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## AND THE AWARD GOES TO....

On November 1, Modern Luxury teamed with the New England chapter of the International Furnishings and Design Association to name the winners of the 2018 Design Awards, honoring bestin-class design concepts within residential and commercial spaces. Editor-in-Chief of Modern Luxury Interiors Boston, Jaci Conry announced each winner on stage at the Boston Design Center.

The IFDA-NE Design Awards is a regional, juried competition for interior design. Entries from professional and student members were judged in a blind review by a panel of leading industry professionals that included Jaci Conry, Sarah Lawson, President of S + H Construction; Kristan McLaughlin, General Manager of Boston Design Center; and Denise Rush, Interim Dean of the School of Architecture for Boston Architectural College.

In addition to the award winning designs, judges also surveyed the Charity Window Challenge displays - show-stopping exhibits that honored and benefited the Ellie Fund for Breast Cancer. The window displays lined the hall and set the stage for the entire gala. Interior Designer, Dane Austin of Dane Austin Design was recognized for his creativity and 'chic' design in the window of the Ardente Waterspot Showroom. He received the award for the Charity Window Challenge.

The award for the Student Design Project was bestowed upon Charles Argo for his Euro-contemporary bath design. He overcame the project's biggest challenge which was to disguise products that were designed for elderly or ADA use while providing contemporary glam accented with traditional elements. The space paired glossy 3D prism-like Spanish wall tiles and Italian floating high gloss vanities with contemporary "aluminum strand jewel box" lighting fixtures and Venetian- styled vanity mirrors.

Architect, David Stern was selected as an award recipient for his kitchen design grounded in material expression utilizing Italian Calacutta marble, white oak paneling, stainless steel and lacquered cabinets that created permeable boundaries in an 1820's Federal Style Beach Hill townhouse.

### NEW ENGLAND DESIGN TALENT TAKES CENTER STAGE

A collaborative work and gathering space created for a corporate headquarters designed by Jill Najnigier caught the attention of the judges. Najnigier's award-winning design promoted creativity, collaboration, and physical activity. A rock wall sits in the center of the space and is surrounded by treadmill and balance ball workstations, a cafe lounge, personal storage lockers, and conference areas.

Paula Daher of Daher Interior Design received an award for her Back Bay brownstone bedroom project. Starting from scratch with a "plain vanilla box", Paula and her team added personality and architectural features to this master suite with soaring ceilings and a bay window.

Laurie Gorelick of Laurie Gorelick Interiors earned an award for her Showhouse Office submission. A challenging space, she reigned in the scale and proportions of the Victorian-era room by installing a highgloss, recessed-panel wainscot, two-thirds the wall height, and topped it off with a Japanese shibori pattern wallpaper.



Bath designed by Charles Argo



Corporate space designed by Jill Najnigier



Bedroom designed by Paula Daher





Dubbed 'The Grange', this modern farmhouse kitchen was designed by Hutker Architects to accommodate reunions for three generations under one roof, with areas for gathering and retreat. Inspired by agrarian architecture, the home's covered farm porch was the starting place for its design. Rustic wood in the floor and beams, custom furniture-like cabinetry, and natural linen fabrics establish an eclectic farmhouse narrative, with found objects and antiques reinforcing this theme. Large scale windows and contemporary art infused traditional motifs with a modern twist and earned Hutker a Design Award.

A master bathroom by Jessica Chabot with an open concept shower and a dramatic dividing wall was awarded for its mix of drama and serenity.

#### "WE OPTED TO PLAY WITH TEXTURE IN THIS SPACE RATHER THAN COLOR." – Jessica Chabot

IFDA-NE member, Rosemary Porto was the Honoree of the Evening. The two-time cancer survivor and award winning kitchen designer has long inspired her fellow designers. Her contributions to the design community were duly noted.

