

Local architect wins 2008 home of the year

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Local architectural firm Wayne Windham Architect, P.A., won the 2008 Home of the Year award at the annual Best in American Living Award ceremony Jan. 19 in Las Vegas. The award was given for the design of a custom-home in Palmetto Bluff.

The Bluffton firm also received an award for the best one-of-a-kind home in the 4,000-6,500 square foot category and the Best in Region award.

This year marks the 25th Anniversary of the Best in American Living Awards (BALA) — sometimes called the Oscars of residential design. Sponsored by the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) design committee and Professional Builder Magazine, the awards are presented to outstanding builders, architects, designers, developers, land planners and interior designers nationwide in 36 categories.

Wayne Windham received his architecture degree in 1977 from Clemson University, interned on Hilton Head Island with Doug Corkern and Pete McGinty, and has been designing homes on the island since 1982.

His firm has offices at Sheridan Park in Bluffton and on Johns Island.

The company specializes in custom-designed homes and renovations.

THE WINNING HOME

The owners requested a second home where the outside came in and Southern architecture blended with their minimalistic furnishings. The architect's goal was to create a crisp, clean, open-plan home flooded with light, within a development that re-



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quires the “relaxed southern vernacular” architecture for the home’s exterior.

The 4,600 square foot home is broken up into three smaller buildings — a main house, a garage with a suite above and a guest house.

The garage is connected to the main house with a covered walk while the guest cottage stands alone, nestled between large pines. The exterior colors are muted, picking up tones of nearby tree trunks.

The great room has dark stained trusses and columns, and is all glass, bringing the outside in and providing views to the golf course and private wooded courtyard. One screened porch is off the kitchen with a built-in grill for outdoor dining. The other porch is off the living room with its own oyster-shell tabby fireplace.

The design also incorporated an elevator core which will accommodate the owners’ needs in the future, if required.