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The 2011 GALA Awards

An annual competition recognizes the best in home design and community planning in Maryland, DC and Virginia

Throughout the summer of 2011, a panel of 67 judges comprised of experienced building industry professionals visited new homes and communities in the Mid-Atlantic region that had been nominated for the annual Great American Living (GALA) Awards. Sponsored by the Maryland-National Capital Building Industry Association (MNCBIA), the Northern Virginia Building Industry Association (NVBIA) and the Washington Metropolitan Sales & Marketing Council (WMSMC), the GALA Awards—formerly Monument Awards—honor excellence in new home architecture, interior design, sales and marketing in our region.

“The GALA program is the most prestigious residential design, sales and marketing competition in the metropolitan Washington market,” says Jane Lyons, a principal of Lyons & Sucher Advertising and longtime member of GALA’s planning committee. “A number of industry professionals, from builders to architects, have judged these awards for more than 50 years. To win a GALA is considered the ‘Best of the Best.’”

This year’s festivities were held at the Sheraton Premiere in Tysons Corner, Virginia, on October 27. Entries filled 90 categories; those pertaining to architecture and design included single- and multi-family homes; town homes and condominiums; custom home and remodeling projects; and land and site planning.



The Grand Award, Award of Merit, for Home of the Year, Detached, went to builder OPaL, LLC (builder), GPS Designs (architect) and PFour (marketing) for Clara Barton (top), while Community of the Year, Winner, went to the team behind Chancellor’s Row (above): EYA (builder) and Lessard Design (architect).

With approximately 150 award winners in total, the coverage on the following pages is limited to those in the architecture and design categories (see the full, alphabetical list of winners in these categories on page 172); pictured are Grand Award winners, which include the categories of Home and Community of the Year. The



The Home of the Year, Detached, Winner, went to Courtland Homes (builder), Dreamhouse Studios (interior design) and Smith & Associates (real estate) for Wedderburn Estates (top). The Home of the Year, Attached, Winner, went to Miller and Smith (builder) and Creaser O’Brien Architects for the Indigo model at Brambleton (above). An Award of Merit for Community of the Year went to The JBG companies (builder) for the as yet unfinished North Bethesda Market (rendering on left).

three Grand Award-winning companies receiving the award for Winner included Courtland Homes, Dreamhouse Studios and Smith Associates, which together won in the category of Home of the Year, Detached, for a home in Wedderburn Estates. This is a new community about two miles from the busy Vienna/Tysons Corner, Virginia, area that features 23 semi-custom houses, many of which back onto the Washington and Old Dominion hiking and biking trail. Like the winning model, the homes all come in a range of traditional brick-

The Winners

The following companies were winners in one or more of the 2012 GALA Awards' design and architecture categories:

Architecture Collaborative
 Augustine Homes
 Banks Development Company
 BeaconCrest Homes
 BOWA
 The Building Group
 Carlyn and Company
 The Christopher Companies
 Clark Builders Group
 Courtland Homes
 Creaser O'Brien Architects
 Dreamhouse Studios
 D.R. Horton
 Encore Development
 Evergreen Homes
 EYA
 GPS Designs
 Greenworks
 GTM Architects
 Gruver Cooley Corporation
 James McDonald Associate Architects
 The JBG Companies
 Joy Custom Build
 KTCY Group
 Lessard Design
 Miller and Smith
 OPaL, LLC
 Peabody Architects
 Pinnacle Design & Consulting
 Renaissance Conservatories
 Residential Design Group
 Schwartz Enterprises
 Sekas Homes
 Smith & Associates
 Soave Real Estate
 Southern Management Corporation
 Steuart-Kret Homes
 Thomas French Architect, PC
 Torti Gallas & Partners
 Trammell Crow Residential
 W.C. Ralston Architects
 The Wormald Companies



Community of the Year's Award of Merit went to Soave Real Estate (builder) for Brambleton Town Center (top). The Award of Merit for Home of the Year, Attached, went to Miller and Smith (builder) and Lessard Design (architect) for Pierrepont at Brownstones of Brambleton.

and-fieldstone façades that ensure a distinctive look for each house. Home of the Year, Attached, went to Miller and Smith and Creaser O'Brien Architects for the Indigo model at Brambleton, part of the Grand Vista Collection of townhomes in Loudoun County, Virginia. The Indigo model is built in the Prairie style, with three bedrooms and modern accents; like its counterparts in the community, the home features a wall of windows and 2,900 square feet of space. The winner of Community of the Year was Chancellor's Row, a set of four-level town homes in the Northeast Washington, DC, neighborhood of Brookland near Catholic University. Sustainable, row-house-inspired home designs include exposed brick walls and brick stoops with wrought iron rails; rooftop terraces and professional landscaping are part of the package. Peter Gulick, president and CEO of Gulick Group, Inc., received a Lifetime Achievement Award. ❖



LUXURY HOMES



Each year, the Great American Living Awards celebrate superior home design and community planning in the Mid-Atlantic region. And each year, this popular, prestigious contest welcomes more than 100 entries, ranging from sprawling single-family dwellings and high-end townhomes to planned urban centers, golfing enclaves and lakeside communities. In this issue, we cover GALA's 2011 design and architecture awards, with special attention to the Grand Award winners, such as the Wedderburn Estates home (above) that won the Detached Home of the Year award. We also showcase a notable listing in McLean (left) along with industry tips, real estate news, model homes and more.