

2014 DESIGN CONTEST WINNERS

THE MOST BEAUTIFUL
ARCHITECTURE, KITCHENS,
BATHROOMS, AND MORE

BY NANCY L. CLAUS

We received nearly 200 submissions to our Third Annual *Westchester Home* Design Contest from 50 area designers, architects, and builders. The competition was stiff; whittling down the choices was difficult, but we believe the result is our best contest ever. We hope you agree.

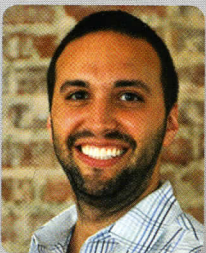
A little bit about the process: All submissions were logged in and coded so the panel would not know whose work they were judging. We then slogged through the hundreds of images in each category and narrowed them down to our favorites. We reviewed all the favorites once more, and reached a consensus on the best of the best. Afterwards, the panel was surprised that one designer garnered so many awards, but as we all know, good design trumps all.



our judges



Veronica Whitlock
*Associate Dean, New York School
of Interior Design (NYSID) and
interior designer*



Pedro Lima
*Interior designer
and past president of ASID NY Metro*



Margaret Mintz
Interior designer



Don Kossar
Interior designer



John Buscarello
Interior designer

ARCHITECTURE

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THIS CHAPPAQUA PROPERTY, WITH ITS STRICT SETBACK requirements and a 10- to 12-foot drop-off, posed a design challenge, even with four acres to play with. "I had worked on the redesign of the clients' original home, and, when they found the land for this house, I was thrilled when they asked me to do this project, as difficult as it was," says architect Daniel Contelmo. To accommodate the landscape, he designed the home to have two stories in front and three in the back, allowing for a walkout basement that includes a wine cellar, 19-seat home theater, and a billiard room. Two wings with stone facing on either side of the front door ground the house while an angled garage wing responds to the natural contours of the landscape. At 12,000 square feet, this home is large, even by Westchester standards, but Contelmo says each room feels personal and the residents don't feel dwarfed by the space. Indeed, they are grateful to be living in such fine style. The judges were unanimous in their praise, all proclaiming it "gorgeous."





Builder: **Cornerstone Contracting, Corp.**

Landscape Architect: **Benedek & Ticehurst,
Landscape Architects and Planners, PC**

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BATHROOMS HONORABLE MENTION

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Not all baths are created equal. This one, however, is, offering access from his and hers closets at either end and equal-sized spaces on opposite ends of the tub for a water-closet room and shower. The center section has a 10-foot molded tray ceiling above the tub and vanity. The custom vanity is molded on all sides with separate his and hers sinks, medicine cabinets, mirrors, and linen cabinets. We aren't the only ones who love this Chappaqua bathroom; it appears on 75,000 Houzz idea books, Contelmo says.