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DIANE RATH
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BATH DESIGN



SARAH THURSTON
TUSK HOME + DESIGN
SMALL SPACE DESIGN



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PRODUCT DESIGN



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BATH DESIGN
The Rath Project, Photograph by Erin Kestenbaum



SMALL SPACE DESIGN
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ARCHITECTURE
Burr Salvatore Architects with
Hemingway Fine Homes,
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BUILDER RECOGNITION
Hemingway Fine Homes,
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2025 WINNERS

This past October, CTC&G presented its 18th Innovation in Design Awards honoring outstanding projects in the categories of **garden, kitchen, interior, bath** and **small space design**, plus **architecture** and a special shout-out to **builders**. Our panel of judges—architect Elizabeth Dillon; interior designers Charlotte Barnes, Matthew Patrick Smyth and Bennett Leifer; landscape designer Matthew Bromley; garden writer Tovah Martin; and Lauren Luskey of ABC Stone—pored over stacks of entries to select the best of the best in Connecticut. Read on for who took the top three spots in each category.

TEXT BY DAVID MASELLO

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KITCHEN DESIGN

winner
**STUDIO
BARTOLOTTA**

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KITCHEN DESIGN

winner STUDIO BARTOLOTTA

Here is a kitchen that fully accommodates seemingly disparate needs balancing rugged materials with tailored detailing. At this sportsman's country retreat, the kitchen could easily function as a space to prepare game, as well as a destination for cocktails and conversation with friends after a day outdoors. Like many kitchens of our time, this one serves as both the social and functional heart of the home, but it assumes a wholly original look. Studio Bartolotta fashioned a spacious island clad in a rhythmic fluted white oak and topped it with a vigorously veined Italian marble known as Ceppo di Gré through La Pietra Marble. Stools are upholstered in a rugged cross-ribbon pattern. Elsewhere in the room is a monolithic wall of marble, interspersed with narrow shelving, a concealed wet bar, and an expanse of cabinetry in a ribbed, dark-stained oak. White oak ceiling beams foster a strong sense of architecture; a handsome blackened steel and brass Workstead pendant echoes the forms. This is a space designed for a modern-day outdoorsman who enjoys celebrating with friends and family.

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SMALL SPACE DESIGN



finalist **STUDIO BARTOLOTTA**

Some structures defy categorization—and that often makes them the most fascinating built entities. To look at this structure, referred to by its owners and by its designer, Studio Bartolotta as the “Osprey Pool Pavilion,” is to see, as its designers say, something that is “equal parts shelter, sculpture and social space.” Underneath its steel frame, topped with a corrugated galvanized roof, is an intriguing cylindrical volume clad in vertical cedar slats, that are, in turn, banded in weathered steel. Not unlike traditional silos and water towers found in the rural Northeast, the form feels agrarian, but at this home it contains, instead, a luxurious cabana and fireplace. An al fresco seating area looks to the pool and grounds, making it a hub for poolside entertaining and as a quiet respite. The timber platform on which the elements rest creates a sense of lightness, even elegance. Once dusk settles, novel lighting emerges within the pitch of the roof, on the steps that assume the presence of a plinth, and as radiating bands about the volume.

PHOTOGRAPHY BY ANDREW BARTOLOTTA



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landscaping.com. **Pool**, Shoreline Pools, shorelinepools.com. **Hardscape installation**, GFX Site Development, gfxsitedevelopment.com. **Irrigation**, Summer Rain, summerrainsprinklers.com. **Fencing and gates**, Euro Fences, eurofenceinc.com. **Glass railings**, US Glass Fence, usglassfence.com.

