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2019 CARE AWARDS

The 2019 CARE Awards Gold Winners were announced on Saturday, Sept 21 at the Fairmont Empress. Congratulations to all! The info and project photos are available at www.careawards.ca Thank you to CARE Awards Chair & VRBA President Jenny Martin, the CARE Awards committee, judges and our valued sponsors. The annual CARE Awards magazine was distributed Oct 26 in partnership with the Times Colonist. This is the ONLY publication supported by VRBA and the CARE Awards. The media release is at <https://careawards.ca/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/2019-CARE-Awards-Gold-Winners-Media-Release.pdf>

Support our sponsors supporting the CARE Awards!

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2019 CARE AWARDS OF VANCOUVER ISLAND



PRESENTED BY THE VICTORIA RESIDENTIAL BUILDERS ASSOCIATION



L to R: Ryan Hoyt Designs, Mari Kushino Design, Falcon Heights Contracting win the CARE Award for Project of the Year - Single Family for Elements.



David Dare, Road'sEnd Contracting is presented with the Lifetime Achievement Award by 2019 CARE Awards Chair/VRBA President Jenny Martin.



L to R: VRBA Past President Todd Halaburda presents the award for Project of the Year - Multi-Family to McLaren Properties for Seahaven.



L to R: Bob Anderson, FortisBC presents two awards in a tie for Best Traditional Kitchen under 200 sq ft to Lido Homes (Classic Mode) and Velocity Contracting (Farm House).



L to R: Chad Palmer, National Home Warranty/Aviva provides the award for Best Contemporary Bathroom 200 - 300 sq ft to Space Design Company and New West Development Corp for Comfort & Class.



L to R: The award for Best Outdoor Space under \$300,000 is presented by Jeremy Kimm, Coast Capital Savings to GT Mann Contracting and KD Design.



L to R: Joel Roper, Hourigan's Flooring provides the award for Best Subdivision to Citta Group for Poet's Corner Infill Project.



L to R: True Home Construction receives the award for Best Single Family Detached Spec Home 2,400 - 3,100 sq ft from Derek Lewis, Coastal Community Credit Union for Inception.



L to R: Brendan Bobby, Travelers Insurance Company of Canada presents the award for Best Contemporary Bathroom over 140 sq ft to Jason Good Custom Cabinets for Swell.



Steven Fitzpatrick, Made to Last Custom Homes receives the award for Best Website from Sandi Jo Ayers, Victoria Real Estate Board.



L to R: Terry Barton, Slegg Building Materials presents the award for Best Single Family Detached Home \$1,400,000 - \$1,800,000 to Patriot Homes for Lookout.



L to R: Shane Murray Contracting receives the People's Choice Award for Enchanting from 2019 CARE Awards Chair/VRBA President Jenny Martin.

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L to R: Peter Baillie, Times Colonist presents the award for Best New Home Design under 4,000 sq ft to Java Designs and M. Knight Construction for Coastal Hideaway.

VRBA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: WEDNESDAY NOV 13

VRBA held its annual AGM on November 13 at Gorge Vale Golf Club. The event speaker was Jim Baker, Senior Analyst, BC Building and Safety Standards on upcoming changes to the National and BC Building Codes.

The new Board is represented by:

President: Kyle Ryan, Abstract Developments Inc

Past President: Jenny Martin, Jenny Martin Design

First Vice-President: Dusty Delain, Amity Construction Inc

Second Vice-President: Norm Verbrugge, Norman Homes Inc

Treasurer: Ellie Sercombe, Limona Group

Builders Council Chair: Dusty Delain, Amity Construction Inc

Suppliers and Trades Council Chair: Derek Ballman, FloForm Countertops

Directors:

- Tony Aindow, Goodison Construction Ltd
- Derek Ballman, FloForm Countertops
- Russ Barry, Interactive Construction Inc
- Mike Dalton, Città Group
- Lisa Dunsmuir, Step One Design
- Steven Hurst, W & J Construction Ltd
- Dan Olive, SeaFirst Insurance Brokers Ltd
- Paul Smith, K2 Stone (Victoria) Inc

The following President's Awards were presented by 2018/19 President Jenny Martin:

President's Award for outstanding service – Debra Dahlgren, Manager of Admin & CARE Awards, VRBA

Jerry Hepburn Award Memorial Award for integrity & professionalism – Andrew Tidman, Tidman Group

Mike Kipot Award for contribution to the industry – Rob Barry, Island Energy

Sponsors Appreciation Award for supporting VRBA programs – Coastal Community Credit Union; Trail Appliances

Marilyn Ann Lee Award for innovation – Steven Hurst, W & J Construction Ltd.

Service Award for delivering builder education – Murray Frank, Building It Right; Darrell Ell, Island ICF; Anton Van Dyk, Centra Construction Group; Braden Batch, Canada Mortgage and Housing.

Service Award for guidance as Past President and Board member - Todd Halaburda, New West Development Corp

Incoming President Kyle Ryan presented Jenny Martin with the Executive Achievement Award for leadership.

Congrats to all!

