

HARB AWARD

In recognition of its contribution in support of the New Hope Borough historic districts, New Hope's Historical & Architectural Review Board has recognized George E. Michael & Co., Inc. The townhome renovation/restoration at 40 West Mechanic Street is awarded "Best Residential Adaptive Re-Use" for 2009. The property is part of the Canal Street community of twenty townhouses, located on the Delaware Canal and Aquetong Creek. The remainder of the project is new construction which is architecturally designed to look as though it has been part of the eclectic borough for as long as the award winning unit. 40 West Mechanic Street dates to circa 1850, originally the stone home of a "workman of modest means". The rehabbed structure is located on its original footprint, however the field stone walls were in poor condition and required stucco resurfacing. The majority of the house was a six over six window facade, with a cedar roof. George E. Michael & Co., worked closely with New Hope's HARB to maintain the historic appeal of the building while adapting it to reuse as a modern residence. The company was permitted to raise the structure's roof in order to increase ceiling height and add a third floor, as well as an addition to the rear. Existing windows were replaced with true divided light wood replicas, and a new cedar shake shingle roof was installed. Construction of the home's interior is proceeding with an eye toward original period finishes, as the property has been sold to an individual who also owns two historic residences in Hopewell, NJ. 40 West Mechanic Street can be viewed on line at www.canalstreetnewhope.com