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2025 CARE AWARDS SHOWCASE GOLD-WINNING PROJECTS

VICTORIA – The Victoria Residential Builders Association announced the Gold winners at the 2025 Construction Achievements and Renovations of Excellence (CARE) Awards of Vancouver Island held Friday, October 3rd at the Fairmont Empress Hotel.

Fifty-eight awards were presented at the 34th 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 setting the gold standard for new homes and renovations,” says Russ Barry, Chair of the 2025 CARE Awards. “A special thank-you to MC Astrid Chang, Destination Greater Victoria for always making the CARE Awards an entertaining evening.”

Project of the Year went to M. Knight Construction for Westerly. The *People’s Choice Award* was won by Terry Johal Developments and Hoyt Design Co. for Shelter Cove.

The *Lifetime Achievement Award* was presented to Jenny Martin, Jenny Martin Design for an outstanding career in interior design and other industry accomplishments. The *Gordon English Housing Leadership Award* was won by Mike Dalton, Città Group for achievements in home building and giving back to the community.

Green Builder of the Year – Large Volume promoting sustainable residential construction went to Pacific Viking Group Properties. *Green Builder of the Year – Small Volume* was awarded to Falcon Heights Contracting. *Best Heritage Project* for architectural preservation was presented to James’ Joinery. The *Award for Innovation and Sustainability* went to GT Mann Contracting. The Award for Hartland Renewable Energy and Efficiency was won by True Home Construction.

The *Building Better Futures Community Award* was awarded to the Professional Home Builders Institute for industry education. The Independent Businesses and Contractors Association was presented with the *Award for Construction Industry Advocacy* for leading economic research on housing. The *Bill Wansbrough Memorial Award* went to Ben Mycroft, Path Developments and Adam Cooper, Abstract Developments for their important work showing how Development Cost Charges add to rising housing costs.

Young people launching their industry careers were each presented with \$500 including Nya Elliott, Pacific Design Academy for the Student Design Award, as well as outstanding construction apprentices Beatrice McDonald, Citta Group; Mitchell Dixon, Falcon Heights Contracting and Ben MacDonald, Villamar.

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

The Gold winners will be displayed in a full-colour magazine distributed by the Times Colonist on Saturday, November 8th. The winners and finalists will be available online shortly at careawards.ca.

In addition to celebrating the CARE Awards, the VRBA advocates for professionalism, education, consumer protection and housing affordability. Incorporated as a non-profit in 1940, VRBA is comprised of 180 builders, renovators, designers, trades and suppliers.

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2025 CARE Awards Winners

Best New Single Family Detached Spec Home under \$1,000,000
Khataw Development - Echo Ridge

Best Single Family Detached Custom Home under \$1,000,000
Rayn Properties and Royalty Projects - Aeris

Best Single Family Detached Home \$1,000,000 - \$1,500,000
Upward Elements Contracting and Thomas Philips Woodworking - Casa Wren

Best Single Family Detached Home \$1,500,000 - \$2,000,000
Rayn Properties and Java Designs - Forest Haven

Best Single Family Detached Home \$2,000,000 - \$5,000,000
Designated Developments, Spaciz Design Company and KB Design - Iron & Ember

Best Single Family Detached Home over \$5,000,000
M. Knight Construction - Westerly

Best Multi-Family / Townhouse Project
Abstract Developments - Greyson Townhomes

Best New Garden Suite / Accessory Building
M. Knight Construction - Westerly

Best Outdoor Space under \$500,000
Java Designs and Rayn Properties - Forest Haven

Best Outdoor Space over \$500,000
M. Knight Construction - Westerly

Best New Home Design under \$1,000,000
Little Crow Projects and Spaciz Design Company - Crow's Landing

