

# AREA COMPETITION

Celebrates Remodeling, Custom Home Projects

Remodelers and custom home builders from across the state are seeing some of their best work get well-deserved recognition through the 2022 Alabama Remodeling Excellence Awards (AREA) competition, sponsored by the Alabama Home Builders Self Insurers Fund, Spire, and the Builders Health Trust.

Since 2008, the HBAA Remodelers have honored industry members across the state for the outstanding projects they have done in the previous eighteen months. What began as solely a remodeling awards program expanded last year to include custom home projects as well.

To qualify for entry in this year's competition, projects had to be completed in Alabama between June 30, 2020 and December 31, 2021. A panel of judges made up of builders and remodelers from around the state reviewed and scored the entries.

Over 90 projects representing seven local Home Builders Associations across Alabama were submitted for this year's competition. In addition to the Custom Home categories, there are a wide variety of remodeling categories ranging from Whole House Remodel to Bath Remodel to Outdoor Living. The top award, the coveted Best in Show, was selected from among the top winners in all categories.

This year's Best in Show award was presented to the LaPrado Custom Home project by River Brook Design & Construction, a member of the Greater Birmingham Association of Home Builders. The project was also the first-place winner in the category of Custom Home Over \$1 Million.

Photos and videos of this year's winning projects are featured on the AREA website, [www.remodelalabama.com](http://www.remodelalabama.com).

Congratulations to all of this year's AREA winners and finalists.

BEST IN SHOW WINNER



**LAPRADO CUSTOM HOME**  
RIVER BROOK DESIGN  
& CONSTRUCTION  
WINNER | CUSTOM HOME OVER \$1 MILLION

**T**his 4,200 square foot custom home was designed with a European feel to fit into its historic neighborhood, with a cedar roof, copper gutters and locally-cut natural fieldstone to add to its charm. To give the interior an open feel without being TOO open, a large entry way was created to separate the kitchen, living and dining rooms. With outdoor views a priority, the kitchen was situated in front of a bank of windows. To keep the view open, a traditional vent hood was eliminated and a Wolf vent was installed that pulls air up from the cooking surface of the LaCornue French range. Keeping outdoor entertaining in mind, a butler's pantry was created near the outdoor living space. It does

### BEST IN SHOW

The Best in Show award is the highest honor given in the AREA competition. This year's Best in Show winner was selected by our judges from among the winners in each category. We salute our 2022 Best in Show winner, Best in Show finalists, and our runners-up from this year's competition.



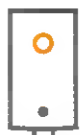
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2022 BEST IN SHOW WINNER

## ble, reliable comfort—inside and out

choose makes a big difference. When you build with natural gas, you're providing a level of comfort and reliability for your home buyers that natural gas can offer. It's what makes a house a home and what adds comforts of indoor living to the great outdoors.

as stoves provide consistent temperature and cost less to operate, even when the power is out.



### Water heaters

Natural gas water heaters heat water twice as fast, providing more hot water, faster—even when the power is out.



### Furnaces

Natural gas furnaces keep homes cozy no matter how cold it is outside and can last twice as long as an electric heat pump.

### Outdoor living

patios and outdoor lighting powered by natural gas create a year-round oasis with no preparing and no waiting.



### Outdoor lighting

When the sun goes down, natural gas outdoor lights offer dependable security and safety, work when the power is out and don't attract bugs.



### Whole house generators

Natural gas generators provide Alabama homeowners with continuous comfort, safety and peace of mind through all types of severe weather and power outages.

## ng value makes a house a home

works behind the scenes to keep homes cozy, water warm and food gently cooked—but there's more to this energy that brings value to your home for years to come.



households that use natural gas for heating, cooking and hot water save nearly \$900 every year over homes using electricity for the same activities.\*



### Reliable

Thanks to its efficient, underground delivery system, natural gas remains one of the safest, most reliable forms of energy for homes and businesses—even during the most severe weather.



### Clean

Natural gas is an incredibly efficient energy choice. 91% of natural gas from the original source makes it directly to your home. In comparison, by the time electricity is generated and transported to you, only 36% of the original energy makes it to your home.\*



# 022 ALABAMA'S REMODELING EXCELLENCE AWARD WINNERS



## SHOW

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*Birmingham Association of Home Builders*

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how winning project.)

## HOUSE REMODEL UNDER \$250,000

Precision Homecrafters (Hawksbury Lane),  
*Birmingham Association of Home Builders*

IP: River Brook Design & Construction (South Forrest),  
*Birmingham Association of Home Builders*

JP: Ray Kennamer Construction, Inc. (Manor on  
g), *Marshall County Home Builders Association*

## HOUSE REMODEL \$250,000-\$500,000

J. Manifold Construction (Waterfront Dream Home),  
*nty Home Builders Association*

IP: River Brook Design & Construction (Surrey Oaks),  
*Birmingham Association of Home Builders*

IP: Taylor Burton Company, Inc. (Great Location Whole  
renovation), *Greater Birmingham Association of Home*

## HOUSE REMODEL OVER \$500,000

R & R Construction (Shandwick Place),  
*Birmingham Association of Home Builders*

IP: j. fante studio (Hollywood Whole House),  
*Birmingham Association of Home Builders*

IP: J. Manifold Construction (Restored Southern  
*Lee County Home Builders Association*

## EN REMODEL UNDER \$75,000

recision Homecrafters (Modern Transformation),  
*Birmingham Association of Home Builders*

