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LIVING SPACES

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"**TOO MANY PEOPLE** think good design has to be expensive and big money has to be traditional," said a judge of this year's Washingtonian Residential Design Awards. So the judges praised the Washington area's "incredibly wide variety and high quality" of housing. The winners represent that variety.

This year's competition, which drew 120 entries, was open to registered architects of local homes and second homes owned by Washingtonians. On the jury were Alexander Gorlin, head of his own firm in Manhattan; Dennis Hertlein, partner in Surber Barber Choate & Hertlein of Atlanta; and Jerry Lance Hupy, partner in Shope Reno Wharton of Greenwich, Connecticut.

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STUCK IN THE MIDDLE WITH YOU

"A great example of infilling a narrow, overlooked site," the judges said of these stacked townhouse-type units north of DC's Logan Circle.

Bonstra Haresign Architects turned a 21-foot-wide lot into condos with lateral bands of steel and masonry. Hoops in the steel framework accommodate planters that will allow foliage over time to soften the building's angular form. Eight of the nine floors offer double-height living spaces with floor-to-ceiling glass and dual balconies.

"It's different from but in sync with its neighbors," the jury noted. "Too often we see trying to look exactly like what's next door, but that's not the way we want to live today." The contractors were Furioso Development with Phillip Abraham of Northwest DC.

