

alice WASHBURN AWARDS

The Alice Washburn Award is named for the distinguished Connecticut designer and builder of the 1920's, largely self-taught, whose work is known for her thoughtful stylistic and programmatic invention. Focusing on style, the program acknowledges excellence in traditional house design through the thoughtful adaptation of tradition to address 21st-century needs. Works are to be located in Connecticut and designed in a style broadly considered as "traditional".

2025 Alice Washburn Jury



Andrew Garthwaite, AIA
Haynes & Garthwaite
Norwich, VT



Pi Smith, AIA
Smith & Vansant
White River Junction, VT



Greg Thomas, AIA
Groundline Architecture Studio
St Johnsbury, VT

New Construction

MERIT

General's Residence | Duo Dickinson Architect
Photo: Duo Dickinson



Jury comments: This project is a strong example of how denser housing can be thoughtfully integrated into a town center. The overall concept is commendable and makes it easier for people to live right in the heart of town. They enhance the urban character of downtown and represent a significant step forward.

COMMENDATION

Island Cottage | Vicente-Burin Architects

Photo: Wendy Mills



Jury comments: *This design evokes a sense of place in a subtle, unpretentious way—it immediately transported me to the character and charm of coastal Massachusetts. The front of the house has well-balanced proportions and a thoughtfully broken-down scale that feels welcoming. A calm, pleasant experience without ever feeling over the top.*

Additions/Renovations

EXCELLENCE

Four Winds | Rolfs Elert Office

Photo: Stefan Radtke



Jury comments: *The interior of the home was especially enjoyable, with several well-considered elements that added to its overall appeal. The kitchen, in particular, was handsome and thoughtfully designed.*

MERIT

French Provincial | Saniee Architects LLC
Photo: David Sundburg/ESTO



Jury comments: This project feels like a thoughtfully updated home, gracefully brought into contemporary life. A smaller house was reimagined as a larger residence, yet the transformation is so well integrated that it feels entirely natural. The character and quality of the original home were carefully preserved, and the result is a seamless, beautifully executed piece of work. Every element comes together with grace, making the entire project a pleasure to experience.

Accessory Buildings

EXCELLENCE

Pond Chalet | Rolfs Elert Office
Photo: Michael Biondo



Jury comments: This is a beautiful project that strikes a thoughtful balance between preservation and renewal. Many of the original details have been carefully retained, maintaining their charm while feeling fresh and updated. The new elements are clearly present, but they're introduced with subtlety and harmony—they complement rather than compete. The site work is particularly well done, enhancing the overall sense of place with quiet elegance.