P: Stockton Builders (The Open Up Job),  
*County Home Builders Association*

P: TLC Design/Build, LLC (The G Kitchen),  
*nty Home Builders Association*

## KITCHEN REMODEL \$75,000-\$150,000

WINNER: j. fante studio (Hollywood Kitchen),  
*Greater Birmingham Association of Home Builders*

RUNNER-UP: Precision Homecrafters (McGee Kitchen),  
*Greater Birmingham Association of Home Builders*

RUNNER-UP: Highland Design Build (Kitchen with a View),  
*Greater Birmingham Association of Home Builders*

## KITCHEN REMODEL OVER \$150,000

WINNER: Taylor Burton Company, Inc. (Chef's Kiss),  
*Greater Birmingham Association of Home Builders*

RUNNER-UP: j. fante studio (Sunset Kitchen),  
*Greater Birmingham Association of Home Builders*

RUNNER-UP: j. fante studio (Forest Park Update),  
*Greater Birmingham Association of Home Builders*

## BATH REMODEL UNDER \$35,000

WINNER: Precision Homecrafters (Powder Bath at the Lake),  
*Greater Birmingham Association of Home Builders*

RUNNER-UP: Crosstek Construction LLC (Floating Shower  
Project), *Huntsville Madison County Builders Association*

RUNNER-UP: River Brook Design & Construction (Dolly Ridge  
Bathroom Remodel), *Greater Birmingham Association of Home*  
*Builders*

## BATH REMODEL \$35,000-\$70,000

WINNER: Precision Homecrafters (Bear Trace Bathroom),  
*Greater Birmingham Association of Home Builders*

RUNNER-UP: Crosstek Construction LLC (Midtowne Bath),  
*Huntsville Madison County Builders Association*

RUNNER-UP: j. fante studio (Sunset Bath),  
*Greater Birmingham Association of Home Builders*

## ADDITIONS

WINNER: Precision Homecrafters (Hollywood Addition),  
*Greater Birmingham Association of Home Builders*

RUNNER-UP: Precision Homecrafters (Hall Avenue),  
*Greater Birmingham Association of Home Builders*

RUNNER-UP: Oak Alley Design Build (Family Home to Forever  
Home), *Greater Birmingham Association of Home Builders*

## EXTERIOR REMODEL

WINNER: R & R Construction (Shandwick Place),  
*Greater Birmingham Association of Home Builders*

RUNNER-UP: Crosstek Construction LLC (Sweet Bungalow Alabama),  
*Huntsville Madison County Builders Association*

RUNNER-UP: Cornerstone Construction (Cunefare Home Remodel),  
*Cullman County Home Builders Association*

## OUTDOOR LIVING

WINNER: Precision Homecrafters (Porch with a View),  
*Greater Birmingham Association of Home Builders*

RUNNER-UP: Precision Homecrafters (Backyard Retreat),  
*Greater Birmingham Association of Home Builders*

RUNNER-UP: j. fante studio (Polo Downs Screen Porch),  
*Greater Birmingham Association of Home Builders*

## BASEMENT REMODEL

WINNER: J. Manifold Construction (A Tight Squeeze Reno),  
*Lee County Home Builders Association*

RUNNER-UP: Taylor Burton Company, Inc. (Back in Black),  
*Greater Birmingham Association of Home Builders*

RUNNER-UP: Willow Homes (Movie Theater Man Cave),  
*Greater Birmingham Association of Home Builders*

## INSURANCE RESTORATION

WINNER: BMR Homes, Inc. Remodeling & Restoration (Blue  
Haven), *Greater Birmingham Association of Home Builders*

## SPACE RENOVATION/RESIDENTIAL SPECIALTY PROJECT

WINNER: Precision Homecrafters (Lake House Laundry Room),  
*Greater Birmingham Association of Home Builders*

RUNNER-UP: D.F. Hughes Construction, Inc. (Springhill Road Garage  
Conversion), *Greater Birmingham Association of Home Builders*

RUNNER-UP: Highland Design Build (Game Room Bar),  
*Greater Birmingham Association of Home Builders*

## HISTORIC PRESERVATION

WINNER: Trick Construction & Remodel (Historic Duplex),  
*Home Builders Association of Tuscaloosa*

RUNNER-UP: The Builders Group (Sam Jackson's Emporium),  
*Home Builders Association of Tuscaloosa*

## COMMERCIAL RENOVATION

WINNER: The Builders Group (Sam Jackson's Emporium),  
*Home Builders Association of Tuscaloosa*

RUNNER-UP: TLC Design/Build, LLC (The 19th Hole),  
*Lee County Home Builders Association*

RUNNER-UP: Crosstek Construction LLC (New Office),  
*Huntsville Madison County Builders Association*

## CUSTOM HOME UNDER \$500,000

WINNER: Willow Homes (Condemned to Custom Craftsman),  
*Greater Birmingham Association of Home Builders*

RUNNER-UP: Willow Homes (Flipping 59th Street),  
*Greater Birmingham Association of Home Builders*

RUNNER-UP: Willow Homes (Fixing Up 59th Street),  
*Greater Birmingham Association of Home Builders*

## CUSTOM HOME \$500,000-\$1 MILLION

WINNER: Valere Homes (Eggers Residence),  
*Baldwin County Home Builders Association*

RUNNER-UP: Pythoge LLC (Beautifully Crafted Farmhouse),  
*Lee County Home Builders Association*

RUNNER-UP: Willow Homes (Infill on Firefighter Lane),  
*Greater Birmingham Association of Home Builders*

## CUSTOM HOME OVER \$1 MILLION

WINNER: River Brook Design & Construction  
(LaPrado Custom Home)

*Greater Birmingham Association of Home Builders*