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Mid-Century Modern
Robert M. Gurney, FAIA

Merit Award

Although the Corvasce/Goldstein residence in Washington, D.C., was designed by local architect Clothiel Woodard Smith, the 1950s house has much in common with adjacent houses designed by famed modernist Walter Gropius. Architect Robert Gurney was charged with a comprehensive renovation that would both expand the space and enhance its relationship to the site and surrounding neighborhood. To do this, Gurney replaced a low sloping ceiling in the living room with a high ceiling and glass walls, which open onto a new large deck and bluestone terrace. In the front, a new glass volume highlights the formerly hidden entryway and makes a much stronger visual statement. Jurors complimented the design for capturing the spirit of the original house. "It's true to the period in its own way," they said. "It's just reinterpreted."

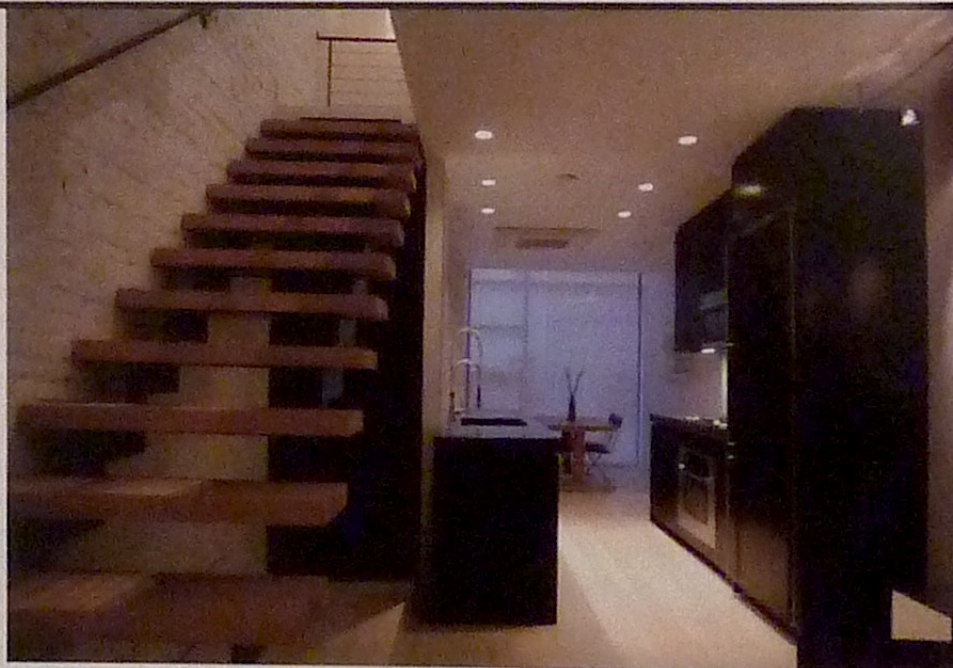
Owner: Antoinette Corvasce & Steve Goldstein
Contractor: Prill Construction
Interior Designer: Thérèse Baron Gurney

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Kool'Haus Studio

Merit Award

At less than 12 feet wide, the two-story rowhouse at 978 Florida Avenue, N.W., in Washington, D.C., was hardly expansive. The challenge for Kool'Haus Studio was to liberate the space and add a third story without compromising the scale and historic context of the urban streetscape. To resolve this, the architects set back the addition so that the original cornice remains continuous with adjacent houses, while opening up the rear façade with a 30-foot glass wall. Resplendent in natural light, the house now offers a dramatic view of the Washington Monument from both the master bedroom and a new rooftop deck. Inside, the open floor plan and neutral color scheme provide a sense of spaciousness in an otherwise dense part of town. "There's a really nice hand at work in what they've left in place and what they've added – the variation in texture, the floor, and the materials," said the jury.

Nick Baker III, Assoc. AIA



Owners: Nick and Aleka Baker
Contractor: CCI Home Improvement
Interior Designer: Aleka Kim Baker
Project Consultants: Suleman Umar, Mario Pareja