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2008 BIA Parade of Homes Awards Announced

Columbus – Ohio – The 2008 BIA Parade of Homes Awards, recognizing the best in central Ohio’s building industry, were announced at the gala Preview Party Friday, June 8, at the Village at Hannah Farms in Gahanna.

Gold, Silver and Bronze awards were presented in 15 categories to builders and their teams of interior designers and landscape architects. “This year we saw some terrific innovative features which are reflected in the judges’ choices,” said BIA Executive Director Jim Hilz. “These include a tiered backyard with different outdoor living “zones” and an owner’s suite that featured an entertainment/sitting area and private balcony.”

The following awards were presented at the Preview Party on Friday, June 13:

LANDSCAPING FOR FRONT ENTRY GARDEN

BRONZE – EASTSIDE NURSERY FOR MANOR HOMES

SILVER – YARD SOLUTIONS FOR OS.HOMES

GOLD – WILSON LANDSCAPE ASSOCIATES FOR TUCKERMAN HOME GROUP

LANDSCAPING FOR BACK YARD GARDEN

BRONZE – LANDMARK GARDENS FOR M/I HOMES

SILVER – WILSON LANDSCAPE ASSOCIATES FOR TUCKERMAN HOME GROUP

GOLD – ALBYN’S LANDSCAPE AND NURSERY FOR KEY HOMES

LANDSCAPING HONORABLE MENTION(S) OF A SPECIAL FEATURE

O.S. HOMES - FOR THE RAIN GARDEN

KEY HOMES – THE CURVED DECK AND SUNKEN PATIO

TUCKERMAN HOME GROUP – THE BACKYARD WATER FEATURE

INTERIOR DESIGN (DÉCOR)

BRONZE – INSTYLE INTERIORS FOR MANOR HOMES

SILVER – CINCINNATI INTERIOR DESIGNS FOR M/I HOMES

GOLD – FRONTROOM FURNISHINGS AND NICK INGLES, ALTERIOR DESIGNS FOR THE TUCKERMAN HOME GROUP

PLAN DESIGN (WHICH CONSIDERS THE EASE OF FLOW, SPACE RELATIONSHIPS, ACCESSIBILITY, AND OVERALL LAYOUT)

BRONZE – MANOR HOMES

SILVER – TUCKERMAN HOME GROUP

GOLD – FISCHER HOMES

ENTRY IMPRESSION

BRONZE – O.S. HOMES

SILVER – FISCHER HOMES

GOLD – MANOR HOMES

FORMAL ENTERTAINMENT AREA (THIS CAN INCLUDE THE DINING ROOM, PARLOR, AND / OR MUSIC ROOM)

BRONZE – FISCHER HOMES

SILVER – M/I HOMES

GOLD – MANOR HOMES

LIBRARY/STUDY (WHICH COULD ALSO BE THE DEN, OFFICE, AND/OR CLUB ROOM)

BRONZE – M/I HOMES

SILVER – MANOR HOMES

GOLD – FISCHER HOMES

GREAT ROOM / FAMILY ROOM (WHICH WOULD BE THE PRIMARY LIVING ROOM)

BRONZE – KEY HOMES

SILVER – MANOR HOMES

GOLD – FISCHER HOMES

CASUAL LIVING AREA (THIS COULD INCLUDE THE MEDIA ROOM, BAR, GAME ROOM, EXERCISE ROOM, AND/OR SPA ROOM)

BRONZE – TUCKERMAN HOME GROUP

SILVER – MANOR HOMES

GOLD – M/I HOMES

KITCHEN (THIS MAY INCLUDE THE HEARTH ROOM, GATHERING ROOM AND BREAKFAST NOOK)

BRONZE – TRINITY HOMES

SILVER – MANOR HOMES

GOLD – FISCHER HOMES

OWNER'S SUITE (WHICH INCLUDES THE MASTER BATH, SITTING AREA AND CLOSET)

BRONZE – KEY HOMES

SILVER – FISCHER HOMES

GOLD – M/I HOMES

EXTERIOR ARCHITECTURE

BRONZE – FISCHER HOMES

SILVER – M/I HOMES

GOLD – MANOR HOMES

OUTDOOR LIVING AREA

BRONZE – TUCKERMAN HOME GROUP

SILVER – M/I HOMES

GOLD – MANOR HOMES

MERIT AWARD FOR A SPECIAL FEATURE

BRONZE – MANOR HOMES FOR THE MASTER BATH SHOWER SPA

SILVER – TRINITY HOMES FOR THE HEARTH/KITCHEN LIVING AREA

GOLD – M/I HOMES FOR THE UNIQUE OWNER'S SUITE

The builder judges are building industry association leaders and are owners of their own home building companies, they included:

Bo Knez – Knez Construction (Cleveland)

Steve Swinehart, WL Holder Construction (Canton)

The interior design judges, all members and leaders in the American Society of Interior Designers (ASID):

Robin Schmidt, ASID, Robin Schmidt Design

Terri Slee, ASID, Terri Slee Interiors

Pam Yost, ASID (Allied Member), Grand Design Group

The landscaping judges are graduate landscape architects and all members of the Columbus Chapter of American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA):

Jim Dziatkowicz, EMHT

Jeannie Martin, City of Dublin
Jim Hiss, Edge Group

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The 2008 BIA Parade of Homes is sponsored by AEP Ohio, Teeters Windows and Remodeling, KEMBA Financial Credit Union, Subaru and Time Warner Cable and runs June 14 – 29. Hours are Monday- Saturday: Noon until 9 p.m.; Sunday: Noon until 6 p.m. Ticket Prices: \$10 at the door; \$6 for groups of 15 or more. Directions: The Parade of Homes is located in Gahanna at the Village at Hannah Farms near the corner of Clark State Road and Reynoldsburg-New Albany Road. www.biaparade.com.