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SUBURBIA TRANSFORMED

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If you've never had a chance to visit the James Rose Center in Ridgewood, NJ, I highly recommend it now. Located less than a half hour from the George Washington Bridge I had the occasion to visit this site where the winners of the 'Built Residential Landscapes' competition were recently presented. The Rose Center sponsored this event to support its current exhibit entitled, 'Suburbia Transformed, One Garden at a Time: Exploring the Aesthetics of Landscape Experience in the Age of Sustainability' which is on display until September 3, 2010, Tuesday through Sunday, 10 am - 4 pm. A catalogue is available that accompanies the exhibit.

Headed by the Director of the Center, Dean Cardasis, FASLA, the objective of the competition was to assemble contemporary projects that explore green technologies within the context of small residential sites. How are emerging sustainable strategies being used to create landscape experiences that are beautiful, inspiring, and, perhaps, profound? The collection of responses on display here are examples that of the work that will transform the suburban residential prototype.

Sponsored by the James Rose Center and co-sponsored by ASLANJ, Garden Design Magazine and Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey, this exhibit and the Center are well worth a visit!

The winners of the competition are which are on exhibition at the Center are:

- Dirtworks PC, A Subdivision in the Sand, Amagansett NY



An outdoor dining room is surrounded by cedar, pine, bayberry and beach grass. Dirtworks, PC



- Dane Spenser, Mid-Century Revival, Sarasota, FL.
- Joseph S.R. Volpe Associates, The Carriage House Garden, Amherst, MA.
- Michael Van Valkenburgh Associates, Water Treatment Facility as Neighborhood Asset, New Haven, CT.
- Billie Cohen Ltd, Latitude: 41 24 39 Longitude: 73 30 32, Newtown, CT.
- Keith LeBlanc Landscape Architecture, Pamet Valley, Truro, MA.
- Dinorah Matias/Todd Haiman, Schain Residence, Brooklyn, NY.
- Haughland Shades of Green Landscape Architecture, Modern Revival, Sausalito, CA.



Permeable paving recharges the ground water and complements the lines of the architecture. Haughland shades of Green

- Matthew Cunningham Landscape Design, Front Ridge Residence, Penebscot, ME