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THESE 2021 HOBI-
AWARD-WINNING
PROJECTS SHOW THAT
BUILDING IS BOOMING
BY CATRIONA BRANCA

LAST YEAR'S LONG-AWAITED CELEBRATION OF GREAT DESIGN AT THE HOME BUILDERS & REMODELERS Association of Connecticut's Home Building Industry Awards (the HOBI's) dinner did not disappoint. In November, housing-industry professionals gathered to honor the winners in a variety of categories, including custom homes, spec homes, remodeled homes and much more. Here, we highlight just a handful of the best of the best. To see more of these projects, go to cottagesgardens.com/bobis2021. For a complete list of winners, go to hba.org/#/events/bobi-awards.

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FLETCHER DEVELOPMENT

OUTSTANDING RESIDENTIAL REMODEL OVER \$5 MILLION

An older existing waterfront home was in dire need of a remodel plus some structural adaption. The main challenge, however, was working within the Belle Haven community regulations and guidelines, as well as town historic guidelines. Special features of the renovation include a massive second-floor, in-wall fish tank by Elite Aquatics, a sleek pool/spa by Shoreline Pools on the side of the home, a new basement home theater by Realm Control and an all-glass-and-stainless primary suite balcony (Westport Glass and Carlucci Welding). The finished living space is 9,530 square feet. (Architecture: Bo Malpass)



HEMINGWAY CONSTRUCTION

BEST CUSTOM HOME 4,000–5,000 SF

The clever use of architectural details—flat entry roof, metal suspension rods and transitional elements—helped create a modern look on a traditional New England home. The house was designed to maximize the view of and access to the water, create places for social-distance gatherings and easily accommodate overnight guests. Noteable design features include the fireplace in the two-story family room fabricated out of fieldstone and installed in a stacked random square pattern, with an oversized granite hearth and mantel. The house features a four-car garage, stone grotto, generator, residential elevator, custom kitchen and wetbar, butler's pantry, built-in pet/dog house and smart house technology. Outdoor spaces were designed on every level of the structure. A granite hot tub was installed on the first floor's covered terrace, with views of both the water and a retractable outdoor TV screen.

(Architecture: Cardello Architects)

HEMINGWAY CONSTRUCTION: CARL VERNLUND; PRUTTING & COMPANY: DAVID SUNDBERG (OPPOSITE TOP), MICHAEL BIONDO (OPPOSITE BOTTOM)

PRUTTING & COMPANY

BEST MODERN CUSTOM HOME

This home is a residential project composed of two shifting parallel “bars” that face Long Island Sound. The building sits on a plinth, and the two bars are linked by a grand spiral staircase that marks the entry into the home. The spiral staircase was created from Corian in one piece, and custom steel rigging plates were fabricated to guide the enormous “sculpture” into place with a very large crane. On the main level, the east bar contains entertainment spaces, while the west bar has functional/service spaces. On the upper level, bedrooms are complete with covered porches. The east elevations are entirely glazed to maximize views of the water. The disintegration of the formal structure into the organic landscape is connected by continuous views to the Sound.

(Architecture: Joeb Moore & Partners)

