

THE BUILDERS (l to r): top row - Peter Belmonte of Belmonte Builders, Jim Amsler of BCI Construction, Matt Gabryshak of Gabryshak Construction, Chris Abele of Abele Builders; bottom row - Frank Laskey of Capital Construction, Ron Lewis of A P Homes, Bob Marini Jr. of Robert Marini Builders, Chris Zientak of Vasiliou Homes, Sam Palazzole and Dan Barber of Saratoga Builders, John Witt of Witt Construction, and Steve Reutter of Traditional Homes.



Belmonte and Witt win People's Choice Awards

Peter Belmonte and John Witt were the builders of two exceptional houses in the 2008 Showcase of Homes. Thirteen builders entered homes in the 14th annual event presented by the Saratoga Builders Association, Inc., which was held over three weekends in late September and early October. More than 4,000 visitors toured the Showcase homes. People visiting all 13 houses were eligible to vote for their favorite house. Over 1000 votes were cast. Belmonte Builders LLC won for a house under \$600,000 while Witt Construction, Inc. won in the over \$600,000 category.

The Belmonte entry, "The Huntington," presented ranch-style living space with many "green"

features in a maintenance free community in Halfmoon. The home had previously swept the professionally judged awards held at the start of the Showcase, coming in first place for a house under \$600,000 in the categories of Best Exterior Architectural Design, Best Interior Floor Plan, Best Kitchen Design along with kitchen designer Aird Dorrance, Best Master Bath, Best Interior Decorating with Plum & Crimson Fine Interior Design, Best Landscaping with Blue Spruce Nursery, and Best Workmanship. Realtors on a special bus tour also judged the houses and awarded Belmonte Builders the Realtors' Choice in that price range.

Witt Construction's house in Old

Stone Ridge in Greenfield swept the awards in the upper price range. The 6,500 square foot home with 5 bedrooms and 7 baths won Best Exterior Architectural Design, Best Interior Floor Plan, Best Kitchen Design with kitchen designer Maxwell KBC, Best Master Bath, Best Interior Decorating with Sutton's Furniture, Best Landscaping with Mandy's Spring Farm Nursery, and Best Workmanship.

Proceeds from the ticket sales will benefit Habitat for Humanity for Northern Saratoga, Warren & Washington Counties and Rebuilding Together Saratoga County. The donations were presented at the Saratoga Builders Association Annual Meeting and Holiday Party on December 9th.

The Judges' Awards for the 2008 Saratoga Showcase of Homes were announced at a reception on Friday, September 26th at The Gideon Putnam Hotel in Saratoga Springs prior to the start of the event.

The winners and runners-up are listed in the box opposite.

Below: Yvonne Lai of Trustco Bank presented the Best Kitchen award to Joel Jackoski of Maxwell KBC and John Witt.



THE JUDGES (l to r): Addi Sheedy of Addi G. Sheedy Interiors; Robert Page of Schrader and Company, Inc.; Michael Tuck of Balzer, Hodge, Tuck Architecture PLLC; Dawn Zarrillo of Custom Design Kitchens; John Muse of Muse Architect; Joyce Locks of Designing Elegance; Rich Martin of Northern Dean, Inc; Susan Backshall of Paulsen Brokerage; Todd Stewart of Stewart Construction; Geff Redick of Redbud; and Darryl Bradt of Darryl Leslie Design.





Pictured left (l to r): Kelly Daly, Denise Palumbo and Erika Gallagher of Plum & Crimson Fine Interior Design look on with their award as SBA President Matt Parenteau presents the Best Interior Decorating Award to Peter Belmonte. Below (l to r): Sam Palazzole and Dan Barber of Saratoga Builders are presented the runner-up award for Best Workmanship from Jon Halgren of Curtis Lumber; Karen Hankinson of Hankinson Homes accepts the runner-up award for Bella Home Builders for Best Workmanship from Jon Halgren; Matt Parenteau presents the runner-up TIE awards for Best Interior Decorating in the Under \$600,000 category to Shelly Walker of East Elm Interiors, Chris Zientak of Vasiliou Homes and Chris Liberty of East Elm.



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2008 Saratoga Showcase of Homes Judges' Awards

BEST EXTERIOR ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN

(sponsored by RCS Publications Ltd. and *Capital Region BUILDING*)
Under \$600,000

1st Place – Belmonte Builders, LLC
Runner Up – Camelot Associates Corp.
Over \$600,000
1st Place – Witt Construction, Inc.
Runner Up – Saratoga Builders, LLC

BEST INTERIOR FLOOR PLAN

(sponsored by Stock Building Supply)
Under \$600,000

1st Place – Belmonte Builders, LLC
Runner Up – Bella Home Builders, Inc.
Over \$600,000

(sponsored by Crawford Door & Window)
1st Place – Witt Construction, Inc.
Runner Up – Saratoga Builders, LLC

BEST KITCHEN

(sponsored by Trustco Bank)
Under \$600,000

1st Place – Belmonte Builders, LLC and Aird Dorrance
Runner Up – Bella Home Builders, Inc. with Element Home Studio
Over \$600,000
1st Place – Witt Construction, Inc. and Maxwell KBC
Runner Up – Saratoga Builders, LLC and Builder's Kitchens, Inc.

BEST MASTER BATH

(sponsored by Adirondack Trust Co)
Under \$600,000

1st Place – Belmonte Builders, LLC
Runner Up – Bella Home Builders, Inc.
Over \$600,000
1st Place – Witt Construction, Inc.
Runner Up – Saratoga Builders, LLC

BEST INTERIOR DECORATING

(sponsored by *The Gazette*)
Under \$600,000

1st Place – Belmonte Builders, LLC; and Plum & Crimson Fine Interior Design
TIE: Runner Up – Bella Home Builders, Inc. and Hankinson Homes
Runner Up – Vasiliou Homes, Inc. and East Elm Interiors
Over \$600,000
1st Place – Witt Construction, Inc. and Sutton's Furniture
Runner Up – Saratoga Builders, LLC and Wingate Ltd.

BEST LANDSCAPING

(sponsored by Wells Fargo)
Under \$600,000

1st Place – Belmonte Builders, LLC and Blue Spruce Nursery
Runner Up – Camelot Associates Corp. and Evergreen Landscaping
Over \$600,000
1st Place – Witt Construction, Inc. and Mandy's Spring Farm Nursery
Runner Up – Robert Marini Builders, Inc. and Gallivan Corporation

BEST WORKMANSHIP

(sponsored by Curtis Lumber)
Under \$600,000

1st Place – Belmonte Builders, LLC
Runner Up – Bella Home Builders, Inc.
Over \$600,000
1st Place – Witt Construction, Inc.
Runner Up – Saratoga Builders, LLC

Realtors' Choice Award

(sponsored by *Saratoga Today*)
Under \$600,000

Belmonte Builders, LLC
Over \$600,000
Saratoga Builders, LLC

Peoples' Choice Award

Under \$600,000

Belmonte Builders, LLC
Over \$600,000
Witt Construction, Inc.