

Top HOBI Award given for work of New Canaan team

The collaboration of two New Canaan firms, Hobbs, Inc. general contractors, and Rink DuPont, A.I.A., Architects was named "2003 Remodeled Home of the Year" by the Connecticut Home Builder's Association.

The award, considered the top in its category, was for a renovation in Greenwich.

Mr. DuPont looked at several properties with the client and a seven acre parcel with a pond, meadows, woods and old stone walls was chosen because of the beauty of the land. The house, built in the late 1930s, was a classic brick Colonial with a great deal of character. It had not been touched for years, however, and "was not up to par with today's living stan-

dards" according to Mr. DuPont. He suggested to the client that the original living room, which was proportionately too small for today's needs, be converted into the front foyer, retaining the original fireplace and adding a significant stairway in historically correct detail.

"In an era when many of the older houses in this area are being torn down, it was wonderful to give new life to this home," the architect noted.

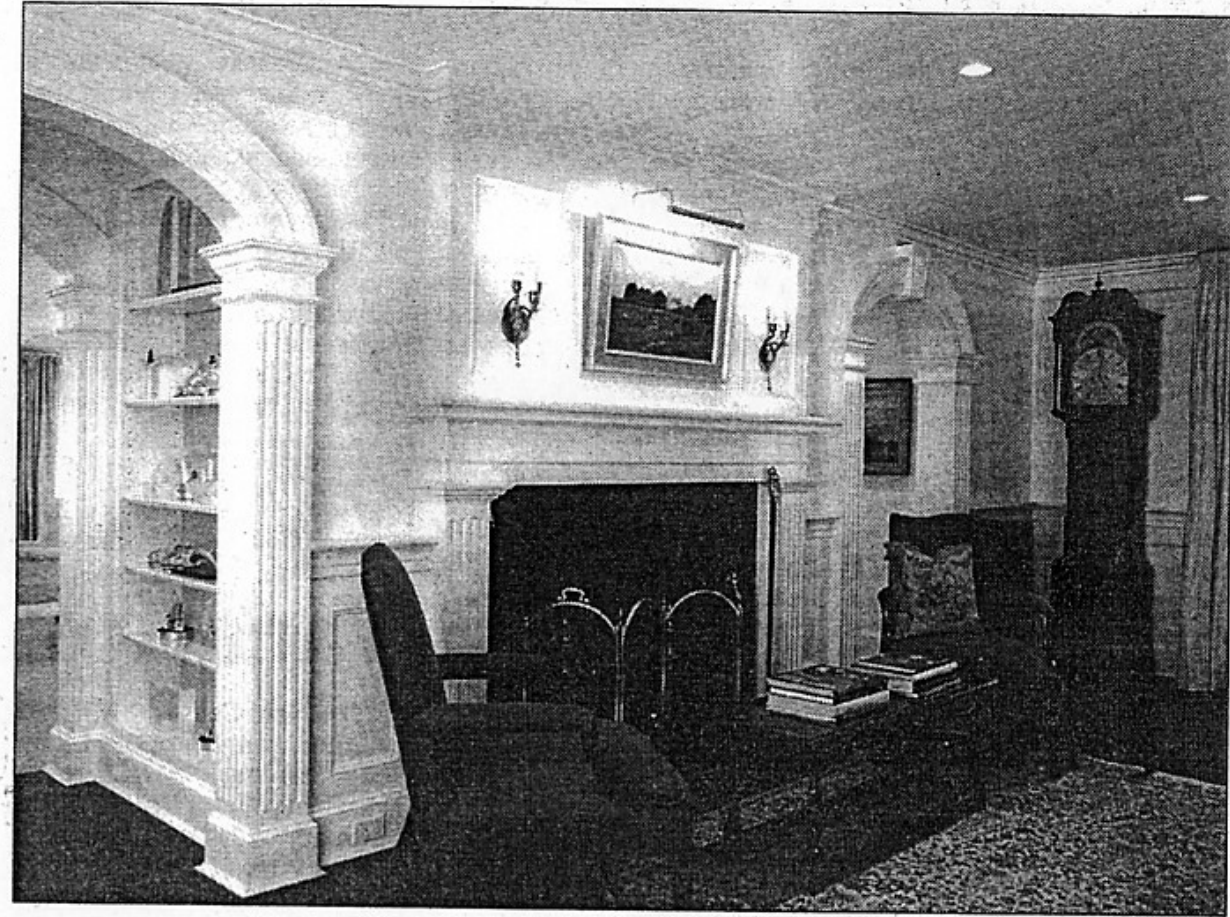
Mr. DuPont said he recommended Hobbs, Inc. for the renovations because of their reputation for executing residential projects in a timely manner with flawless craftsmanship.

With Hobbs a member of the team, the owner proceeded to

plan major renovations which included raising the ceilings, changing the room layout and adding several other rooms. The house was entirely rewired and re-plumbed and a "smart house" system was installed.

"Every major room was designed to take advantage of the views of the pond and meadows with the woods and old stone walls rising beyond," Mr. DuPont said.

Scott Hobbs, president of Hobbs, Inc., said, "It was a privilege to participate in the rejuvenation and improvement of this wonderful old home. Once the owners committed to bringing this house into the 21st century and doing it right, Rink and his office did a wonderful job with the design.



When the home was completed it felt just right. Everything was properly proportioned and very inviting. At the end of the project the owners held a very nice party for all of the craftspeople and their wives on a cold December evening. With the fires burning and the easy flow

throughout the house, we really felt like we were in a grand classic Colonial from the past."

Mr. DuPont and Hobbs, Inc., are currently working on two other major renovations together in Greenwich and recently completed a new home on the sound in Westport.

TOP JOB — The Connecticut Home Builders Association named this Greenwich house, designed by local architect Rink DuPont and remodeled by Hobbs, Inc., of New Canaan as its "2003 Remodeled Home of the Year."