

New England HOME

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FOR THE NEW YEAR

Notebook

Happy New Year from the *New England Home* team. Just like you, we are ready to put 2020 behind us, and we eagerly look forward to connecting with our readers in person in 2021.

But before we look forward, let's look back at the fall awards season.

Slocum Hall Design Group received a Gold Master Design Award from *Qualified Remodeler* magazine in the Best Historic Renovation category for its work on the Charles Riley House in Newton, Massachusetts. The team brought the home back to its original Gilded Age glory while accommodating modern family living.

The Builders and Remodelers Association of Greater Boston (BRAGB) hosted its **PRISM Awards** virtually and with much aplomb. Guests attended an exciting digital party where they could join conversations by “table-hopping” between groups. After mixing and mingling with fellow industry professionals, attendees navigated their way to a virtual auditorium for the awards presentation. Some of the gold winners included **LDa Architecture & Interiors**, **Polhemus Savery DaSilva Architects Builders**, **Longfellow Design Build**, **FBN Construction**, **Cape Associates**, **Kevin Cradock Builders**, **Dab's Interiors**, **Herrick & White**, and **Adams + Beasley Associates**. For a list of winners visit prism-awards.com.

YMCA Cape Cod honored Mark and Carla Hutker with its 2020 Champion of Treasure Award. (Mark is partner and founder of **Hutker Architects**.) The award recognizes the duo's generosity and ability to secure charitable donations in support of the organization.

Who else is lending a hand on

Cape Cod? **The Valle Group's** Christian Valle, who led the installation of a sunshade at the Morse Pond School as part of the Falmouth Outdoor Learning Project, comes to mind. The project creates safe outdoor classroom spaces to help reduce the transmission of COVID-19.

How does Elizabeth Benedict respond to a pandemic? By expanding her business, of course. Benedict's shop and design atelier, Elizabeth Home, grew its footprint with **Petal & Press**. The new Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts, shop offers fresh florals, coffee, pastries, gifts, and decor items.

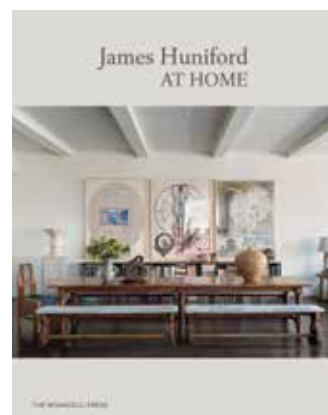
COVE by **Knickerbocker Group** has expanded to Portland, Maine. The first studio, located in Boothbay, opened in 2019. At both locations, you can shop an extensive selection of designer fabrics, furniture, and accessories while working with a design professional. There's also **COVE Home**, a collection of four predesigned, eco-friendly home styles. Designed by the Knickerbocker Group's architects and interior designers, the homes are built on location by the firm's construction arm.

And one final note on awards season. Though we could not gather in 2020 for the **New England Design Hall of Fame**, we will celebrate with gusto when the gala returns in November 2021. Nominations are already open. We are also accepting nominations for the **2021 5 Under 40 Awards**. Please visit nehomemag.com for all of the details on both honors.

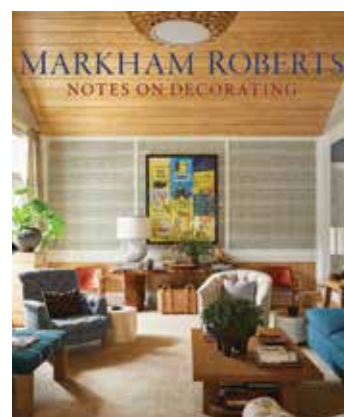
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REQUIRED READING

What better time to snuggle up with a good book? Here are two of the hottest new design tomes, both of which feature beautiful New England homes.



In the introduction to **James Huniford: At Home** (The Monacelli Press, \$50, November 2020), Pilar Viladas shares how Huniford “creates rooms that are elegant, comfortable reflections of their owners' personalities and lifestyles, in a way that is both empathetic and intuitive.” From sleek city apartments to a rustic island retreat, the many featured homes all demonstrate Huniford's expert design approach.



Markham Roberts debut book, *Decorating the Way I See It*, focused on design basics. In his latest, **Markham Roberts: Notes on Decorating** (Vendome Press, \$70, September 2020), he digs deeper into the nuances of elevated design. Roberts mixes a sense of place, layers of colors and textures, and a dash of the unexpected in each home. Photography by Nelson Hancock brings Markham's work to life on the page.