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2022 HOBI Awards

PROJECT OF THE YEAR
Hobbs Inc. & Mackin Architects

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On Wednesday evening November 16th, 780 builders, remodelers, architects, interior designers, suppliers and homeowners gathered at the Aqua Turf to celebrate the 28th Annual HOB I Awards.

Some in the audience had been winning HOB I's for over 20 years. But whether it was their 1st HOB I or their 21st, everyone was proud of what they had accomplished! MC Joanne Carroll recognized the many women builders, architects, PM's, designers, realtors and suppliers who were attending.

"Your talent adds so much to this amazing industry."

Many of these women are members of that spirited, impactful organization, Professional Women in Building, which is a council of Fairfield County HBRA.

This year's trends...



"There's more glass than ever before, as well as metal roofs, pivot entry doors, wide plank white oak floors and floating white oak stairs with black iron balusters," said Carroll. "In the kitchen, 12-14 ft long waterfall islands and deep cabinet drawers were evident. The primary bedroom continues to shrink, while island walk-ins

and spa baths grow. The ratio is now 400sf BR vs. 600 SF WIC & bath. . . And finally in communities, the single family rental community has arrived in Connecticut, and is here to stay."

"There's no better event to network, have fun and make deals!"

- Bonnie Paige

"The HOB I Awards is our favorite night of the year! We wouldn't miss it!"

- Hemingway Construction

MEET OUR 2022 HOBI AWARDS JUDGES

New Construction



David Preka – owner of Advanced Group in Mystic, #239 in the Top 500 remodeling companies in the country. This year David served as a BALA Judge as well as a HOB I Judge, and he's 2023 President & Chairman of the state HBRA.

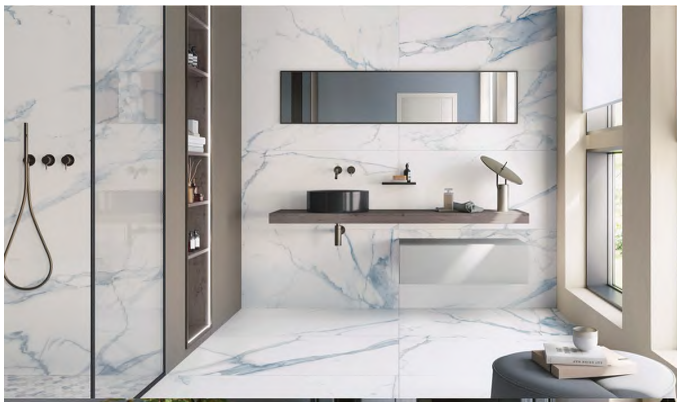


Michael Murphy –heads up Strategic Development at Murphy Brothers Contracting, Murphy Brothers won their 1st HOB I Award in 2009, and they have been a consistent winner over the last 13 years.



Paul Hertz – and his brother, John, own Hertz Construction. winner of Best Green Community 10 years ago for Noroton Green, and 5 years ago Hertz won a HOB I Award for a stunning Darien custom home.

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Remodeling



Kevin Polcer – owns Polcer Home LLC, a Fairfield based remodeling company providing a wide range of residential remodeling services. Kevin has been an active member of of Fairfield County HBRA for 4 years



Pete Fusaro – A builder of high end custom homes in Greenwich, he has been awarded a National Green Building Emerald designation. Pete is retired and enjoying his new grand-daughter and playing golf.



Frank Sanford – an owner of lumber supplier, Sanford & Hawley & past HOBI judge, Frank is retired, but continues to contribute a Lumber Update byline to each issue of Connecticut Builder.

Interior Design & Sales & Marketing



Douglas Graneto – owns a Greenwich based interior design firm. He has 25 years of experience, and a talent for marrying contemporary and antique in a single beautiful design.



Elissa Grayer – President N.Y. Metro A.S.I.D. Her Rye N.Y. based company, Elissa Grayer Interior Design, is an award-winning, full service interior design firm creating classic luxury design solutions for modern living.



Terence Beaty – Terence is a 30-year Realtor and has overseen the sales of more than 30 new home developments. Terence has been recognized as HOBI Sales Manager of the Year.



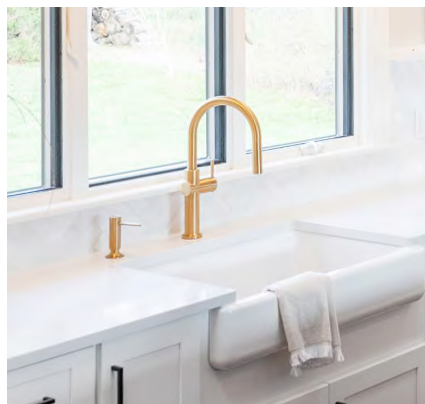
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Anthony DeRosa, DeRosa Builders



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Jonathan Gordon, Design by the Jonathans



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SPECIAL FOCUS AWARDS

OUTSTANDING ENTRY FOYER

Beth Krupa Interiors



Beth Krupa used a stunning chandelier with draped polished nickel chains, a zinc topped table and metallic leaf ceiling for this outstanding entry hall.

BEST HOME GYM



In a 3rd win, The Jonathans created this home gym with a meditation room.

BEST POWDER ROOM

Design by The Jonathans



This elegant powder room by the Jonathans features amethyst crystal and brass pulls topped with an ogee edge Quartz vanity top, an undermount multi-tone oval sink and brass genie lamp faucet with turnkey handles. Exquisite purple, white, green, and blue wallpaper is accented with an ornate gilt mirror and two golden-brass wall sconces.

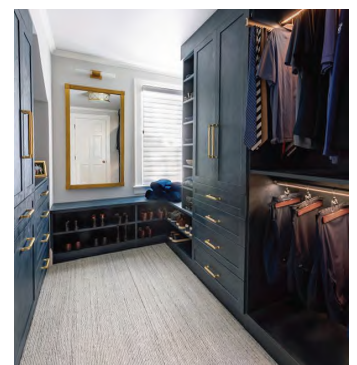
OUTSTANDING PRIMARY BATH



And for their winning modern bath, The Jonathans used Billie Ombre micro mosaic glass for shower walls with color changing LED ceiling.

BEST WALK-IN CLOSET

Closet & Storage Concepts



Karen Bradbury created his & hers walk-ins with lighted rods, and a place for everything!