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Trumbull Resident Wins Two Prestigious Home Building Industry Awards



Mike Cerreta of Trumbull, second from right, President of Cerreta Builders, proudly displays the two prestigious awards he recently received from the Home Builders Association of Connecticut, Inc. (HBA). He is congratulated by Greg Ugalde, at left, the Connecticut President of HBA; his wife, Lydia Cerreta of Trumbull; and Bob Wiedenmann, Jr., far right, HBA Chairman of the Board. The Home

Building Industry Awards Dinner was held at the Aqua Turf Club in Southington with over 700 guests in attendance.

Cerreta received one of the top four Home Building Industry Grand Awards in Connecticut and was named the best spec home of the year in all price ranges. In addition, he was recognized for building the best spec home of the year in the \$4 to \$5 million price range.

Cerreta earned these awards for the construction of a spectacular, 7,000-square-foot stone-and-shingle home on Lantern Hill Road in Westport. This Georgian colonial revival features a blend of classic old world charm coupled with all the modern amenities you would expect in a new home.

The home includes details such as a two-story entry foyer with a limestone floor, curved staircase and recessed paneling; a professional culinary custom kitchen; a coffered-ceiling living room with a stone fireplace; a cherry wood library; and a marble master bath with split vanities, a curved ceiling and whirlpool tub. This six-bedroom

house also features five fireplaces; a gunite pool; a formal powder room with Venetian plastered walls, custom paneled archways and built-in bookshelves.

The Home Building Industry Awards Dinner was held on October 19 at Aqua Turf Club in Southington with over 700 guests in attendance. The HBA of Connecticut HOBI Awards are the most prestigious awards presented in Connecticut for excellence in design, construction, sales and marketing and financing by members of the organization.

Joanne Carroll of Madison, the HOBI Awards Chairman and owner of JMC Resources, commented about Cerreta's award. "Your hard work and craftsmanship to this industry and the Home Builders Association of Connecticut is a credit to be held out for all your peers in the building trades," she said. "The selection process is extremely competitive and the award winners represent an elite group of home builders in the state."

Cerreta Builders specializes in building luxury custom and spec homes. Design, attention to detail, quality workmanship, energy efficiency, and functionality are characteristics found in each home Cerreta and his team of over 20 licensed and certified subcontractors construct. Many of these expert craftsmen have had a long association with Cerreta Builders.

Founded in 1985, Cerreta Builders was started by master tradesman and craftsman Mike Cerreta, who has worked in residential construction for over 25 years. As the owner and managing principal, he oversees every phase of the home building project -- from initial design to construction to the exquisite finishing touches.

"Our high-end homes are built for the discriminating buyer, who wants a distinctive, one-of-kind home," said Mike Cerreta, who is currently celebrating his 20th anniversary in business.

Meg Freeman of Prudential Connecticut Realty in Westport, has great praise for Mike Cerreta. "Homes built by Cerreta Builders sell within a very short market time because of their superior quality," she said. "Mike's homes boast a great floor plan, coupled with his attention to detail, excellent construction, perfect placement on choice property, and quality building material that create a winning combination. He has a well-deserved reputation as a professional and excellent builder, who provides a great home value in his price range."

Ryan Collison of Trumbull, a satisfied customer, added, "This was our first experience building a house and my wife and I could not have been happier with the process and the result. Mike Cerreta was a pleasure to deal with, met every deadline, and his attention to detail was truly amazing. We are very proud and thrilled with our new home."

Cerreta is a member of numerous homebuilder organizations, including: the Homebuilders and Remodelers of Fairfield County, Homebuilders Association of Connecticut (HBA), and the National Association of Home Builders. He is fully licensed and insured in Connecticut.

The HBA of Connecticut is a statewide professional trade organization representing homebuilders, remodelers, developers and many subcontractors, suppliers and professionals that provide services to this diverse industry. The organization is comprised of approximately 1,300 member companies organized through five local association chapters covering the state of Connecticut.