

Tallahassee Builders Association's 3rd Annual Remodeler's Showcase Awards

The Remodelers Council of the Tallahassee Builders Association (TBA) was founded 16 years ago by a small group of remodeling contractors and has grown to be the largest focus group in TBA. The council is comprised of over 40 contractor, sub-contractor, and associate members who meet each month to discuss current industry issues and to share information and ideas. This is an inspired group whose mission is to provide the best possible product in conjunction with ethical and professional business practices, while raising the standards of local remodeling. Three years ago, this innovative group developed their own recognition platform, the Remodelers Showcase Awards.

Each year, members of the Remodelers Council are invited to submit select projects to be judged in the Remodelers Showcase Awards. The entries, containing photography, plans, and text describing each project, are sent to qualified judges throughout the state. All members of TBA are then invited to attend the Remodelers Showcase Awards Ceremony where the Remodelers display their projects and receive awards based on the judging results.

This year's showcase was the 3rd annual, and was the largest yet with entries in 9 categories. One of the founding members of the Remodelers Council, Kip Carpenter, brought the idea for the showcase to TBA after being inspired by an article he read. Carpenter used the Florida Home Builders Association's AURORA Awards, which recognize building and design excellence in 12 Southeastern states, as a basis for the program. Although it took some time to get the showcase up and running, the first one was held in 2005 and has grown each year. Carpenter has championed the efforts to keep the awards going ever since, and only has the best expectations for the future. "I think 20 years from now the number of Remodelers will be larger than the number of new home builders, and there will be entries in 50 categories by then," Carpenter said.

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2007 Remodelers Showcase Award Winners



...the Gold Awards for **Kitchen Greater than \$75,000** and **Detached Structures, Pool/Guest House, Carriage House Greater than \$75,000** to Kip Carpenter of A Carpenter's Construction Company, Inc.



... the Silver Awards for **Kitchen Greater than \$75,000** and **Outdoor Spaces, Decks, Porches Under \$35,000** to Hugh Waller of H.E. Waller Construction, Inc.



...the Gold Award for **Kitchen \$35,000-\$75,000** to Gary White of Dream Homes of Tallahassee, Inc.



...the Gold Award for **Kitchen Under \$35,000** to Linda Zussy of Zussy



...the Gold Award for **Creative Repair \$35,000-\$75,000** to Ed Dion of Dion Builders



...the Gold Awards for **Room Addition \$100,000-\$150,000, Historic Restoration Greater than \$75,000 and Outdoor Spaces, Decks, Porches Under \$35,000** to Brad Will (accepting the awards for his brother, Brian Will) of New South Homes, Inc.



...the Silver Award for **Room Addition \$100,000-\$150,000** to Larry Strickland of Capital City Builders



...the Gold Award for **Home Rehabilitation Greater than \$160,000** to John Parker of Myddelton Parker Builders



(L to R) Larry Strickland, Ed Dion, Lara Kuleshova

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Display Boards exhibiting each project that were presented at the awards ceremony. Kip Carpenter shown here looking them over



Gloria and Larry Strickland



Jerry McFarland, Chairman of the Remodelers Council, presented the awards



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John Parker, Jake Myddelton, Terry Ward