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HUDSON RIVER STUDIOS SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETES ITS FIRST YEAR: The rural outpost for New York City designer celebrates the end of its first year with Holiday in Hudson Party and a prize commission.

HUDSON, NEW YORK – January 2009 – The Hudson River Studio concluded its first year with its Holiday in Hudson party, drawing clients, the media and supporters from all over the tri-state area. To reinforce their commitment to the region, the party was catered locally, using the freshest organic and regional foods.

2008 was an exciting year at the Hudson River Studio, which opened in October of 2007 by principals Dennis Wedlick and Alan Barlis. In October, during Artswalk, where over 200 local area artists were represented, HRS hosted an exhibition of exquisite architectural renderings by George Ellsworth Shear. For Dennis Wedlick, The Hudson River Studio has been an ambition for over 20 years. More than a satellite office for their NYC firm Wedlick and Barlis envision it as a center for regional design and development.

“Understandably, people that live in the villages of upstate New York and the surrounding countryside are more comfortable trusting their rural properties to those that have a vested interest in the preservation and conservation of the rural character. We hoped that opening a studio in the heart of the Hudson Valley would demonstrate that commitment,” says Wedlick. For their new clients, the opening of their Hudson River Studio seems to have erased any doubt that this New York City firm is rural minded, and with this rural office out-sizing their city office there can be no doubt they plan on attracting many more requests for proposals.

Since opening its studio in Hudson, Wedlick and Barlis were welcomed with 8 new commissions and opportunities that may not have been offered to Dennis Wedlick Architect, LLC in Tribeca. Those include the Marina Abramovich Institute, a new Hudson Valley art school for the preservation of performance art; American Glory Restaurant, an adaptive re-use of a turn of the century village firehouse and Union Enclave, a 300 unit “Soho-style” market-rate rental community to be built on the grounds of a former upstate steel plant. Most recently, the Hudson River Studios was selected for a “dream project,” to master plan the Sufi Order International community at historic Mount Lebanon, NY.

As a long-time student of Mount Lebanon, architecture and master planning advisor to the Shaker Museum and Library, Dennis Wedlick has been encouraged to submit a proposal to update the master plan of his home town in Kinderhook, NY, by the Mount Lebanon commission. Although he was warned that the town is not interested in a New York City based firm, Dennis is a town person, and has been for the past twenty years. His hope is that he will counter that prejudice by the deeds and the advocacy his firm displays for rural regions; which may encourage other New York City firms to do as well.

About HRS: The Studio, which occupies a two-floor historic building in downtown Hudson, has a workspace that includes a dedicated loft for exhibitions and conferences. The Studio is also the headquarters of the Hudson Valley Congress of Residential Architecture, a regional chapter of the national advocacy organization of which Wedlick is a founding member (www.corarchitecture.org). Most importantly, the Studio is a center of discussion about the development of the region. In the Hudson Valley as in other rural areas, the entire community depends on maintaining healthy natural and architectural environments, while promoting economic growth and design.

About DWA: Dennis Wedlick Architect, LLC (DWA) was founded in 1992 by Dennis Wedlick. The firm has received national recognition for creating original and affordable projects that blend traditional references with the unexpected. DWA is renowned for the highest quality of service: program development, budget and cost analysis, design and documentation, and contract administration. With a staff of over 20 architecture and interior design professionals, DWA is small enough to provide each client with personal and dedicated attention, while adeptly meeting the demands of modern construction and project management. DWA is a member of the United States Green Building Council and has LEED™ accredited professionals on staff. The firm is based in Lower Manhattan.

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