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## GOLD-WINNING PROJECTS SHOWCASED AT 2023 CARE AWARDS

VICTORIA – The Victoria Residential Builders Association announced the Gold winners at the 2023 Construction Achievements and Renovations of Excellence (CARE) Awards of Vancouver Island held Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup> at the Fairmont Empress Hotel.

Fifty-one awards were presented at the 32<sup>nd</sup> annual event attended by 280 builders, designers, trades and suppliers - Canada's leaders in west coast, home design and construction.

“Congratulations to the winners and finalists for again showing leadership in housing,” says Ellie Sercombe, Chair of the 2023 CARE Awards. “These projects demonstrate the gold standard for design, sustainability, and professionalism. A special thank-you to Astrid Chang, Destinations Greater Victoria for making the CARE Awards a wonderful evening.”

*Project of the Year – Single Family* went to GT Mann Contracting and Spaciz Design Company for Water's Edge. *Project of the Year – Multi-Family* was awarded to Abstract Developments for Bellewood Park. The popular *People's Choice Award* was won by Terry Johal Developments and KB Design for Legato.

The *Lifetime Achievement Award* was presented to Wilf Gorter, Gorter Construction for his leadership in the industry and community. Two companies received the *Building Better Futures Community Award* – Aryze Developments for developing much-needed missing-middle housing for young families and Denford Construction Management for their creative retirement communities serving a growing seniors population.

*Excellence in Creating Housing Affordability* was won by Chard Development for their innovative partnership with BC Housing creating more affordability in two multi-family projects – Haven and Vivid at the Yates. The *Heritage Award* for preserving architecture was presented to Goodison Construction and Jenny Martin Design for Laurel Park.

*Green Builder of the Year* promoting sustainable residential construction practices was won by Verity Construction. The *Bill Wansbrough Memorial Award* was presented to FortisBC for their partnership with the CRD creating RNG from waste/biogas at the Hartland Landfill addressing both climate change and housing affordability.

“The CARE Awards highlight Canada's finest West Coast homes, the skilled people behind them, and their contributions to the industry and our community,” says Casey Edge, Executive Director of the Victoria Residential Builders Association.

Photos of the winners and finalists will be posted at [careawards.ca](http://careawards.ca) and a full-colour magazine distributed in the Times Colonist on Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup>. VRBA appreciates the support and generosity of the 2023 CARE Awards sponsors:

**Gold:** BC Housing; BCCA Employee Benefit Trust; Built Green Canada; FortisBC; Hourigan's Flooring; McLaren Properties Ltd; Slegg Building Materials; Travelers Insurance Company of Canada; Victoria Real Estate Board

**Silver:** Coast Capital Savings; Trail Appliances

**Bronze:** Mike Geric Construction

**Media:** CFX/CTV; Times Colonist

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### **2023 CARE Awards Gold Winners**

#### **Best Entry Level Market Home**

GableCraft R.B. Homes - Westwick

#### **Best Single Family Detached Spec Home under \$900,000**

Khataw Development - Shirley

#### **Best Single Family Detached Spec Home \$900,000 - \$1,000,000**

Everise Developments – Provence

#### **Best Single Family Detached Custom Home under \$1,000,000**

White Wolf Homes – Merlin

#### **Best Single Family Detached Home \$1,000,000 - \$1,250,000**

Fayze Contracting - Beach House

#### **Best Single Family Detached Home \$1,250,000 - \$1,500,000**

Patriot Homes and Adapt Design - Chapel

#### **Best Single Family Detached Home \$1,500,000 - \$2,000,000**

Terry Johal Developments and KB Design – Legato

#### **Best Single Family Detached Home over \$2,000,000**

GT Mann Contracting and Spaciz Design Company - Water's Edge

#### **Best New Subdivision (small)**

White Wolf Homes - Bayview

#### **Best New Subdivision (large)**

GableCraft R.B. Homes - Phase 4B

#### **Best New Multi-Family / Townhouse Project**

Abstract Developments - Bellewood Park

#### **Best Outdoor Space under \$500,000**

Terry Johal Developments – Oasis

#### **Best Outdoor Space over \$500,000**

Villamar Construction - Nordic Chic

**Best New Home Design under 4,000 sq. ft.**

Frontera Homes - Grotto House

**Best New Home Design over 4,000 sq. ft.**

GT Mann Contracting and Spaciz Design Company - Water's Edge

**Best Home Design – Concept**

Step One Design - Aloft

Step One Design - Windward (tie)

**Best Innovative Feature**

Frontera Homes - Grotto House

**Best Residential Renovation or Restoration under \$750,000**

Frontera Homes - Grotto House

**Best Residential Renovation or Restoration over \$750,000**

Goodison Construction and Jenny Martin Design - Laurel Park

**Best Traditional Kitchen under \$100,000**

Bowcey Construction - Cathedral

**Best Traditional Kitchen \$100,000 - \$150,000**

Fayze Contracting - Beach House

**Best Traditional Kitchen over \$150,000**

Jenny Martin Design, Coast Prestige Homes and Thomas Philips Woodworking - Gracie Oaks

**Best Contemporary Kitchen under \$100,000**

Unity Developments and McGeachy Design Studio - Parkside

**Best Contemporary Kitchen \$100,000 - \$150,000**

Bowcey Construction - Willows

**Best Contemporary Kitchen over \$150,000**

GT Mann Contracting, Spaciz Design Company and Thomas Philips Woodworking - Water's Edge

**Best Bathroom**

Christopher Developments and Zebra Interiors - Coalescent

**Best Primary Suite under \$150,000**

Bowcey Construction - Willows

**Best Primary Suite over \$150,000**

GT Mann Contracting, Spaciz Design Company and Thomas Philips Woodworking - Water's Edge

**Best Interior - Homes under \$1,000,000**

Frontera Homes - Grotto House

**Best Interior - Homes \$1,000,000 - \$2,000,000**

Villamar Construction and Step One Design - Nordic Chic

**Best Interior - Homes over \$2,000,000**

Jenny Martin Design and Coast Prestige Homes - Gracie Oaks

**Best Custom Millwork under \$150,000**

Unity Developments and McGeachy Design Studio - Parkside

**Best Custom Millwork over \$150,000**

GT Mann Contracting, Spaciz Design Company and Thomas Philips Woodworking - Water's Edge

**Best Commercial Project**

Città Group - Heritage Style

**Best Interior – Commercial**

Villamar Construction - Modern Dental Oasis

**Best Condominium Project or Mixed-Use Development**

Abstract Developments - Bellewood Park

**Best Customer Service**

Verity Construction

**Best Sales Centre or Show Home/Suite**

GableCraft R.B. Homes - GableCraft Home Store

**Best Website**

White Wolf Homes - White Wolf Homes

**Best Overall Marketing Campaign**

Chard Development - Haven

**Award for Environmental Achievement**

Rannala Freeborn Construction - Hemp House

**Green Builder of the Year**

Verity Construction

**Award for Excellence in Housing Affordability**

Chard Development

**Herman Rebneris Student Carpentry Award**

Thea Campden, William Shaw, and Levi White (3 winners)

**Best Heritage Award**

Goodison Construction and Jenny Martin Design – Laurel Park

**Bill Wansbrough Memorial Award**

FortisBC

**Building Better Futures Community Award**

Aryze Developments

Denford Construction Management

**People's Choice Award**

Terry Johal Developments and KB Design - Legato

**Lifetime Achievement Award**

Wilf Gorter - Gorter Construction

**Project of the Year - Multi-Family**

Abstract Developments - Bellewood Park

**Project of the Year - Single Family**

GT Mann Contracting and Spaciz Design Company - Water's Edge