

# 2017 HOBI Awards Trends



Our cover features an exquisite neo classical outdoor living environment created by Doron Sabag of Sound Beach Partners with landscape design by Doron and Paul Harris of Cole Harris. Madonna granite terraced planters surround the fresh water spa and Olympian size pool of this winning custom home in Riverside. A granite walkway leads to the stunning pool house with granite fireplace and living roof of perennials.

This year's winning homes embrace the outdoors as never before. They feature walls of charcoal framed glass doors that fold open to bring the outdoors in.



Back Country RAM bath



Sound Beach barn door



Sound Beach living room



Hertz Construction breezeway

Glass enclosed breezeways & open tread stairs inside, and outside - roof decks take advantage of spectacular views, and fireplaces add warmth and enjoyment. Hot tubs, infinity pools, firepits and water features are plentiful.



Bluewater Home Builders roof deck with fireplace



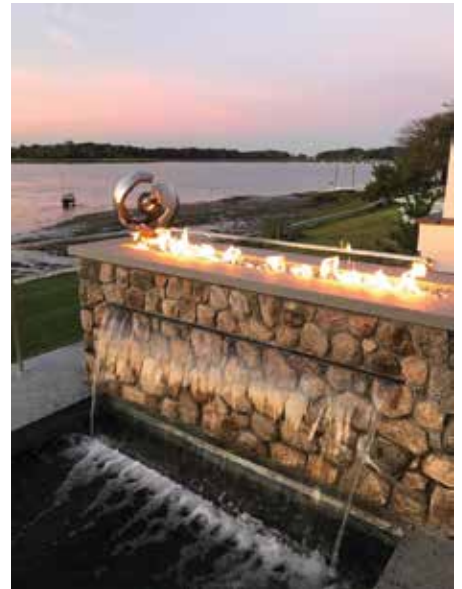
Sound Beach Kitchen

Inside their homes, this year's winning builders used low profile drywall detailing on ceilings and trim work, flat panel cabinetry with linen finish, quartz counters and floating shelves. We saw faux finishes over wood stain to give it an aged look, and matte finishes on rift sawn floors. In bathrooms, tiled floors were seamless with infinity drains and light wells in the shower. Walls and floors were covered in marble slab or large format porcelain tile.



Back Country RAM bunk beds

Bunk beds are in vogue, and sliding barn doors have morphed from reclaimed wood to anodized metal and frosted glass, and they are being creatively utilized for everything from patio entries and walk-in closets to window shutters.



Karp Associates fire pit water feature

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