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PARADE OF HOMES Awards OF Honor

Each year *COLORADO HOMES & LIFESTYLES MAGAZINE* selects one home in the Home Builders Association's Parade of Homes to receive our coveted "Award of Honor." This year the parade was doubled to two sites in Littleton, which meant that after the judges walked through five spectacular residences to select that one special home—it was time to do it all over again. Fun, but what a challenge!

The sites are defined by price, with Polo Reserve homes beginning at \$1.2 million, and those in adjacent Meadowbrook ranging up to \$698,000. Judges awarded points for a variety of criteria, including architecture, floor plan and overall design.

This year's judges were: Alan Zeigel, AIA president, Colorado Chapter; K. McPeck, ASID president-elect, Colorado Chapter; Char Rice, IIDA president, Rocky Mountain Chapter; Kelly Peterson, design consultant; Don Riley, photographer, and *CH&LM*

staff members Pat Cooley, publisher; Evalyn McGraw, editor; Lori Tobias, associate editor; Elaine St. Louis, art director and Loneta Showell, assistant art director.

ECLECTICITY

While the houses in Meadowbrook are on smaller lots, have fewer square feet and are less expensive, they share with those in Polo Reserve the rich lay of the land, superior architecture and design.

It was the graceful mix of simplicity and polish that pushed the 4,889-square-foot "Eclecticity," designed by architect Dan Carpenter and built by Farber Construction, to the fore.

From the water gardens that flank the patterned walkway to

the curving staircase and marble foyer floor, the house garnered high marks for its simple and clean lines, as well as its efficient design.

Interior designers Lynn Shannon and Jaime Cummings won praise for their use of cherry and purple heart wood on the curved staircase banister and as detailing on the entertainment center—elements the judges agreed will improve with age.

Said K. McPeck, "This was my favorite of all. It's very livable... every one of these houses had a lot of space in the foyer but it didn't relate to the rest of the house. In this house, the foyer space is used, not wasted."

KEENELAND

When the final tally was taken, it wasn't elegance or art or even opulence that won the judges' favor, but a classic design that inspires memories from another time. Such is "Keeneland," by Larsen Homes, Inc., a sprawling, porch-enwrapped house that seems to say, 'Come, sit awhile.'

Working with 7,024 square feet, architect Karen Keating and interior designer Hillary Reed created a home that is open and spacious, yet warm and welcoming.

In particular, the judges applauded the designer's use of color—vibrant, yet soothing, yellow walls, clean white trim and bold accents throughout.

Antiques blend with state of the art technology in the lower level lounge and theater, while wicker chairs, overstuffed sofas and area rugs lend a lived-in feel to the main-floor living room.

From the foyer, a staircase leads to a traditional second story where the master suite—featuring two walk-in closets, an exercise room and spacious bathroom—occupies one wing; three other bedrooms and a nursery comprise the other.

It was the front porch, however, that drew the most comment.

For Char Rice it brought memories of her grandmother's home. "You would go outside and the neighbors would be out...there is a sense of community that the front porch initiates. This house speaks to stability, tradition and freedom." □

Other builders participating in Parade of Homes are: Summit Chalet, Inc; Remarc Homes; Cuttermill Custom Homes; Nicholas Custom Homes; Gregg Design Custom Homes; Sugarbush Home Building Co. and Stonecrest Homes.

The 1995 Parade of Homes is sponsored by Home Builders Association (HBA) of Metropolitan Denver and benefits Children's Hospital.

The event continues through Labor Day, September 4, and is open daily, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Tickets are \$7 on weekends, \$5 on weekdays.

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