



**Aurora Awards Competition Honors the Best of Design
Competition Heralds Design Trends
Awards Ceremony Recognizes the Best in the Southeast**

August 17 was the date, Gaylord Palms Resort & Conference Center was the place, as the best and the brightest gathered for to celebrate the Silver Aurora, Grand Aurora and Golden Aurora Winners for the 39th annual Aurora Awards. Grand Award Winners were announced from the circle of Silver Aurora Award honorees.

This year's competition drew nearly 400 entries in 61 Categories. Including commercial, office space, renovated projects, mixed-use, affordable, multi-family projects, site planning, single family production and custom homes.

Golden Aurora Award

Mike's Hammock

Nokomis, FL

Builder/Architect/Interiors: Josh Wynne Construction

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"The Aurora Gala was a sold out event, and showcased all Aurora winners" said Aurora Awards Chairman Patti Guthrie. "The event was definitely the place to see a spectacular overview of emerging design and planning trends in residential and commercial development."

The Aurora Awards 2018 included entries in 61 categories for attached and detached housing designs, including interior design, detailing, custom and re-use and renovation work. Also honored are diverse commercial, recreational and specialty buildings, as well as land planning achievements.

Entries were reviewed by a panel of 4 building industry leaders. Judges are selected from among the most creative and successful individuals within the homebuilding industry, and represent the many disciplines contributing to building and design, as well as geographic diversity. Judges are ineligible for entry.



This year's panel included

Judges 2018

John Koch
Product Development Manager
TriPointe Homes

Philip Eidenschink
Principal
JWS Colorado

Lissa Severe
Regional Manager
Pacific Dimensions Interiors

Helen Rettberg
Vice President
Residential Design Services

Judge Helen Rettberg, said this year's competition was exceptionally diverse coming from across the Southeast. "Creative ideas in design do not know boundaries," she said. "We found the variety and level of excellence to be particularly heartening this year."

For more information on the Aurora Awards:

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