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The Eighth Annual Rhode Island Monthly Design Awards

You would think by now we'd be used to the tide of extraordinary talent that fills our office each July. From architects and designers in every part of the state come projects big and small. And this year — our eighth annual design awards — was no different. An inviting farmhouse, a slick, light-filled city abode, a school that could move even us to hit the books, the mix was rich and enticing. Once again, we fell head over heels in love. Sincere thanks to our dedicated judges: George Thrush, AIA, chairman of the architecture department at Northeastern University; sculptor and designer Peter Stempel, who maintains a multidisciplinary practice in Providence and Utah; and interior designer Deborah J. Carducci, a Worcester, Massachusetts-based interior designer, owner of the design firm Designblenders and a participant in the Designer on Call program at the Boston Design Center. Without their tireless help, we'd have bogged down in admiration. And, of course, congratulations to all our hard-working winners. Thanks to them, we are the real award recipients — living, working, recreating — in settings they've conceived and seen through to fruition for the joy and benefit of all of us.

| By Megan Fulweiler



silver commercial construction/renovation

Nine to Five

Item, an industrial design firm, wanted to expand. In addition to space, the company required a range of facilities, among them executive offices, design studios and a machine shop. Tucked in the city's jewelry district, this 20,000 square-foot parcel with a 10,000 square-foot building seemed just the thing. Our specialists pointed out that rather than make the structure more complicated, Barnes simplified it for his clients, employing a "smart solution": two volumes with a dynamite, light-gathering atrium in between.

CORPORATE HEADQUARTERS AND DESIGN CENTER, ITEM, NEW PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT, INC., PROVIDENCE

Architect: James Barnes, Providence

Contractor: Frank Gustafson, Case Construction, East Providence

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