Innovation in Design Awards

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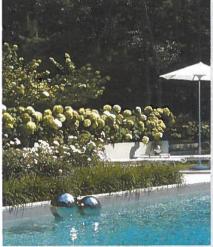












KITCHEN DESIGN

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IN JULY HC&G HELD its second annual Innovation in Design Awards ceremony, recognizing the very best design projects in the Hamptons. Our distinguished judges—architect Deborah Berke and interior designers Sherrill Canet, Kerry Delrose, David Kleinberg, and Scott Sanders—sifted through dozens of entries by designers both well known and up and coming. At a ceremony at East Hampton's Guild Hall, winners in the five categories of architecture, interior design, kitchen design, bath design, and garden design were awarded sparkling Baccarat trophies. Read on to find out more about the winning projects and exciting new design trends on the East End.

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RUNNER-UP

Form Architecture + Interiors

Both the client and Form Architecture + Interiors wanted to make a collection of paintings, photographs, and drawings the focal point of the decor in this new home on a historic Sag Harbor block. The most novel and exciting example of this direction appears in a corner dining area, where a minimalist geometric work is hung against a multi-paned wall of windows. A crisp, stripped-down version of traditional molding was added throughout to keep the interiors humble but equally fresh and animated, and the first floor, noted for its tall ceilings and floor-to-ceiling windows, has an especially airy, loft-like feel. As judge Deborah Berke says, part of the success of this design scheme depends on "a sense of humor about scale, which is delightful."





FINALIST The Design Studio

This house in Westhampton Beach is full of colorful surprises. The dining room is graced with a pair of pretty blue Murano glass chandeliers that cast a distinctive light, a guest bedroom features a boldly patterned cinnabar-red wall, the beds in another guest bedroom are fitted with an exuberantly striped headboard, and the small sitting room focuses on a dramatically sculpted neo-Renaissance fireplace. By imbuing each space with captivating details, layered textures, and a playful color palette, the Design Studio has created a house with a "youthful exuberance to it," says judge Sherrill Canet, "yet it is extremely sophisticated at the same time."



FINALIST Susanne Kelley Design

As all Hamptons designers know, it's hard to compete with the ocean. Susanne Kelley's mandate while decorating this waterfront house in East Hampton was to celebrate the views while giving character to the combined living and dining rooms. The client requested an all-white interior, so Kelley carefully introduced small moments of drama into the large-windowed, sky-lit space, starting with an enormous photograph of the ocean by Robert Bery above the fireplace. The intense blue echoes the surf outside while introducing a beautiful burst of color into the otherwise largely monochromatic space. A glass sculpture and side table and a Lucite coffee table further underscore Kelley's clarity of vision.