

American Society of Landscape Architects

Pennsylvania/Delaware Chapter



2008 Professional Awards Program

In order to encourage and recognize excellence in landscape architecture and to dramatize to the public the variety, scope and value of landscape architectural services, the Pennsylvania Delaware Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects requested proposals for the 2008 Professional Awards Program.

The Awards Program was open to all PA and DE registered Landscape Architects, members of the Pennsylvania Delaware Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects, and faculty members and students that were teaching or enrolled in PA and DE landscape architectural curriculum submitting work associated with their academic pursuits. Entries from private practice offices, planning agencies, and sections of federal, state and local governments were also encouraged to participate.

Awards are given for excellence in the execution of works of landscape architecture. Awards are given for General Design, Residential Design, Analysis and Planning, Research, Communications, Landmark Award, Student Collaboration, and Student Community Service Award. Honor, Merit and Special Recognition Awards for both public and private sectors may be given in each category. Presidential Awards for Excellence may be given to projects of special merit. Entries were judged on quality of design or presentation, functionalism, context and surrounding relationships, technological advancements, pioneering efforts, and overall significance to the profession.



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Gladwyne Overlook Residence

Charles Hess Landscape Architects, Inc.



Local Significance

- Provides distant views of the neighboring town of Conshohocken
- Compliments house and neighborhood
- With regards to the environment, the on-site storm water system captures runoff and allows for groundwater recharge
- Addresses previous drainage problems
- Terraces create usable outdoor spaces that allow for entertainment and private use

Special Features

- Vanishing edge pool with complimentary vanishing edge spa
- Storm water percolates back into ground in low area of site
- Teardrop-shaped driveway
- Two Dining Terraces
- Plant pockets within terraces provide color and soften edges
- Axial path across the back of house ties garden rooms together
- Cutting Garden- client's "work-in-progress"
- Meandering stepping stones lead to quiet Rear Sitting Area
- Fountain Garden- includes mermaid sculpture, a family heirloom
- Garage Breezeway mirrored by cherry tree allée
- Gated fence with clematis and climbing roses



Purpose of the Project

The Gladwyne Overlook Residence was a newly constructed Nantucket-style spec house, located on top of a beautiful bluff overlooking downtown Conshohocken, PA; a suburb just outside of Philadelphia. The construction of a dramatic vanishing edge pool and spa afforded us the opportunity to level and terrace off the entire rear of the home, creating usable exterior spaces and garden rooms as well as the ability to traverse the entire perimeter of the house. The resulting design was a collection of intimate spaces that dealt with the many grading challenges, and ultimately created a truly unique property reflective of our client's taste and lifestyle.

Role of the Landscape Architect

When the Gladwyne Overlook Residence was purchased by our client, they knew they had an amazing view, but limited outdoor spaces from which to enjoy it. They looked to our team to design an overall master plan that worked with the challenges of the steeply sloping site, and to provide them with exterior living spaces as amazing as the view.

When we first began to analyze the property to develop our master plan, we immediately recognized that drainage was going to be a key factor in any design for the property. The existing driveway was set too high in the grade and directed all runoff water toward the house. Ultimately, we developed a storm water recharge system along the lower section of the property to collect all of the runoff of the property.

MERIT AWARD: RESIDENTIAL DESIGN