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FSPA Design Award winners announced

Sarasota (February 23, 2012) – Numerous swimming pool builders have received awards in the Florida Swimming Pool Association's (FSPA) annual Design Awards contest.

The annual FSPA Design Awards program gives members an opportunity to enter their pools, spas and water features for judging on workmanship, soundness of design, beauty, practicality and safety. Categories customized for Florida pool construction divide the entries by size, type of construction and features.

This year, 29 awards were given out to 25 of the 50 entries. The winners are selected by a Design Awards Committee, which consists of knowledgeable professionals, and are recognized at the annual *Orlando Pool and Spa Show* in February.

AAA Custom Pools, Inc. of Jupiter won several Design Awards. The winning pools were entered for judging by Alan Bryson on behalf of Scott Bryson.

- Bronze award in the Residential Shotcrete/Gunite Pool 250 sq. ft. – 500 sq. ft. category for a pool in Boca Raton.
- Silver award in the Residential Pool/Spa Combination 250 sq. ft. – 500 sq. ft. category for a pool in Parkland.
- Silver award in the Residential Shotcrete/Gunite Pool Vanishing Edge for a pool in West Palm Beach.
- Gold award in the Residential Pool/Spa Combination 501 sq. ft. – 700 sq. ft. for a pool in Jupiter.
- Gold award in the Residential Pool/Spa Combination 701 sq. ft. and over category for a pool in West Palm Beach.

Almar / Jackson Pools, Inc. of Jupiter won four awards. The winning pools were entered for judging by Gerald Waser.

- Silver award in the Residential Restorations category for a pool in North Palm Beach. The same pool also won a Technical Achievement Award.
- Gold award in the Residential Shotcrete/Gunite Pool 250 sq. ft. - 500 sq. ft. category for a pool in Hobe Sound. The same pool also won an Architectural Excellence Award. It was designed by Innocenti & Webel.

Backyard Aquatics by Joyce Bowles of Mount Dora won a Gold award in the Residential Shotcrete/Gunite Pool 250 sq. ft. – 500 sq. ft. category for a pool in Mount Dora. The same pool also received a Customer Service Award. The winning pool was entered for judging by Joyce Bowles on behalf of herself and Rhonda Garrett.

Crown Pools, Inc. of Jacksonville won an Award of Merit in the Residential Shotcrete/Gunite Pool 250 sq. ft. – 500 sq. ft. category for a pool in Jacksonville. The winning pool was entered by Brad Correia.

Essig Pools of North Miami won several Design Awards. The winning pools were entered for judging by Ed Rodriguez on behalf of Dan Essig.

- Silver award in the Residential Pool/Spa Combination 501 sq. ft. – 700 sq. ft. category for a pool in Miami.
- Silver award in the Residential Pool/Spa Combination 701 sq. ft. and over category for a pool in Davie.
- Gold award in the Residential Pool/Spa Combination 250 sq. ft. – 500 sq. ft. category for a pool in Ft. Lauderdale
- Gold award in the Residential Pool/Spa Combination 501 sq. ft. – 700 sq. ft. category for a pool in Miami.
- Gold award in the Residential Pool/Spa Combination 701 sq. ft. and over category for a pool in Miami.

Lucas Lagoons, Inc. of Sarasota won two awards. The winning pools were entered for judging on behalf of Lucas Congdon. A Bronze award was received in the Residential Restorations category for a pool in Longboat Key and a Gold award, in the same category, for a pool in Osprey.

Riviera Pools of Tampa, located in Tampa, received two awards. A Silver award was given in the Residential Pool/Spa Combination 501 sq. ft. – 700 sq. ft. category for a pool in Tampa. The pool was entered in the Design Awards by Bob Albano on behalf of the designer, Charles Dray, RLA. The company also received a Gold award in the Residential Restorations category for a pool in Odessa (landscaping was done by Charles Dray, RLA). This pool was submitted by Bob Albano on behalf of Tom Weiss.

Signature Pools & Spas, Inc. of Oakland Park won four awards. The winning pools were entered for judging by Stephanie Taggart on behalf of Scott Taggart.

- Silver award in the Residential Pool/Spa Combination Vanishing Edge category for a pool in Boca Raton. The pool was designed by Colestock & Muir Architects.
- Gold award in the Residential Pool/Spa Combination Vanishing Edge category for a pool in Boca Raton. This pool also won Best of Show for the 2012 Design Awards. It was designed by Yoshino Architects.
- Gold Award in the Residential Water Feature category for a project in Boca Raton. It was designed by Yoshino Architects.

Tampa Bay Pools, Inc. of Brandon won two Design Awards. The pools were entered for judging by Ken McKenna, Jr. on behalf of Matthew Lent. A Bronze award was received in the Residential Pool/Spa Combination 501 sq. ft. – 700 sq. ft. for a pool in Tampa. A Gold award was received in the Spa Pool category for a project in Tampa.

The Pool Works of Pinellas County, Inc., located in Tarpon Springs, received an Award of Merit in the Residential Restorations category for a pool in Dunedin. The pools were entered for judging by Don Ball, Sr.

Tropical Pools, Inc. of Altamonte Springs received a Bronze award in the Residential Pool/Spa Combination 701 sq. ft. and over category for a pool in Windemere. The designer and landscape architect was Frank Joseph Brooks of Orlando. The pool was entered for judging by Adam Alstott.

FSPA President Keith Johnson said, “The FSPA Design Awards is a wonderful opportunity to showcase some of the finest and most unique pools being built in Florida by FSPA members. The beauty and quality exhibited in these pools are a true testament to the builders’ fine abilities and workmanship.”

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The Florida Swimming Pool Association is a trade association for the pool and spa industry in Florida. There are approximately 550 member businesses in 16 Chapters across the state. Members are required to abide by a code of ethics and to be properly licensed and insured. FSPA provides the industry with access to continuing education courses, information on current trends and issues, an arbitration program and government relations representation. FSPA is governed by a Board of Directors.

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