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engineering, Encon Inc., goencon.com. **Structural engineering**, E2 Consulting Engineers, Inc., e2.com. **Living room: Floor lamp**, Luigi Caccia Dominioni. **Coffee table**, Axel Vervoordt. **Stool**, Marmol Radziner. **Sofa and table lamp**, Jean-Michel Frank for Oomte. **Pillows**, Classic Design. **Cabinet**, Oscar Nilsson. **Area rug**, Christopher Farr. **Artwork**, Gallery Perrotin. **Stool**, Maison Gerard. **Living room detail: Floors**, Schotten & Hansen. **Artwork**, Antonia Ferrer through Atelier Vime. **Wall light**, Robert Mathieu. **Table**, Pierre Chapiro. **Candlesticks**, Bougeoir Ekorce Lam. **Stool**, Counter-Space. **Area rug**, Christopher Farr. **Entry: Floors**, Schotten & Hansen. **Table**, Rose Uniaoka. **Sconces**, Galerie Carole Decombe. **Area rug**, Lawrence of La Brea. **Vase**, Freeforms. **Bedroom: Area rug**, Maro Phillips. **Custom bed**, Marmol Radziner. **Bed upholstery fabric**, Loro Piana. **Side table**, A. J. Iverson through Hostler Burrows. **Teak bench**, Pierre Jeanneret through Galerie Half. **Chair**, Thomas Lavin. **Patinated bronze table**, Liagre through Thomas Lavin. **Floor lamp**, Ponce Berga. **Artwork**, Kate Spencer. **Sculpture**, Richard Flipowski.

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Page 64: Bath Design FINALIST, Douglas Graneto Design, douglasgraneto.com. **Architect**, Shope Reno Wharton, shoperenowharton.com. **Contractor**, Premier Home Builders, phblo.com. **Stone installation**,

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Page 68: Small Space FINALIST, Studio Bartolotta LLC, studiobartolotta.archi. **Interior designer**, Jesse Parria-Lamb LLO, jesseparriarlamb.com. **Landscape architect**, Janice Parker Landscape Design, janiceparker.com. **Lighting design**, Marras & Curtis Lighting Design, mold.com. **General contractors**, Apex Projects LLO, apexpos.com, and Hobbs Inc., hobbsinc.com. **A/V Consultant**, Opus Audio Video Controls, opusavc.com. **Coastal Engineer**, RAOE Coastal Engineers, raoecoastal.com. **Civil Engineer**, Land Tech Consultants Inc., landtechconsult.com. **Structural Engineer**, Jacobson Structures, jacobsonstructures.com. **MEP Engineers**, IES Innovative Engineering Services, innovative-engineering-services.com. **Ceiling fans**, Big Ass Fans. **Furniture**, Brown Jordan and Harbour Outdoor. **Cabana bathroom: Sink and accessories**, Stone Forest. **Faucet**, Watermark. **Toilet**, Kohler. **Mirror**, Lumifer. **Sconces**, Apparatus. **Floor tile**, Artistic Tile. **Feature wall**, Island Stone. **Architectural hardware**, Turnatyle Designs.

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BATH DESIGN FINALIST
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Meet the Judges

OUR PANEL OF JUDGES COMMENTED ON THE IDA ENTRIES AT A BREAKFAST HOSTED BY TORRGO DESIGN CENTER

"Designed by Studio Bartolotta, the 'Sportsman's Hearth' kitchen [page 50] presents a very interesting mixture of textures, materials and masterful cabinetry."

LAUREN LUSKEY

ABC Stone
abcworldwidestone.com



"The Rath Project Bath Design winner [page 62] is a fun mix of materials with pretty fixtures. I enjoy the use of pink stone balanced by wood tones that make the overall feel less feminine."

BENNETT LEIFER

Bennett Leifer Interiors, bennettleifer.com



"Small Space Design winner Tusk Home + Design [page 66] made great use of a difficult space—the floating bed is fantastic!"

CHARLOTTE BARNES

Charlotte Barnes Interior Design, charlottebarnes.com



"Implementing both formal garden elements and looser native meadows and maritime plantings, the landscape design by finalist James Doyle Design Associates [page 48] is impressive, harmonizing with the architecture and the unique waterfront site and steep rock outcroppings."

MATTHEW BROMLEY

Bromley Landscape Design
bromleylandscapedesign.com



"The Architecture winner by Burr Salvatore Architects [page 70] successfully harkens back to history but still feels fresh and inviting with its thoughtful composition and well-detailed exterior."

ELIZABETH DILLON

Historical Concepts Architecture & Planning
historicalconcepts.com



"Defined by simple, elegant lines, the interiors of the Interior Design winner [page 56] by Marmol Radziner strike a balance between timeless comfort and European sophistication."

MATTHEW PATRICK SMYTH

Matthew Patrick Smyth Interior Design
matthewsmyth.com



"The winning Garden Design by Devore Associates Landscape Architects [page 44] utilizes innovative hardscape to direct the flow. The designer was impressively creative with a diversity of plant selection to keep the experience eventful."

TOVAH MARTIN

tovahmartin.com