



# Whitten Architects

## **Whitten Architects Receives 2021 AIA Design Awards From Maine and New Hampshire Chapters** *Recognized for Excellence in Residential Design, Renovation, and Adaptive Reuse*

**PORTLAND, Maine — May 28, 2021** — Whitten Architects, a residential architectural firm with a 35-year history of design excellence in Maine, was awarded a total of three honors by the American Institute of Architect (AIA)’s Maine and New Hampshire chapters.

Annually, AIA Maine sponsors a juried review of Maine architecture to recognize the important and diverse work of Maine architects. The jurors are nationally recognized peers who, after reviewing and critiquing the entries, select outstanding projects for recognition.

Out of 56 total submissions, the jury ultimately chose 15 projects representing categories including Single Family Residential, Institutional & Commercial, Renovation & Adaptive Reuse, Small Projects under \$250,000, and Student.

The firm’s [Loon Lake Retreat](#) project located in Freedom, New Hampshire, earned both the “Honor Award for Excellence in Architecture” for “Single Family Residential” by AIA Maine and the “Honor Award for Excellence in Architectural Design” by AIA New Hampshire.

Annually, AIA New Hampshire sponsors a juried review of New Hampshire architecture to recognize the important and diverse work of architectural design in the state. The jurors are nationally recognized peers who, after reviewing and critiquing the entries, select outstanding projects for recognition.

Inspired by the traditional Japanese aesthetic, Wabi Sabi, this project centered on the acceptance of the imperfect, impermanent, and incomplete in nature. Whitten architect Tom Lane led the Whitten Architects team on the project.

“Our clients challenged us to think deeply about how a home can be suited to a particular place and unique people. As a team of collaborators, we welcomed the challenge and were inspired by designing with Wabi-sabi in mind,” says Lane.

Whitten Architects' [Damariscotta River View Cottage](#) project located in Boothbay, Maine, received the "Honor Award for Excellence in Architecture" for "Renovation and Adaptive Reuse," representing a complete transformation that showcases comfortable coastal Maine living. Associate Principal Jessie Carroll led the Whitten Architects team on the project.

"It's an honor to be recognized for our work on River View as it's a project I am personally very proud of. Not only does this serve as an incredible before and after case, but it was a complete pleasure collaborating with these clients," says Carroll.

"Our studio approach at Whitten is one of continual collaboration with site-specific design and the client's lifestyle at the heart of every project we take on," says Rob Whitten, founder and principal.



### **About Whitten Architects:**

Whitten Architects is an architectural firm based in Portland, Maine. Founded in 1986, the firm focuses exclusively on residential design, from camps to cottages, new homes to historic renovations. The firm's work has won a number of awards over the years and has been extensively published in a variety of residential design books and magazines. For more information, please visit: [www.whittenarchitects.com](http://www.whittenarchitects.com) and follow the firm on Instagram: @whittenarchitects

**About AIA Maine:**

AIA Maine is a state component of the American Institute of Architects that supports architects and architecture through leadership, advocacy, fellowship, and design excellence. The roots of AIA Maine date back to July 12, 1912 when it was originally organized as the Maine Society of Architects. Its objective was to unite in fellowship the Architects of Maine and to promote the artistic and practical efficiency of the profession. For more information, please visit: [www.aiamaine.org](http://www.aiamaine.org).

**About AIA New Hampshire:**

Founded in 1940, AIA New Hampshire is a not-for-profit professional-service association of nearly 300 architects, allied professionals, and laypeople who are committed to excellence in design and creating a sustainable environment in our buildings, neighborhoods, towns, and cities. The mission of the AIA New Hampshire is to illuminate the profession of architecture through advocacy, public outreach, education, fellowship, stewardship of our environment, and recognition of design excellence.

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