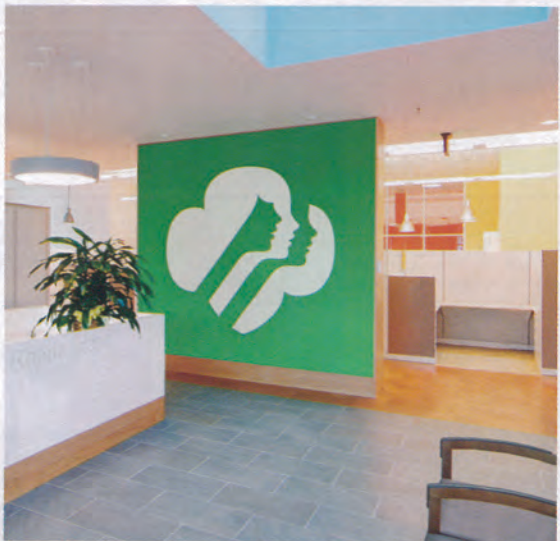
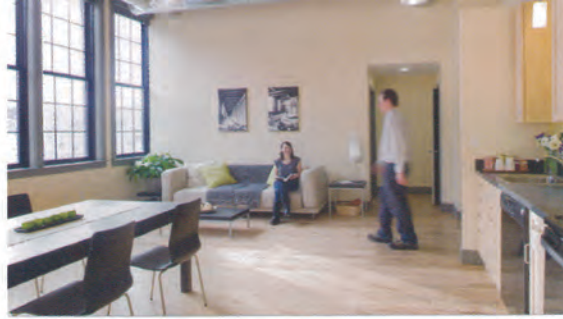




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# Pop the Corks!

There are more reasons than ever to celebrate our nineteenth annual Design Awards.  
**By Megan Fulweiler**

Maybe July wasn't a big deal for you, but even after almost two decades, we could hardly contain our excitement. Our stellar judges — interior designer Eric Roseff and architect Beth Worell, both of whom head eponymous Boston firms, along with architect Marie Adams, principal of Landing Studio in Somerville, Massachusetts — were greeted with piles of entries. It took an entire day of deliberation (make that agony) and discussion to cull the winners amidst so many worthy contestants. We love their final choices — the nautical-inclined house, the cheery Girl Scout headquarters and upbeat bank — and we hope you do too. Each project, whether it nabbed a prize or not, entailed plenty of work and talent. So, out goes our sincerest thanks to our dedicated panel and to every contestant who shared. As for the winners? Mighty congratulations to you. Champagne, anyone?

\* Go to [rimonth.ly/oct\\_13](http://rimonth.ly/oct_13) to watch the judges' deliberations.





## Bucking Tradition | Gold

Not timid about expressing their taste in an area where classic New England homes abound, the owners embraced the architect's modern concept for a weekend retreat. And really, who could have resisted such a seductive silhouette? The striking Watch Hill house doesn't just command the site, it has a dialogue with it, pulling in the landscape from all directions. Our jury applauded not just the accommodating open design and masterful detailing, but also the well-considered palette of natural materials, including the cedar siding and the architect's savvy use of slate. The latter serves as the building's base outside, then wraps inside to the stairwell, living room and kitchen. The skillful play of lights and darks, verticals and horizontals (there's a lean pool house too) along with the home's livability for a family of five made this, no question, a blue-ribbon taker.

**ARCHITECTURE:** Lubrano Ciavarra Architects, PLLC, Brooklyn, New York

**GENERAL CONTRACTOR:** Gary M. Vacca Building Contractor, Pawcatuck, Conn.

**STRUCTURAL ENGINEER:** Edward H. Wenke II, PE, Ledyard, Conn.

**LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT:** Keith LeBlanc Landscape Architecture, Boston

**LANDSCAPE IMPLEMENTATION:** GrandScapes, Charlestown

**FURNITURE AND WINDOW TREATMENTS:** Sasha Nostrand Interiors, South Hamilton, Mass.

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