FESTIVAL OF TREES: NOV 20 – JAN 6

The Annual Festival of Trees supporting the BC Children's Hospital Foundation is underway! Buy a house decoration with your company's name for only \$25 on our tree viewed throughout the holiday season at the Bay Centre from Nov 20 to Jan 6! Thank you for early donations from:

EnViroTec General Contracting - \$1,000
Abstract Developments - \$500
Tidman Construction - \$500
FloForm Countertops - \$500
Casey Edge, VRBA - \$300
Enerlytics Building Performance - \$300
McLaren Properties - \$250
New West Development Corp - \$200
Ingrid Jarisz, Newport Realty - \$175
Genco Construction - \$100
FortisBC - \$100
Interactive Construction - \$100
Bowcey Construction - \$100
Piluso Construction - \$100
Goodison Construction - \$100
Patriot Homes - \$100
Highline Design - \$25
Ron Egli Construction & Design - \$50

Donate today and get your name on our tree! Minimum donation \$25. Please see attached donation form.

Here is a story about a local 10 year-old from Sooke battling cancer <https://vancouverisland.ctvnews.ca/heartwarming-halloween-sooke-girl-battling-cancer-dresses-as-her-oncologist-1.4666778> **Cancer can be beaten!**



NEW MEMBERS AND APPLICANTS

Welcome to New Members:

MacMinn Contracting – Alan MacMinn

Upward Elements Contracting Inc – Alison Melis, Ryan Ward and Laurie Melis

And we have a New Membership Applicant:

Kahlon Development – Sunny Kahlon

CRYSTAL BALL HOUSING FORECAST – WED JAN 15 – LUNCH MEETING

What are the final housing start number for 2019 and what are the projections for 2020? Find out at VRBA's Crystal Ball Housing Forecast. Learn about sales, interest rates, employment, and the economy!

Wednesday, January 15, 2020

Gorge Vale Golf Club, 1005 Craigflower Rd

11:30 am – reception

11:45 noon - lunch

12:15 pm - presentations

Presentations by

- **Sandi-Jo Ayers, 2020 President-Elect, Victoria Real Estate Board**
- **Brendon Ogmundson, new Chief Economist, BC Real Estate Association**
- **And more!**

Don't miss this opportunity to plan for your business in 2020!

VRBA & VREB Members: \$50, includes lunch

Future Members: \$75

Book your tickets early- admin@vrba.ca

This presentation has been sent to Licensing and Consumer Services, BC Housing for 2 CPD credits for licensed builders.

VRBA MIX & MINGLE WITH KRIS KRINGLE – THURS DEC 5

We're breaking out the Christmas cheer & Victoria Royals tickets at our annual

VRBA Mix and Mingle with Kris Kringle
4:30 pm – 7:00 pm, VRBA Office
Thursday, Dec 5



Drop by the VRBA office, #1-3690 Carey Rd from 4:30 pm to 7 pm! Enjoy snacks, music and chat with your Board of Directors, fellow members and staff. We will have a digital log on the crackling digital fire. **No RSVP or fee required for this event.**

VRBA BUILDERS COUNCIL MEETING: WED NOVEMBER 20

On Wed Nov 20, 12 noon – 1pm, Grahame Strawson, Manager Commercial Real Estate, Coast Capital Savings will deliver a presentation on Construction Financing - what's expected by lenders, construction financing options, and establishing credit for spec homes, subdivisions and multi-family projects. Also on the agenda:

- National and BC Building Code summary including the grab bar proposal;
- New National Energy Code proposal/review scheduled for January 2020.

All are welcome and pizza and pop will be served. These Builders Council meetings have been submitted to BC Housing, Licensing and Consumer Services for 1 CPD credit each for Builder Licensing.

RSVP admin@vrba.ca

JOIN BCCA EMPLOYEE BENEFIT TRUST

Does your company need a benefits program? VRBA partners with BCCA Employee Benefit Trust, to take advantage of a great flexible package designed for the construction industry. Plans are affordable and easy to set up. Contact Laura Bonney at info@bccabenefits.ca.

THRESHOLD HOUSING SOCIETY – SHINE A LIGHT ON YOUTH: NOV 30

On November 30th, VRBA is a sponsor of the Threshold Housing Society's 3rd annual Shine a Light on Youth Homelessness Winter Carnival in Bastion Square. There will be live music, hot chocolate, Christmas themed activities, and tree lighting.



Housing for youth is a critical part of addressing homelessness in our community!

In addition to this worthy event, VRBA contributes to the BC Children's Hospital Foundation, Goldstream Chums, CFAF

Santa's Anonymous, TC Christmas Fund & Habitat for Humanity Gingerbread Christmas Showcase. Your VRBA membership helps make our community a better place!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wed, Nov 20 – Builders Council
Wed, Nov 20 – Jan 6 – Festival of Trees
Sat, Nov 30 – Threshold Housing Society – Shine a Light on Youth
Thur, Dec 5 – Mix & Mingle Christmas Reception
Wed, Dec 11 – Builders Council
Wed, Jan 15 – Crystal Ball Economic Forecast Luncheon
Wed, April 8 – General Meeting Luncheon

EDUCATION & TRAINING



Licensing & Consumer Services Branch of BC Housing approved offerings for CPD builder licensing [click here](#)

Murray Frank's Building It Right Courses www.buildingitright.com 65 CPD points available online!
Here is the upcoming course schedule including CPD at Sea; 10 Foot Wall Challenge; Windows and Details; and more!
<https://buildingitright.com/schedule.html>

VICA: Builder Education Courses from the Vancouver Island Construction Association available at the [VICA Calendar](#).

Courses include Construction Estimating; Introduction to Blueprint Reading; Project Management; Construction Industry Ethics, COR Safety Training and more! View courses at <https://www.vicabc.ca/training/find-a-course-course-calendar/>

To get the VRBA member discount contact: Contact Chenelle Falconer, Education Coordinator, Ph: 250.388.6471
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