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Home Builders and Remodelers Association of Northern Vermont Announces 2012 Better Homes Award Winners

Thursday, November, 8 / Williston, VT – The Home Builders and Remodelers Association of Northern Vermont (HBRANV) hosted its 35th Annual Better Homes Award banquet on Tuesday, October 23, at the Sheraton Hotel and Conference Center in Burlington.

Over 250 people attended this event that has become known as the “Academy Awards” of the Vermont home building industry. This annual award ceremony showcased premier residential and commercial construction projects in Addison, Chittenden, Franklin, Lamoille and Washington Counties, and handed out three individual achievement awards to members.

“Our members build and remodel some of the highest quality, most innovative and environmentally friendly homes in Vermont, and we’re thrilled that we’re able to recognize and show Vermonters this level of craftsmanship,” said Josie Palmer Leavitt, Executive Officer of the HBRANV.

Each year individuals are also recognized for their dedication and commitment to the Association and industry. This year awards were presented to the following:

- T. Wayne Condor Builder of the Year – Neal Speer of Neal Speer Construction
- Remodeler of the Year – Cliff Deetjen of Peregrine Design/Build
- Associate of the Year – John Olson of Beacon Wealth Management

“This year’s recipients exemplify the true nature of our members: honorable, hard-working, giving, and highly respected amongst their peers. It’s an honor to recognize Neal, Cliff, and John for their leadership and commitment to the housing industry, the Association, and most importantly the Vermont community,” said Ms. Leavitt.

The Association also gave out its annual scholarship, designed to help the next generation pay for their college education. This year the Association awarded \$1,300.00 to Whitney Gervais.



Judging for the awards was conducted anonymously and by an independent panel of residential construction industry experts from the Rutland based Home Builders and Remodelers Association of Southern Vermont.

The judges reviewed 58 entries, in 21 award categories, and rated each project on the following criteria:

- Craftsmanship and building design;
- Innovate use of materials, products or construction practices;
- Efficient utilization of space;
- Compatibility with existing environment;
- Site design & landscape;
- Energy savings design & materials; and
- One other category specific criteria.

The list of all award winners follows:

Builder of the Year Award: **Neal Speer, Neal Speer Construction, Swanton**

Remodeler of the Year: **Cliff Deetjen, Peregrine Design/Build, South Burlington**

Associate of the Year: **John Olson, Beacon Wealth Management**

Best Landscaping: **Landshapes Landscape Design, Richmond**

Commercial – New or Renovated: **Groleau Construction, Barre**

Condominium: **Snyder Homes, Shelburne**

Residential Renovation under \$250,000: **Resourceful Renovator, Jericho**

Residential Renovation between \$251,000 and \$400,000: **Hayward Design Build, Colchester**

Residential Renovation over \$401,000: **Peregrine Design/Build, South Burlington**

Single Family Home Under 2,000 Square Feet: **Cedar Ledge Builders, South Hero**

Single Family Home between 2,001 and 3,000 Square Feet – **Leach Construction of Vermont, Jericho**



Single Family Home Over 3,000 Square Feet and Cost under \$500,000-
Hayward Design Build, Colchester

Luxury Home Cost between \$500,000 and \$1 million: **Vorse Construction & Design, Colchester**

Luxury Home Cost over \$1 million: **Hubbard Construction, Williston**

Best New Kitchen: **Hubbard Construction, Williston**

Best Renovated Kitchen: **Kitchens & Interiors International, Shelburne**

Best New Bathroom: **Sheppard Custom Homes**

Best Renovated Bathroom: **Peregrine Design/Build, South Burlington**

Best Lighting: **Acoustic Interiors, Essex Jct.**

Best Feature: **Cedar Ledge Builders, South Hero**

Best Design Feature: **Cedar Ledge Builders, South Hero**

Best Builder Website: **Peregrine Design/Build**

Environmental Excellence Award: **Perkins Smith Design Build, Shelburne**

Energy Efficiency Award: **Leach Construction of Vermont**

The HBRANV is a trade association with more than 400 members, who build, remodel homes, or supply products and services to the housing industry. For more information visit their website at www.vtbuilders.com.

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