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Showcase Awards Journal 2006

As Awareness Grown, So Does Pride

Showcase returns for its fourth year to show off real estate that shines in Sullivan County

By Barbara Gref

Almost 20 years ago, Diane Deutsch looked around Sullivan County and knew it had a lot more to offer than most people were willing to give credit for.

She was a realtor, fairly new to the business, and it was part of her job to show people around and talk up the good points. Privately, though, she was left to puzzle over the bad points and the grim reputation of the county – all of which just made her job and those of her colleagues more difficult.

Awareness and recognition of what was good, then, became the prime reason for the launch of the Sullivan County ARCHITECTURAL Awards in 1990.

Back then, Deutsch recalls, “the county had such a bad rap – bungalows and garbage, that sort of thing – and I knew there were a lot of good things out there. So I said ‘let’s do it’”

The Sullivan ARCHITECTURAL Awards, patterned after similar awards in Orange County, were meant to highlight the positive in the world of building, renovation, design and craftsmanship. The Sullivan County Board of Realtors sponsored them.

Those awards grew and began to achieve the overall goal, but so did the administrative and organizational work behind them. Then, for several years, no awards aimed at that sort of awareness were organized.

It was the folks at Sullivan Renaissance who urged the Board of Realtors to reinvent the ARCHITECTURAL Awards. Sullivan Showcase grew out of that urging and Sullivan Renaissance agreed to be a partner in the effort, offering both administrative help and sponsoring an award (the municipal project). *The Towne Crier* has been instrumental in producing the Showcase Journal and TypeRight of Livingston Manor has assisted since 2005 in the audio-visual production that accompanies the awards’ presentation.

The Sullivan Showcase is now in its fourth year. It focuses on façade improvements, which is what the public sees, as opposed to the interior exterior treatments that was given by the Sullivan ARCHITECTURAL Awards.

While the competition has grown over the four years, Deutsch and the Showcase committee hope to see increased competition for the 2007 Showcase and a greater level of participation from across the county.

Overall, though, Deutsch – the principal broker and OWNER of Preferred Homes and Properties – sees a big improvement in the county. It’s somewhat a result of Sullivan Renaissance and somewhat a product of growth and a new level of interest in the county.

“If you think back even 10 years ago, I think there’s a lot more pride now.”

Showcase Details

- Event: The Sullivan County Board of Realtors will present the 2006 Sullivan Showcase Awards on Thursday, Nov. 15, at the Eagles Nest in Bloomingburg
- Committee: The 2006 Showcase Committee members are: Joe Freda, Diane Deutsch, Susan Boersema, Shelly Slifstein, Liz Tucker, Van Morrow, Diane Butler and Glenn Pontier.
- Journal: The Sullivan Showcase Awards Journal is a publication of the Sullivan County Board of Realtors. It was produced by and in connection with *The Towne Crier*: Rosalie Mycka, journal designer, Liz Tucker, advertising director: Carolyn Bivens, advertising designer; Van Morrow, production coordinator.
- Applications: To enter Showcase 2007 and have a chance for your resident or commercial property to be recognized in the awards ceremony next fall, contact Ada Cole at 845-794-2735 or ada51@verizon.net

Best Small Residential Structure Renovation:

Finalist: **491 Irishtown Road, Narrowsburg**

OWNERS: Martin Higgins and Charles Wilkin
CONTRACTOR: Ryan Construction, Jim Ryan

Finalist: **29 Main Street, Mountaintale**

OWNERS: Ken and Barb Schmitt

Finalist: **10774 Route 97, Hankins**

OWNERS: Brandi Merolla and Stefan Spoerri
CONTRACTOR/BUILDERS: Brandi Merolla and Stefan Spoerri

Best Large Residential Structure Renovation:

Finalist: **10 Tempel Road, Livingston Manor**

OWNERS: Paul Hargrove and Jaime Stankevicius
ARCHITECT: Jaime Stankevicius
CONTRACTOR: Krupp Contracting, James Krupp and Jaime Stankevicius

Finalist: **Tennanah Lake 1009 County Route 93, Roscoe**

OWNERS: Leigh Gibson and Andy Strauss
ARCHITECT: Max Holden
CONTRACTOR/BUILDER: Justin McElroy, Just-in-Time Contracting

Finalist: **76 Main Street, Mountaintale**

OWNERS: Ken and Barb Schmitt

Best New Residential Construction Under 2,500 sq. ft.

Finalist: **96 Crawford Road, Barryville**

OWNER: Catskill Farms
ARCHITECT: Joseph Irace
BUILDER: Bluestone Construction

Best New Residential Construction Over 2,500 sq. ft.

Finalist: **38 Overlook Drive, Callicoon**

OWNERS: Anne and Craig Schumacher
ARCHITECT: Michael Chojnicki
CONTRACTOR: Schumacher Systems

Finalist: **516 Skipperene Road**

OWNERS: Chris and Cindy Wagner

DESIGNER/CONTRACTOR: Daken Enterprises Inc., Ryan Rutledge

Unique & Interesting

Finalist: **Merriewold Club, West Brook Road, Forestburgh**

OWNERS: Peter K. and Occu Schumann

DESIGNER/CONTRACTOR: Larry Cronk, Cronk Construction

Finalist: **Lazy Pond Bed and Breakfast (West Wing Dining Area), Liberty**

OWNER: Jeanne Tulp

CONTRACTOR/BUILDER: Bob Morgan

Best Spruce-Up

Finalist: **270 Main Street (2 Hope Street), Hurleyville**

OWNERS: David and Vivian Ginsberg

CONTRACTOR: Vivian Multari-Ginsberg

Finalist: **Winterton Day Spa, Bloomingburg**

OWNER: Provi Cameron

CONTRACTOR: Blue Dog Contracting, Brent Dewitt and Milestone
Construction, Sixto Martinez

LANDSCAPING: Freddie Miller, Sophisticated Lawn and Landscaping

Best new Multi-Residential

Finalist: **3 Timerwolf Road, Liberty**

OWNER/CONTACT: Jeremy Gorelick, President, Emanon Equities of
Sullivan County

CONTRACTOR: Emanon Equities

DEVELOPER: Liberty Bell, LLC

ARCHITECT: Hoffman-Grayson Architects

Best Commercial Renovation

Finalist: **2979 Route 209, Wurtsboro**

OWNER: Melissa Lanza

CONTRACTOR: AOK Construction, Greg Karpinski

Finalist: **5 Post Hill Road, Mountaintale**

OWNERS: Ken and Barb Schmitt

Best New Commercial

Finalist: **23 Lakewood Avenue, Monticello**

OWNER: Mario L. Martinez

ARCHITECT: Liebman Associates/Alfandre Architecture, New Paltz

CONTRACTOR: Martco Management Corporation

Finalist: **548 Broadway, Monticello**

OWNER/BUILDER: Southern Tier Title Agency, LLC

ARCHITECT: David Rosenberg

CONTRACTOR: Exterior – Woodstone Companies; Interior – Barbara Garigliano

Best Municipal or Public Building Project

Finalist: **Firehouse, Monticello**

OWNER: Monticello Fire Department

ARCHITECT: Ray VanVoorhis of Liscum McCormack VanNoorhis,
Poughkeepsie
CONTRACTOR: Fratello Construction, Guilio and John Cianci, Uniondale

Special Award

Finalist: **Bethel Woods Performing Arts Center, Hurd Road, Bethel**
OWNER: Gerry Foundation
ARCHITECT: Westlake Reed Leskosky
CONSTRUCTION: Suffolk Construction Company