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Three Kudos for an Eight-sided House

Renovation architect **JOSEPH PELL LOMBARDI** has received a bouquet of awards: a 1990 Preservation Award from the Metropolitan Chapter of the Victorian Society in America, a New York State Preservation League Award and a Certificate of Honor from the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Lombardi, 51, is being recognized for restoring

the only domed octagonal home in the world — the Armour-Stiner House in Irvington (Westchester). (See *Hudson Valley* April 1989.) The structure was built in the 1860s by New York City banker/ broker Paul J. Armour and then sold in 1872 to Joseph Stiner, a prominent New York tea merchant, who added the classical Roman dome and veranda. In 1979 Lombardi purchased the house from the Endangered Properties Fund of the National Trust for \$75,000.

“My purpose for restoration was not to remove all traces of age,” Lombardi has explained, “but to hold together the fragile exotic beauty.”

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COURTESY OF JOSEPH PELL LOMBARDI