

2015 CHAPTER AWARDS PROGRAM

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Honor Award of Excellence

Award Category: *Built Design*

Mirbeau Inn & Spa
Skaneateles, New York



Project Description

The purpose of this project was to incorporate the village atmosphere of Skaneateles with unique accommodations that are inspired by an old world French wine country theme. Situated on 12 acres within the storybook Village of Skaneateles along the shores of a picturesque Skaneateles Lake, Mirbeau Inn & Spa combines the amenities of a country inn, a world-class spa, and nationally acclaimed fine dining. The chateau-like inn and its surrounding freestanding cottages, spa building and gardens call to mind that old-world blend of elegance. The accommodations are strategically placed within the gardens and ponds. Year round color, texture and character of flowering plants relate to Impressionist art influences. The pond plays such an important role in the vision of this retreat that the landscape architect and architect focused on making it a centerpiece. The accommodations were placed tight to the koi-pond where water often abuts the foundations of each structure. As a result, the pond and gardens can be experienced from every building and serve as a setting for every activity taking place on the property. There are scenic opportunities throughout for weddings and events as well as the restaurant which brings patrons into the landscape for dining and entertainment. Corporate team-building events, yoga and other outdoor activities use the water and gardens as backdrop to enhance these experiences.

