

WRHBA's 2010 Awards of Distinction KW builders honour peers

Awards recognize excellence in residential construction

The Waterloo Region Home Builders' Association (WRHBA) honoured the best in the business during its 15th Annual Awards of Distinction Gala, held last night at Bingemans Ballroom.

Approximately 75 awards were presented to representatives of virtually every sector of Waterloo Region's home building industry at the event, which was held in partnership with the Waterloo Region Record. More than 450 industry leaders, luminaries and supporters were on hand to salute this year's industry achievers, Awards of Distinction finalists and 2010 winners.

"The building industry is one of the largest driving forces in our region, and as such, it deserves recognition," said Marie Schroeder, WRHBA's Executive Officer. "WRHBA Awards of Distinction is the association's way of celebrating this dynamic sector which provides homes for thousands of residents and jobs for tens of thousands of professionals, trades and workers."

The annual competition is open to all members of Waterloo Region Home Builders' Association.

WRHBA President, Janice Kochan (Eastforest Homes Group of Companies) stated, "WRHBA members don't just build houses, they build communities and you can see from tonight's line-up of finalists and winners that they do an exceptional job!" Kochan went on to say that "WRHBA's 225 member companies are among the most creative in this region and they deserve to be recognized."

Michelle Kuipery, WRHBA's Event and Marketing Coordinator, noted that more than 120 entries were received in the 26 categories. "Each entry was an excellent example of our industry's best in a competitive field," she said.

Major sponsors of the event included the Waterloo Region Record, Kitchener Waterloo Real Estate Board and



Project of the Year (Single Detached Home): Forest Park Homes, Hilltop Estates.

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WRHBA member, Ted Shier (Kitchener Steel Service Centre) did a remarkable job as Master of Ceremonies. Guests were also treated to the comedic styling of two-time Gemini Nominee Ian Sirota, as well as the spectacular production by Keith Kissner and his team at Straight Street Event Services.

Awards of Distinction Committee Chairman Kevin Watts (Waterloo Region Record) applauded the finalists for their accomplishments.

Judges for this year's awards included

two noted architects as well as a design expert. The three drew from different backgrounds and conducted on-site judging for a number of the category entries before making their final decisions. Professionally framed photographs showed off the talents of the finalists during the reception.

And the winners are...

Project of the Year: Single Detached Home, Forest Park Homes, Hilltop Estates

Project of the Year: Multi-Unit Home, Kenmore Homes Inc., Chablis

Best Reurbanization Project: Adelaide Custom Homes, a division of Eastforest Homes Group of Companies, Anjou at Claremont

Built Green: Reid's Heritage Homes and Schlegel Urban Development Inc., Islington

Bill Gies Presidential Award: Past President (2009-2010) Brian Blackmere, Stantec Consulting Limited

25 Year Member Award: Churchill Homes Ltd.; Dryden Smith & Head Planning Consultants Ltd.; LVM-Naylor

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Builder Member of the Year: Jamie Adam, Pioneer Craftsmen Ltd.

Associate Member of the Year: Douglas Stewart, IBI Group

Lyle S. Hallman Award: Rob Gilchrist, Conestoga College

Vic Sellner Award: Coldwell Banker Peter Benninger Realty, Brokerage

Rooftopper Award: Lee Deline, Eastforest Homes Group of Companies

Most Outstanding Single Detached Design (Two storey up to 2,500 sq. ft.): Forest Park Homes, Beaujolais (B)

Most Outstanding Single Detached Design (Two storey 2,501 sq. ft to 3,500 sq. ft.): Adelaide Custom Homes, a division of Eastforest Homes Group of Companies, Brittany

Most Outstanding Multi-Unit Design: Deerfield Homes, a division of Eastforest Homes Group of Companies, Stewart

Most Outstanding Kitchen (In a home up to 2500 sq. ft.): D. Lesic Designs Ltd., DawnView

Most Outstanding Kitchen (In a home 2501 sq. ft. and over): Adelaide Custom Homes, a division of Eastforest Homes Group of Companies, Brittany

Most Outstanding Bathroom: Adelaide Custom Homes, a division of Eastforest Homes Group of Companies, Brittany

Most Outstanding Renovation or Conversion Under \$100,000: Slotegraaf Construction Inc., Wade Residence

Most Outstanding Home Renovation or Conversion over \$100,000: Schnarr Craftsmen Inc., Avondale

Best New Homes Sales Office: Eastforest Homes Group of Companies, Design Studio

Best Interior Decorating Model Home/Suite: Eastforest Homes Ltd., Tamarak II

Best Colour Ad: Mountainview Homes Ltd., Baden Country Estates

Best Corporate Logo: Slotegraaf Construction Inc.

Best Corporate Brochure: Mountainview Homes Ltd.

Best Web Site: GasCov Ltd., www.gascov.com



Above: Most Outstanding Kitchen (In a home up to 2500 sq. ft.): D. Lesic Designs Ltd., DawnView.

Bottom, left: Reid's Heritage Homes and Schlegel Urban Development Inc., of Islington earned the Built Green Award.

Bottom, right: Most Outstanding Bathroom: Adelaide Custom Homes, a division of Eastforest Homes Group of Companies, Brittany.

Best E-Marketing Campaign: Branthaven Homes & Losani Homes, Doon Creek

Best Advertising Campaign: Branthaven Homes & Losani Homes, Doon Creek

Best Project Signage: Mountainview Homes Ltd., Baden Country Estates

Best Project Logo: Branthaven Homes & Losani Homes, Doon Creek

Best Project Sales Brochure: Branthaven Homes & Losani Homes, Doon Creek

Most Outstanding Supplier: Prime Metal Service Centre, Rogers Cable Communications Inc., Strik, Baldinelli & Associates Ltd.

Most Outstanding Sub Trade: Riverside Door & Trim Inc.

