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The State of Custom Building

Connecticut's annual Home Building Industry Awards provide an ever-evolving survey of our region's best residential design.

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Each autumn the cream of Connecticut's custom homebuilding industry gathers in a special location. Amid the drifting scent of prime rib and the tink-tink of glassware and silver being deployed atop crisp linen, cocktails are downed, friends and acquaintances greeted, backs patted, business alliances renewed. Then comes dinner, and the breathless wait to discover just who in the room will take the laurels for creating the most beautiful and immaculately crafted homes.

The level of perfectionism on view in each year's HOBI winners is impressive, not to mention their sheer visual appeal. As a sponsor of the 2013 awards, we'd like to share here some of our favorites. •

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1 DETAILS, DETAILS

Tucked into an amazing hillside site in the middle of Greenwich, this intricately detailed, Norman-style beauty earned its creators the award for Best Custom Home 6,000–7,000 SF. *Builder:* Robert J. Levine, Home Construction; *Architecture:* Charles Hilton, Charles Hilton Architects; *Landscape architecture:* Charles J. Stick

2 COOL BEAUTY

A subdued palette of whites and grays, enriched by textured limestone flooring and rough beams, defines the kitchen of this house. The look—contemporary, but alluding to a long-lived history—secured the HOBI for Best New Old Custom Home. *Builder and designer:* Sound Beach Partners

3 CONCRETE PROOF

Although the Town of Greenwich initially had some doubts about the materials, perseverance paid off as this Zen master bath retreat walked away with the Best Bath Feature award for its concrete double infinity tub. *Builder:* Brindisi & Yaroscak Custom Builders; *Architecture:* Chris Pagliaro and Nicholas Sajda, Pagliaro Bartels Sajda Architects



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