



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

August 2 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 40th 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 54 Categories. Including commercial, office space, renovated projects, mixed-use, affordable, multi-family projects, site planning, single family production and custom homes.

Golden Aurora Award

The Barn at Walnut Hill
Rockville, Virginia, USA
Entrant: Poole & Poole Architecture
Builder: Portico Classic Homes
Interior Designer: Focus Design Interiors

Innovative Design

Lively Beach
Corpus Christi, TX
Entrant: Resilient Building System
Builder: Coastal Fortified Homes, Inc.
Developer: Mustang Island Group, LLC Architect/
Designer: Jeffrey Berkus Architects, Inc.
Interior Designer: Dana Berkus Interiors

Best 55+ Living Community – For Sale

Latitude Margaritaville
Hilton Head, South
Entrant: Minto Communities
Interior Designer: Rhett Alexander

Best 55+ Living Community - Rental

Burlington Post
St Petersburg, FL
Entrant: Forum Architecture & Interior Design, Inc.
Builder: Royal American
Developer: Green Mills Group
Interior Designer: Jewel Toned Interiors

Residential Community of the Year — Multifamily

Broadstone on Fifth
Fort Worth, TX
Entrant: Faulkner Design Group
Builder: Alliance Residential Company
Developer: Alliance Residential Company
Architect: GFF Architects
Interior Designer: Faulkner Design Group



Residential Housing Community of the Year — Masterplan

Arden

Wellington, FL, USA

Entrant: Freehold Communities

Developer: Freehold Communities

Architect: Peacock and Lewis

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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 2019 included entries in 54 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 6 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

AURORA JUDGES

Ali Wolff

Meyers LLC

Ryan Smart

Beazer Homes

Ericka Moody

TRIO

Mike Stone

Bassenian Lagoni Architects

Katja Martinez

JZMK Architects

Nick Lehnert

KTGY Architecture + Planning

Ted Mahoney

Windjammer Construction

Sara Kane

Sarasota County UF/IFAS Extension and Sustainability



Judge Ali Wolf, 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."

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