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FIVECAT STUDIO RECEIVES 2002 DESIGN AWARD FROM THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

CHAPPAQUA, NEW YORK - November 15, 2002 - The Westchester / Mid-Hudson Chapter of the American Institute of Architects (AIA) has awarded Fivecat Studio / McCarthy LePage Architects, P.C. a 2002 AIA Design Award for Interior Architecture for Serenity, a luxury salon located in Scarsdale, New York.

Principal, Annmarie McCarthy, RA, NCARB designed the 1,400 square foot facility. "We were asked to create a serene, sumptuous backdrop to the luxury personal care services provided by our client," said McCarthy. "The space is located in a typical suburban strip mall and was formerly occupied by a food market. We needed to maintain a visual connection to the street, while engendering a feeling of tranquility and peace not normally found in a busy nail salon."

Gentle curves reflected in the flooring, furniture and lighting draws the client from the front desk and communal manicure table back to the more intimate pedicure stations, private massage and waxing rooms. Two wide pillars, doubling as storage closets, screen the public spaces from the more private areas without disrupting the continuity of the design.

"This is our first design award and Serenity was one of our first completed projects as a newly established firm," said Principal, Mark R. LePage, RA, AIA. "We are very excited to have been selected to receive this honor."

Established in 1999, Fivecat Studio / McCarthy LePage Architects, P.C. provides complete architectural services for residential and commercial projects. Currently based in Chappaqua, New York, the firm will be opening a new centrally located main studio in Pleasantville, New York this coming December.

The company's website is www.fivecat.com.