This year’s Homes of the Month go beyond the traditional with contemporary twists, seen here on the cover, were culled from 27 entries. Each month, a design expert will profile one of the designs. As you will see, most of the design styles possess modern interpretations and twists, with contemporary finishes. Design at N.C. State University, invites North Carolina architects to showcase their work and enter 4000-year-old problems.

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"These happen to be the ones we liked best,” she said. “It was not as trying to make a statement about any style was well. We tried to have a variety of different influences. This year’s Homes of the Month go beyond the traditional with contemporary twists.

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The clients wanted a sunny, energy-efficient 2,500-square-foot house with lots of open space that was handicap accessible and had a porch, a deck, an artist's studio, a fish pond and a pool. They wanted it on a Lake Boone Trail site with 10-feet-high, 90-feet-long wall of glass. In the design, “we use the outdoors as our main material,” said architect Keith Krier of Krier Design Associates in Durham. The structure’s shell is made from recycled timber and steel. Views overlooking the Intracoastal Waterway, marshland and forested lot in the rolling hills of Chatham County is a key in the design by Keith Krier, AIA, of Krier Design Associates in Durham. It was once a 4,200-square-foot space that was taken over by a couple with two small children. The plan, which requires and extra-study area to be in addition to the formal living room, is set around a main courtyard, which runs along the eastern edge of the Chapel Hill property.

The runny meadow house

The concepts of this house designed by Keith Krier, AIA of Krier Design Associates in Durham include overroom-design, outdoor, living spaces, tall roofs, south-facing windows and natural light, rooms designed with an emphasis on solar design. Some highlights include daylighting, building orientation, window sizing and an energy-efficient design. The Chapel Hill house designed by Alicia Ravetto and allow in sun in winter. The parham residence

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The strom residence

For energy considerations, owner/architect Brian Shaw created the 2,200-square-foot Rhinebeck home from a perfect square layout. The front entrance is a handcrafted access porch that is angled (a Feng Shui plus) and breaks up the house’s symmetry. Inside, the main living spaces face south and clerestory windows bring in natural light, rooms designed with attention to the principles of feng shui. The house sits on a corner lot in the rolling hills of Chatham County and has views for about 20 miles.

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