Best New Home Design \$1,000,000 - \$2,000,000

Upward Elements Contracting and Thomas Philips Woodworking - Casa Wren

Best New Home Design over \$2,000,000

M. Knight Construction - Westerly

Best Innovative Feature under \$100,000

Java Designs and Rayn Properties - Forest Haven

Best Innovative Feature over \$100,000

M. Knight Construction - Westerly

Best Renovation under \$500,000

Rayn Properties - Nova

Best Renovation \$500,000 - \$1,000,000

Fayze Contracting and Spaciz Design Company - Shadow Ridge

Best Renovation over \$1,000,000

White Wolf Homes - The Parkwood Estate

Best Traditional Kitchen under \$100,000

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Best Traditional Kitchen over \$100,000

Terry Johal Developments and South Shore Cabinetry - Shelter Cove

Best Contemporary Kitchen under \$75,000

Little Crow Projects and Spaciz Design Company - Crow's Landing

Philco Construction - Coastal Revival (tie)

Best Contemporary Kitchen \$75,000 - \$100,000

Fayze Contracting and Spaciz Design Company - Valley View

Best Contemporary Kitchen \$100,000 - \$200,000

Falcon Heights Contracting - The Perch

Best Contemporary Kitchen over \$200,000

M. Knight Construction - Westerly

Best Bathroom under \$50,000

Gary Sandhu Developments - Noir Black

Best Bathroom over \$50,000

Fayze Contracting and Spaciz Design Company - Shadow Ridge

Best Primary Suite under \$100,000

Upward Elements Contracting and Thomas Philips Woodworking - Casa Wren

Best Primary Suite \$100,000 - \$300,000

Jenny Martin Design, Seba Construction and Thomas Philips Woodworking - Keystone

Best Primary Suite over \$300,000
M. Knight Construction - Westerly

Best Interior - Homes under \$1,000,000
Villamar and Zebra Design Group - Haven

Best Interior - Homes \$1,000,000 - \$2,000,000
Jenny Martin Design, Seba Construction and Thomas Philips Woodworking - Keystone

Best Interior - Homes \$2,000,000 - \$3,000,000
Spaciz Design Company and Designated Developments - Iron & Ember

Best Interior - Homes over \$3,000,000
M. Knight Construction - Westerly

Best Custom Millwork under \$100,000
Fayze Contracting and Spaciz Design Company - Valley View

Best Custom Millwork \$100,000 - \$300,000
Upward Elements Contracting and Thomas Philips Woodworking - Casa Wren

Best Custom Millwork over \$300,000
M. Knight Construction - Westerly

Best Commercial Space
Verity Construction - Plexxis Software Head Office

Best Condominium Project / Mixed-Use Development
Verity Construction - The Ridge at Vista Point

Best Customer Service - Builder
Verity Construction

Best Customer Service – Supplier / Trade
K2 Stone

Best Sales Centre or Show Home/Suite
K2 Stone - K2 Stone

Best Website
K2 Stone - K2 Stone

Best Overall Marketing Campaign
Abstract Developments - Greyson Townhomes

Best Heritage Project
James' Joinery - Aoieffe's Tir

Award for Environmental Achievement
Falcon Heights Contracting - The Perch
Java Designs and Rayn Properties - Forest Haven (tie)

Green Builder of the Year - Small Volume
Falcon Heights Contracting

Green Builder of the Year - Large Volume
Pacific Viking Group Properties

Award for Innovation and Sustainability
Winner: GT Mann Contracting

Award for Hartland Renewable Energy and Efficiency
Winner: True Home Construction

Best Apprentice
Winners: Mitch Dixon, Ben MacDonald and Bea McDonald

Student Design Award
Winner: Nya Elliot

Building Better Futures Community Award
Winner: Professional Home Builders Institute

Bill Wansbrough Memorial Award
Winner: Ben Mycroft, Path Developments and Adam Cooper, Abstract Developments

Award for Construction Industry Advocacy
Winner: Independent Contractors and Businesses Association

Gord English Housing Leadership Award
Winner: Mike Dalton, Città Group

People's Choice Award
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Lifetime Achievement Award
Winner: Jenny Martin, Jenny Martin Design

Project of the Year
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