

Port City architect wins award

Kersting wins Matsumoto Prize for 'On Water' house

For the second year in a row, Wilmington architect Michael Ross Kersting has come in first in the "People's Choice" category of the George Matsumoto Prize for Modernist Architecture.

"On Water," the Doug Lebda guest house in Wilmington, was the favorite in on-line voting for the prize, sponsored by North Carolina Modernist Houses, a Raleigh-based nonprofit.

The house was designed by Kersting with Toby R. Keeton of Michael Ross Kersting Architecture of Wilmington. Mark Batson of Tongue and Groove Custom Builder of Wilmington built the structure, and Rudy Dombroski was structural engineer.

Kersting also designed "Dragonfly Villa," the John Wilson house at Landfall, which was first-place winner in the 2013 Matsumoto "People's Choice" prize.



'On Water,' the Doug Lebda guest house in Wilmington designed by architect Michael Ross Kersting, won the 'People's Choice' category of the George Matsumoto Prize for Modernist Architecture. Photo courtesy of North Carolina Modernist Houses

The award was named for a longtime faculty member at North Carolina State University's School of Design. The 2014 George Matsumoto Prize winners were an-

nounced July 17 at the Contemporary Art Museum in Raleigh.

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