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Great Spaces

“WHAT great houses you have!” said the judges of this year’s Washingtonian Residential Design Awards. The out-of-town panel applauded the “refreshing variety” of the region’s modern and traditional homes—some new, some renovations or additions—among the 101 entries. The contest is open to registered architects of area homes or second homes owned by local residents.

The awards are sponsored by the Washington chapter of the American Institute of Architects and *The Washingtonian*. Seven of the 16 winners appeared in the June issue.

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Yes, It's New

IT'S also 8,000 square feet—not that it's easy to tell. Which is the whole idea.

The owners wanted to accommodate a large family on a McLean lot without overwhelming neighboring homes. **David Jones Architects** designed portions of the house to form a court around a 100-year-old magnolia tree. The formal front section looks like an original farmhouse, with “additions” of the informal, private spaces. A covered walkway connecting the house to the garage extends the court in back.

“Many other big houses looked over-the-top. This one works hard not to look pretentious,” a judge said. “It has a traditional but relaxed feeling.” Bowa Builders of McLean was the contractor.