

WRHBA's 2009 Awards of Distinction KW builders honour peers

More than 80 industry leaders awarded at annual gala

The Waterloo Region Home Builders' Association (WRHBA) honoured the best in the business during its 14th Annual Awards of Distinction Gala, held Friday at Bingemans Ballroom.

More than 80 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 430 industry leaders, luminaries and supporters were on hand to salute this year's industry achievers, Awards of Distinction finalists and 2009 winners.

Said WRHBA President Brian Blackmere (Stantec Consulting), "WRHBA's 240 members don't just build houses, they build communities and you can see from tonight's line-up of entries, finalists and winners that they do an exceptional job!"

"This event exists to recognize the highest levels of accomplishments in the home-building industry, from construction and design to renovations, advertising, presentation centres and more," he added.

In addition, the event provides a showcase for associate members to illustrate their work.

"WRHBA's member companies are among the most creative in this region and they deserve to be recognized," enthused Marie Schroeder, WRHBA's Executive Officer.

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

"Topping at 130, the number of entries submitted in the 28 categories were all of exemplary standard" noted Michelle Kuipery, WRHBA's Event and Marketing Coordinator. "The finalists in each category are fine examples of our industry's best so to actually win is a clear indication of one's standing within a strong and highly competitive field."

Kuipery went on to say that "our

members have much to be proud of but it wouldn't be possible without the generous support of our sponsors."

Major sponsors included Waterloo Region Record, Clifton Kok LLP, RBC – Royal Bank and the Kitchener Waterloo Real Estate Board.

WRHBA member Ted Shier (Kitchener Steel Service Centre) was Master of Ceremonies for the evening, doing yet again a remarkable job. In addition to professionally framed photographs showing off the talents of the finalists during the reception, guests were treated to an unforgettable show produced by Heather Melrose and her team at Straight Street Event Services.

Kevin Watts, Awards of Distinction Committee Chairman, (Waterloo Region Record) said "All finalists are to be applauded for their accomplishments and the range of winners congratulated on their successes."

"This evening provided an excellent opportunity for builder's, renovators and all members to come together and celebrate their achievements from the past year"

Judges for this year's awards included two noted architects from the University of Waterloo's School of Architecture as well as an area expert in design. The three drew from different backgrounds and conducted on-site judging for a number of the category entries before making their final decisions.

The awards were limited to residential housing projects.

Project of the Year (Single Detached Home): Milla Homes, Cardinal Crescent

Project of the Year (Multi-Unit Home): Esquire Homes, Intowns

Best Reurbanization Project: Milla Homes, Cardinal Crescent

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Project of the Year – Single Detached Milla Homes

Built Green: Eastforest Homes Ltd., The Discovery Home

Bill Gies Presidential Award (Past President 2008-2009): Eric Kraushaar, Churchill Homes Limited

50-Year Member Awards: Arriscraft International Inc.; Dufferin Concrete; Patene Building Supplies Ltd.; Paton Bros. Ltd.; Union Gas

Builder Member of the Year
Freure Homes Ltd.

Associate Member of the Year
Kevin Watts, Waterloo Region Record

Lyle S. Hallman Award
Jennifer Passy, Cook Homes

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Project of the Year Multi Unit – Esquire Homes, The Intowns.

Rooftopper Award

Mark Van Dongen, Milla Homes

Most Outstanding Single Detached Design (One storey 1901 sq. ft. to 3500 sq. ft.)
Adelaide Custom Homes, Anjou

Most Outstanding Single Detached Design (Two storey up to 2500 sq. ft.)
Sun Point Homes Limited, Peregrin II

Most Outstanding Single Detached Design (Two storey 2501 sq. ft to 3500 sq. ft.)
Milla Homes, CardinalWood

Most Outstanding Multi-Unit Design (Town Homes/Freehold condos)
Esquire Homes, Fusion

Most Outstanding Kitchen (In a home up to 2500 sq. ft.)
Slotegraaf Construction, Greenwood/McMurry Kitchen

Most Outstanding Kitchen (In a home 2501 sq. ft. and over)
Janzen Homes, Keep

Most Outstanding Bathroom (In a home up to 2500 sq. ft.)

Reid's Heritage Homes & RBJ Schlegel Holdings Inc, Laurentian

Most Outstanding Bathroom (In a home 2501 sq. ft. and over)
Milla Homes, CardinalWood

Most Outstanding Renovation or conversion Under \$100,000
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Most Outstanding Home Renovation or Conversion over \$100,000
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Most Outstanding Kitchen (in a home 2501 sq.ft and over): Janzen Homes. Below, Eastforest Homes' Built Green award winner, the Discovery Home.

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Best Corporate Logo

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