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From the desk of Peter J. Fusaro

It's HOBI AWARDS SILVER ANNIVERSARY!

The HOBI Awards celebrates a major milestone this year – 25 years!



A big thank you to Joanne Carroll for producing and hosting this amazing event since its inception in 1993, and to her daughter, Kerry Carroll Schroeder, for assisting her.

Thank you to HBRA Director of Administration & Events, Joanne Hoerrner, who for the last eleven years has managed HOBI sponsorships; produced the program book; and shown grace and skill in seating 700 - 800 attendees at the HOBI Awards Dinner.

The HOBI Awards has grown to be the biggest, most successful builder awards program in the country, and the term HOBI (Home Building Industry), is recognized as a badge of building excellence by housing industry professionals, homeowners and media throughout Connecticut.

Builders, remodelers and suppliers proudly show off their prestigious HOBI Awards on company websites and in social media, and homeowners and realtors request copies of the certificates to help sell their homes.

“We won ‘Community of the Year’ in 1996, and it brought prestige and credibility to our young company and to our first community, Cornerstone at Farmington.”

– Chris Nelson, Landworks Development/
Nelson Construction

“The Custom Home of the Year award is an honor. To be in the room with so much talent and passion is humbling.

– Chris Pagliaro., PBS Architects/
Ryan Fletcher, Fletcher Development

Connecticut developer, Greg Ugalde TO BE Sworn in as 2019 NAHB Chairman

This year's International Builders Show on February 19-21 in Las Vegas, will be incredibly special for Connecticut, as our own Greg Ugalde, T&M Building Company, will be sworn in as Chairman of the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB). In his prestigious new role as leader of the country's home building industry, Greg will be bringing our issues to his meetings with President Trump, Congress, cabinet members and regulatory officials, and giving Connecticut and every HBRAC member direct influence in Washington.

Let's all turn out in record number at IBS to support Greg, as he is sworn in as NAHB Chairman. Please plan to come to Greg's celebration party on Thursday February 21, 2019 at the Hard Rock Café starting at 8:30 PM! RSVP to 860 563-4212 or sheila@hbracentral.com.

I hope you will be among the approximately 60,000 attendees from across the globe who will attend IBS and KBIS February 19-21 to see the latest in home products and services; and to learn what's new and exciting from housing and marketing experts, who will conduct hundreds of seminars over the three day show.

In October, the 2018 Connecticut State Building Code took effect, which means permits issued after October 1, 2018 will have to comply with the new code. To learn more about the effect of the new code changes, check with your local HBRA to see when training will be available. Information is also available on NAHB Advocacy app under “codes and standards”.

Many thanks to our Executive Committee, Board of Directors, Committee chairs and staff, as our team worked through an updated Strategic Plan, Committees & Councils, budgets, bylaws and Bill Ethier's retirement transition.

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HOBİ Winning Builders Show Us What's Hot in Luxury Housing

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3. Spectacular kitchens

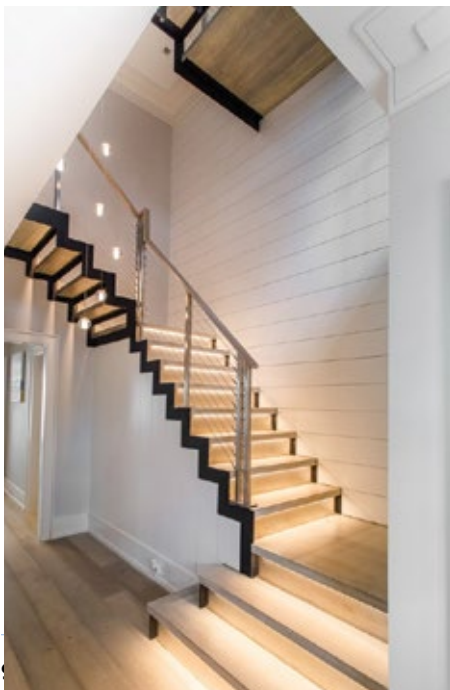
Regardless of whether a luxury buyer cooks, a spacious kitchen with the highest quality finishes and state-of-the-art commercial-grade appliances is a must! The kitchen is the crown jewel of the home, and in the luxury sphere, it must stand out!

This HOBİ winner by SBP Homes does just that! A dramatic 11 ft. high ceiling is accentuated with full height cabinetry with clear glass fronts framed in stainless steel. A massive island with 2" thick low maintenance white milk glass top over cerused oak cabinets is equipped with stainless steel toe kick and recycling center. The kitchen is equipped with a Sub Zero refrigerator freezer, wine column, beverage drawers and appliance garage, along with a 60" Wolf range topped by a show stopper range hood - three Faber stainless steel cylinders that ventilate while creating a spectacular focal point.



4. Uniquely special

Today's high-end buyers want a home filled with custom finishes and features that reflect their personality and taste, like this stunning open tread staircase in Redwood Construction's Best New Old Custom Home that turns function into art!



Whether it's custom-designed furniture or items incorporated into a home's design, affluent homeowners don't want what everyone else has — so look for hand-crafted and specialty-sourced pieces,

like this floating wine closet in Fletcher Development's Best Custom Home 4000-5000 SF.

Luxury homeowners want their home to tell a story when guests walk through it.

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