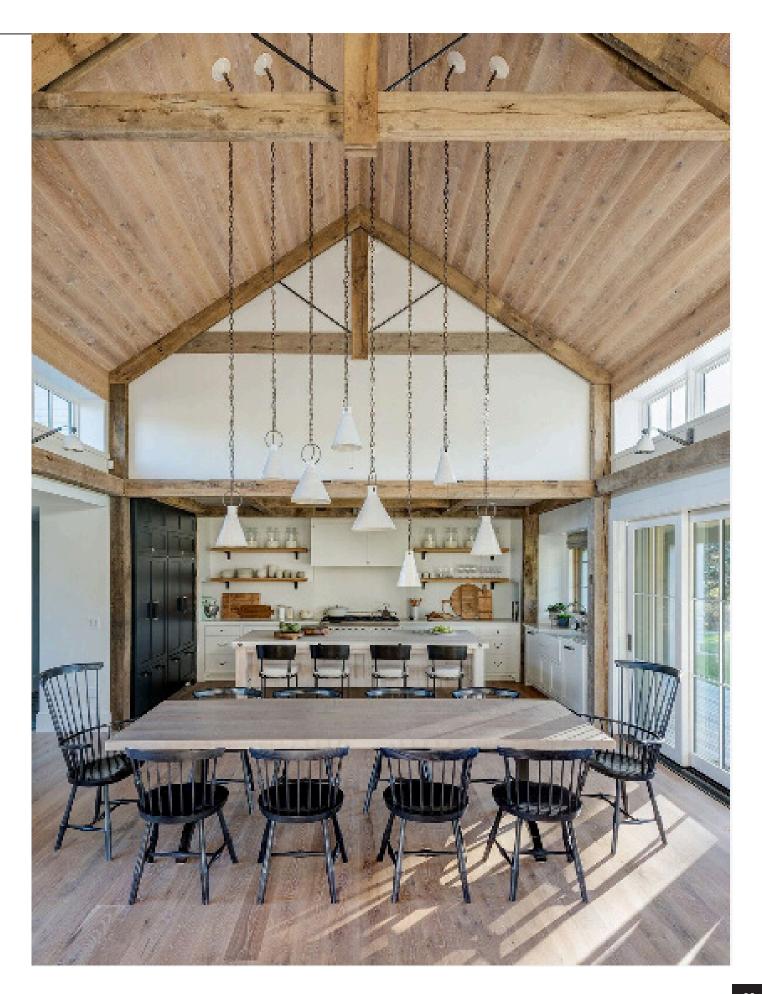
At the end of the evening, the awards gala concluded and was deemed a successful first time collaboration between IFDA-NE and media sponsor, Modern Luxury.





Rosemary Porto, Honoree of the Evening

Master bathroom by Jessica Chabot













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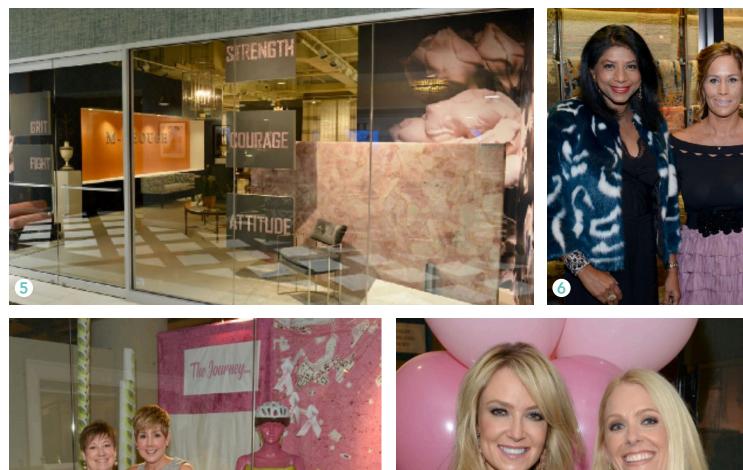
Anthony Miklaszewski, Amy Bressler amd Joe Bertola

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Debbie Farrand, Lauren Gifford and Jennifer Bardsley

#### **04.PHOTOFOUR**

Michael J. Lee and Kate Maloney







#### **07.PHOTO** SEVEN

Renee Rucci and Julie Wood's window display at the Alianthus showroom

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Eric Roseff's Charity Window Challenge display at M-Geough's showroom to benefit the Ellie Fund

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