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harles Hilton Architects is no stranger to awards and the firm is adding a few more to its collection. Hilton and his team swept the competition at this year's Home Building Industry (HOBI) Awards. Three of Hilton's impeccable projects nabbed ten separate HOBI awards. which are bestowed for excellence in home design. A favorite project was Hilton's new slate-and-stucco Colonial guesthouse-the same stunner that landed a finalist spot at last year's A-List Awards. The project won Best Out of State Custom Home, Best Outdoor Living Environment. and Best Outdoor Feature. The evening's biggest hit was a residence in Greenwich, crafted to look like an old French manor barn. The masterpiece snagged a grand total of seven awards, including Best Custom Home 6,000-7,000 Square Feet, and the Custom Home of the Year and Project of the Year grand prizes. 170 Mason Street, Greenwich, 203-489-3800. hiltonarchitects.com -NT

Calling all green thumbs! It's time for The Antique & Artisan Center's Garden Show. From April second to April sixth the center and its parking lot will be transformed into a gardening oasis. "There will be over 100 horticultural dealers between inside and out coming with live plant materials," says Managing Director Mari Ann Maher. Also, check out unique garden furniture, vibrant outdoor fabrics, and statement pieces like terracotta architectural elements. Christophe's Crepes serves up treats on the weekend. Weds-Sun. 10:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Thurs. open until 7 p.m., The Antique & Artisan Center, 69 Jefferson Street, Stamford, 203-327-6022, stamfordantiques.com -NT

