

home of the month

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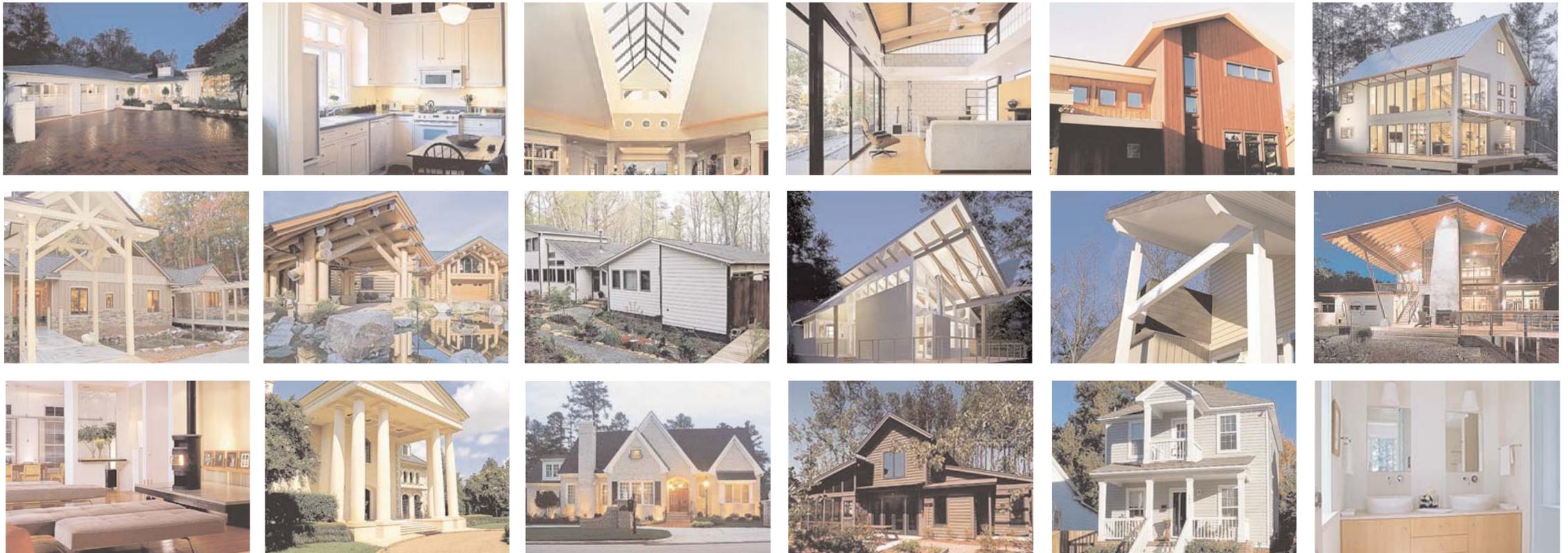
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area architects' house plans show off diversity and creativity



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other entries

- They are, from top left:**
- Davis Residence, Jeffrey T. Davis, J Davis Architects
 - Edwards Residence, Eugene Wilson Brown, AIA
 - Doyle Residence, Karl R. Mrozek, AIA
 - Hirst Residence, Tony Hirst AIA
 - May Residence, Ian A. Johnston, Johnston Architecture LLP AIA
 - Sagasti Residence, Leo Sagasti
 - Store/House, John Reese, Clearscapes PA
 - Painter Residence, Sterling Stevens, Strahan Associates PC
 - Churchill, Perry Cox, Perry Cox Architect, PA
 - Renovation of the Purcell House, Dawn Blobaum, Blobaum/Bartl
 - Renovations to Sipe Residence, Rebecca T. Kalsbeek, Rare Designs
 - Hilltop Views, William J. Hirsch Jr., William J. Hirsch Jr. Inc.
 - Hirsch Jr. Inc.
 - The Bailey, Hannah Reynolds, Maurer Architecture
 - English Country Cottage, William J. Hirsch Jr. Inc.
 - Henningsen Residence, Sterling Stevens, Strahan Associates PC
 - Craftsman Contemporary, William J. Hirsch Jr. Inc.

the winners

Here are the submissions for the Home of the Month project. The winning designs — 10 selected by an expert panel and one Editor's Choice. Another design will be selected by you at the end of the year in a Reader's Choice vote. Each month, beginning in February with the House at Wood's Edge by Ellen Weinstein of Dixon Weinstein of Chapel Hill, we will showcase a new winning design.

- They are, from top left:**
- Ashburton Road, Architektur, PA
 - An Artist's Palette, Rhonda Angerio, Angerio Design PLLC
 - Davis Residence, Georgia Bizios, Bizios Architect
 - Bungalow Addition and Renovation, Susan Cannon, Cannon Architects
 - Davis Residence, Erik Mehlman, Erik Mehlman/Anna Marich
 - House at Wood's Edge, Dixon Weinstein
 - Leinbach Residence, Tina Govan, Tina Govan Architect
 - The Foxgate, Maurer Architecture
 - Webb Dotti House, Francisco Gomes, Gomes + Staub
 - Wheeler Residence, Cherry Huffman Architects
 - Editor's Choice: Mebane Residence, Cherry Huffman Architects

readers' choice

You will get to vote for your favorite at a later date.

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By WETA RAY CLARK
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Invite architects to show off their stuff and they will go straight to the drawing board.

A plethora of creativity and diversity flowed in from architects across the state, answering our call for examples of good home design for our Home of the Month project. The project, a collaboration with the N.C. State University College of Design's Home Environments Design Initiative, aims to educate, inspire and inform you about good home design. Along with our occasional Architectural Living series — where we peek into the homes of area architects and residential designers — this project gives readers a chance to look up close at the range of possibilities in residential architecture.

An expert panel — Peter Chapman, senior editor for home design books at Taunton Press; Jean Rehkamp Larson, Minneapolis architect and author; and New York architect and author Dennis Wedlick — selected the cream of the crop from 27 entries in our Home of the Month feature. The series will highlight a different design each month of 2006.

"We awarded recognition to those [designers who] accomplished their dream homes in well-crafted and, most importantly, innovative ways," Wedlick said in an e-mail message. "There were many homes not recognized that were larger and fancier, but lacked those qualities."

Taunton Press' Chapman said about the designs:

"I think we responded to houses that looked like they belong to North Carolina ... the ones that looked like they belong to the site."

"What we don't like, is when we look at a house that can be anywhere. They have no relationship to the place they were built. We responded to those that had a strong regional feeling."

All of the entries were designed and built by North Carolina architects in or after 2000. They included examples of Craftsman and contemporary styles, as well as transforming renovations and additions, and designs that embraced affordability and specific site characteristics. These topics are of particular interest as more homeowners build homes

and renovate old ones in and around the Triangle.

Across the country, thanks to the onslaught of television, shelter magazines and books that focus on home living and creating usable living spaces, residential architecture is getting increasing attention. According to Chapman, that notice is well deserved.

"It's wonderful that people are acknowledging residential design," he said. "The focus usually is at the new museum or new library. But houses can be beautifully done, too."

Recognizing all of the architects' efforts and the impressive show of participation, we've chosen to give you a glimpse of the 27 submissions. (The winning Home of the Month designs are marked with an asterisk.) Look for the profile of the first winning design — The House at Wood's Edge by Ellen Weinstein of Dixon Weinstein, Chapel Hill — in February.

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