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Florida's BEST

BEST of Show 2006

**Hollub Construction
Group**



Make No Mistake... the Best of the BEST Only Gets Better

What separates the BEST from the rest when it comes to recognizing excellence and innovation in the building industry? The answer can be found in the hard work, time and effort builders and other professionals put into gathering materials for their entries for Florida's BEST Awards.

For more than 22 years, this prestigious competition has honored individuals and companies in the building industry. This year was no exception as the annual Florida's BEST Awards dinner & banquet attracted nearly 700 people to the Westin Diplomat Resort & Spa this past April.

The evening extravaganza was packed with entertainment as attendees were treated to a full tango demonstration where couples whisked each other across the dance floor. There also was an exciting silent auction which included everything from jewelry and sports memorabilia to a burgundy ML350 Mercedes. Whether they were mingling by the memorabilia or testing their tango skills, make no mistake the guests were there to applaud the many accomplishments within Florida's building industry.

"It's exciting to see so many people gather to celebrate the homes we



Custom Single-Family Homes, Hollub Construction Group, Inc.

work so hard to build," said Lani Kahn Drody, BASF president. "Many people are involved in the process of building and selling a home and they take their jobs seriously. This night honors them for their contributions."

Every year, competitors from all over Florida submit hundreds of entries. Platinum, Gold and Silver awards were presented in more than two dozen categories. Judges for the event are industry professionals from

outside of Florida. They arrive in January to evaluate hundreds of entries either from photographs or actual on-site tours.

Suspense mounts during the evening in anticipation of the 2006 "Overall BEST of Show" award presentation. This year's winner, Hollub Construction Group, captured the top award for its private residence located in Pompano. The property featured Mediterranean-style, curvilinear architecture and a tropical lounge backyard that swept the hearts of the judges.



Marvin Hollub, Harry Hollub, Helene Hollub and Robert Tenen surrounded by just a few of BEST awards won by Hollub Construction Group over the years. The company has entered the competition faithfully since the annual awards began more than 20 years ago.



BEST of Show finalists: Bella Mare, WCI Communities



BEST of Show finalists: Las Olas Riverhouse, Sieger Suarez Architectural Partnership



BEST of Show finalists: Olympia, Minto Communities

Hollub Construction Group’s winning residence pushed the creative envelope with a total of 2,400 square feet of marble-paved patios, an expansive, marbled cultured kitchen as well as a home theater room, complete with full surround-sound and popcorn machine.

The judges’ decision for the "BEST of Show" award was a difficult one. Finalists included Minto Communities for "Overall Planned Community" with Olympia, their Mediterranean-style community in Lake Worth. The Sieger Suarez Architectural Partnership’s Las Olas Riverhouse created staggering visual impact with their glass tower condominium and spiral pool and was selected "High Rise Product for Sale" in the Overall Community Division. “Builder’s Overall Product” was given to the members of Bella Mare WCI Communities, for their stunning architectural expertise. Interiors by Steven G. walked away with "High Rise Product for Sale in Interior Design" by renovating a 1970’s penthouse to include an antique Chinese bar, and staircase leading to a rooftop atrium and garden.

Quantum Homes captured nearly 20 different awards for their architectural expertise including Platinum Awards in architecture, bathroom and kitchen interior design categories. In addition, Southern Homes was also a big winner, walking away with Platinum Awards in

home theater design, landscape architecture as well as billboard advertisement categories.

"Florida’s BEST continues to promote the excellence that can be found within Florida’s building landscape," said Lani Kahn Drody. "And these awards are extremely important especially to home buyers who are making decisions about their housing options."

Florida’s BEST proved to be a huge success thanks in large part to BASF’s Capstone Sponsors: The Sherwin-Williams Company, Regions Bank and FHBI Insurance and a host of event sponsors including The Miami Herald/El Nuevo Herald, United Homes International, Everglades Lumber, Adonel Concrete, Matrix 2, The Arnold Group, GE Appliances, Countrywide Home Loans and Chivas Regal 12. And special thanks to WFOR/CBS4’s Robb Hanrahan who again was on hand to serve as emcee of the event. ■