

**January 1, 2009**  
**EASTERN SHORE FIRM WINS DESIGN AWARD**

Chestertown design firm South Fork Studio Landscape Architecture, Inc. has been given the Merit Award for outstanding professional achievement by the Maryland and Potomac Chapters of the American Society of Landscape Architects.

Principal and founder D. Miles Barnard was given the award at the Chapters' annual awards banquet in Baltimore on December 9<sup>th</sup>. South Fork Studio received the award for their design of The Water Street Residence in Chestertown. The project was one of only two residential projects to win awards, and was the only project on the Eastern Shore to be honored. Additionally, South Fork Studio was the only design firm on the Eastern Shore to be recognized by the state chapter.



Principal Miles Barnard receives his award on December 9<sup>th</sup>.

The entire property was redesigned, starting with a new off-street parking space along Water Street, and extending to a new pool house at the rear. The garden includes a carefully detailed brick wall, separating the project from the neighboring 1740's Hynson-Ringold House, and an elegant wooden garden gate. Once inside the gate a lush palette of native plantings surround a new swimming pool, hot tub, and a custom made pouring copper bowl water feature which provides the soothing sound of falling water.

"The project is a result of many people doing their jobs very well, and a client who trusted our vision for what the garden could become. Great projects don't happen without great clients. We are honored to be recognized by our peers and especially excited to have won this award for a project in our hometown of Chestertown", says Barnard of the project.

Barnard founded South Fork Studio in 2003 after working for 6 years for a design firm in Annapolis. The firm seeks out projects in Kent County, Talbot County, Annapolis and Delaware aimed at incorporating the principles of sustainability, ecological restoration, and the use of native plant material.

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