



2008 Tucker Design Awards

Friday, May 9, 2008 The Fairmont, Dallas, Texas



Litowitz Residence, Glencoe, IL

Design by:
Liederbach and Graham, Architects, Chicago, IL
Stone Installers:
Jacks Masonry, Crystal Lake, IL
Masonry by Fernando, Rondout, IL
Stone Suppliers:
Connecticut Stone, Milford, CT
Cleveland Quarries, Amherst, OH
Evergreen Slate Company, Inc. Granville, NY
Galloy and Van Etten, Chicago, IL
Jay Sackett Associates, Skokie, IL

Project Description

The clients were hoping to build a new home which would blend seamlessly with the fine architecture of the older homes in their established, lakeside suburb. An interest in English Arts and Crafts architecture and decoration prompted the owners to take their design team on a tour of country houses around the Midlands and Surrey regions. The experience resulted in a fine collaboration with a high level of connoisseurship in the detailing.

The exterior materials, cut Silverdale limestone in a rock-face Connecticut granite wall, resemble Cotswold stone and Cumbrian granite, but come from local sources. They were selected for their beauty and durability

in a cold climate. The roof is Vermont slate and Ohio Berea Sandstone slabs were selected for the paved terraces, pool deck and coping both because of the warm appearance of the material and its resistance to the growth of moss.

Natural stone was used extensively throughout the interiors as well. Poiseul Jaune limestone from Burgundy was used for flooring for much of the ground floor, pavers in the wine cellar and treads of the main staircase. Nine foot wide dueling fireplaces in the dining room were commissioned and carved locally of French limestone as was the family room mantel.

Jury Comments

A playfully integrated design proving technical detail, fabrication and craftsmanship can communicate the joy of our trade. The craftsmanship is outstanding. It appears as if the architect and stone mason collaborated throughout the design and construction. The choice to balance smooth and rough textures of stone and carefully combining the stone with other materials successfully emphasizes the warmth of each material. A true success story relative to the spirit of arts and crafts.

