zoo Buildings**

Brendan O'Rourke | SLAM Collaborative

**City Restoration**

Ronald Quicquaro, AIA | Studio Q Architecture

**Fort Sam Houston**

Maxwell Baum | Pickard Chilton

## Sustainable Architecture Awards

The Sustainable Architecture Awards program honors architects' projects that have innovatively addressed environmental challenges by reducing greenhouse gas emissions, lowering energy consumption and demand, and conserving water in both built and natural environments. Equally vital is the creation of spaces that are durable, comfortable, and promote health and well-being. The program also seeks to raise public awareness of the climate crisis and the significant impact that building construction, maintenance, and operations have on our planet.

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*Excellence:*

**Slate School**

Patriquin Architects, New Haven, CT

**Yale Peabody Museum**

Centerbrook Architects and Planners, Centerbrook, CT

*Merit:*

**Southern Connecticut State University School of Business**

Sasaki, Boston, MA and OakPark Architects, West Hartford, CT

*Commendation: Eco Systems & Resources:*

**DEEP West District Headquarters, Black Rock State Park**

TLB Architecture, LLC, Chester, CT

**The following individual awards 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.

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**Elizabeth DiSalvo, AIA**

Trillium Architects Co-operative, Inc.

**Julia McFadden, AIA**

Principal, QA+M Architecture

## 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





## 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. ([Volunteer Awards Page](#))

**Andrew Gorzkowski, AIA**

Pickard Chilton Architects, New Haven, CT

**Marissa Mead, AIA**

FCA Architects, New Haven, CT

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 over 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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