

# *The 2020 AIA Connecticut* **ALICE WASHBURN WINNERS**



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FRENCH COUNTRY RESIDENCE

**The Connecticut Chapter of the American Institute of Architects (AIA Connecticut) Alice Washburn Awards** celebrate excellence in traditional house design. Washburn, a prominent twentieth-century residential architect, was known for her “thoughtful stylistic and programmatic inven-

tion.” Building on her legacy, this year’s top projects exemplify exquisite design, creative problem-solving, and meticulous execution. Winners are chosen in three categories: accessory buildings, additions/renovations, and new construction. Here’s a glimpse of the award-winning architects and their work.



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## EXCELLENCE: ADDITIONS/RENOVATIONS



### Stone Country Residence

Architect: Charles Hilton Architects, Photography by Robert Benson Photography

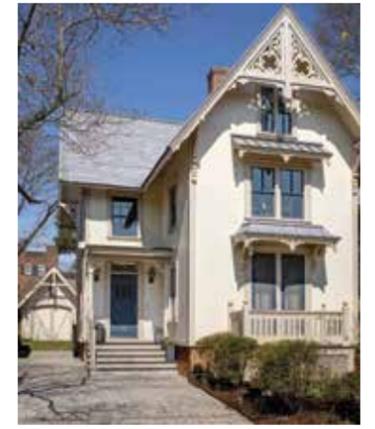
The stately Greenwich stone country house was in need of a complete renovation, inside and out. Enter the pros at Charles Hilton Architects, who worked their magic, from incorporating new slate roofing and reproduction windows, to adding a conservatory breakfast room and a retooled mudroom annex. When the dust cleared, 75 percent of the interior—including a new gourmet kitchen, main suite, and his-and-her studies—had been tastefully transformed.



## EXCELLENCE: ACCESSORY BUILDINGS

### Anne Curtis House Garage

Architect: Paul B. Bailey Architect, Photography by Richard Caden  
The circa-1840 Victorian was a beauty, but the existing two-car garage it shared a lot with lacked the same luster. New owners tasked architect Paul B. Bailey with designing a garage that would complement the home's historic aesthetic, while supplying ample storage. The new "carriage house" does just that and is now a pretty focal point in its own right, as it effectively plays the part of the ultimate Victorian folly.



### Carriage House

Architect: Scot Samuelson Architect  
Photography by Wendell Weber

Designed to resemble an estate carriage house and to pair seamlessly with the main residence, this new build does double duty as a three-car garage and a gracious guest suite. A complex roof line ensures maximum square footage beneath the dormers and gables, while the garage doors have been detailed to look taller, giving the charming allusion that they could accommodate an antique coach.

## EXCELLENCE: NEW CONSTRUCTION



### French Country Residence

Architect: Mark P. Finlay Architects, Photography by Warren Jagger

Long Island Sound meets the French countryside in this grand 9,500-square-foot stone estate. Channeling the romance of a sixteenth-century chateau, Mark P. Finlay Architects incorporated arched dormers, flared slate roofs, and elegant iron railings and balconies. Formal terraced gardens form outdoor living spaces while simultaneously softening the grade down to the water. An equally exquisite interior is peppered with art and antiques gathered from the owners' travels.

### Classical Revival Residence

Architect: Douglas VanderHorn Architects  
Photography by James Merrell

Navigating ecological and grading constraints, Douglas VanderHorn Architects sited the classic Shingle-style house on the perfect perch from which to enjoy water views. Formal symmetry creates a commanding front façade that incorporates rubble stone veneer and Alaskan yellow-cedar shingles as well as decorative columns and trim. A stately exterior (coupled with resort-inspired grounds) transitions to an interior that is equal parts elegant and comfortable.



### Washington Pool House

Architect: Haver & Skolnick Architects, Photography by Robert Benson Photography

Set on a seventy-acre gentleman's farm, this pretty pool house—a classic saltbox clad in weathered siding with copper overhangs and accents—fits right in with its stunning surroundings. The retractable glass doors blur boundaries between outdoors and in, and lead to a contemporary oasis, complete with a lounge, gym, pantry, and powder room, not to mention plenty of storage for pool accessories.