

Gold Nugget Awards Announces 2007 Top Awards

The Gold Nugget Awards celebrated Grand and Merit Award winners last night in San Francisco, at a gala attended by more than 800 real estate industry professionals. Celebrating its 44th year, the Gold Nugget Awards is the premier event of PCBC, the annual trade show and conference of the Western building industry.

The Gold Nugget Awards honors design and planning excellence from 14 Western states and all international countries, and its 2007 winners again flag emerging trends in such development areas as: green and sustainable design, mixed use, seniors and affordable housing, specialty designs, site and land planning and a broad range of custom, detached and attached new home designs.

To review the complete list of award winners, judges comments on each Grand Award winner and additional background on the Gold Nugget Awards, see www.goldnuggetawards.com. For more on winning projects in your readership area, judges' interviews and quality photos, please email Rebecca@openlinepr.com or call 805-963-0123.

The Gold Nugget Awards judges selected the 2007 honorees in a three-day evaluation of 577 entries. Grand Award projects were from: Arizona, California, Colorado, Nevada, Utah and Washington in the U.S., and from China and Japan. These honors were chosen from a pool of Merit Award winners that also included projects from Hawaii, Texas, Australia, British Columbia/Canada and Puerto Rico. The judges selected one project for the Judges' Special Award of Excellence and the Home of the Year designation; these discretionary awards are outside regular categories. Building Industry Community Spirit Awards were bestowed on four projects created on a basis of at least 50% pro bono materials and services.

The 2007 Gold Nugget Awards judging panel included eight industry professionals representing a range of design, planning and development disciplines. Judges were: Eric Brown, principal with Artisan Homes of Phoenix; John Coons, principal with Sasaki Associates of San Francisco; Gordon Craig, president of homebuilding for Classic Pacific Homes of Costa Mesa, California; Mark Janda, vice president of development for The Irvine Company; Mark Scheurer, principal with Scheurer Architects of Newport Beach, California; Deanna Sihon, principal/director of research and consulting with New Home Trends of Mill Creek, California; Jenny Sullivan, senior editor with BUILDER magazine of Washington, D.C.; and Peter Templeton, principal with Templeton Planning of Newport Beach, California.

PCBC sponsors the Gold Nugget Awards, the oldest and largest program of its kind in the United States. BUILDER magazine, the official publication of the National Association of Home Builders, is the principal Media co-sponsor. Circulating to more than 200,000 industry professionals, BUILDER covers the nation's building and development news, and will feature selected Gold Nugget winners in an upcoming issue. Regarded as the Academy Awards of the building industry, the ceremonies have been produced since 1977 by Peter Mayer Productions. For more information, contact Gold Nugget Awards/Peter Mayer Productions at 800-658-2751.