

# Builders Connection

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Citrus County Builders Association

## CCBA membership furthers industry

**A**re you a member of the CCBA? When asked this question, often the answer is "Why should I be?" when in fact, the better question is, "Why *shouldn't* you be?" Membership with your local Home Builders Association is support of your industry through and through. Standing alone, a small business is "a voice in the dark," but by joining other members of the team, what can be accomplished is nothing short of amazing.

When you join your , you automatically become a full member at the state and national level. That's three memberships for the price of one. Your National (NAHB), State (FHBA) & Local (CCBA) Home Builders

Associations offer plenty of resources to help each member make the most of their investment and connect with the benefits they value most. For over 60 years NAHB has been the nation's leading source for housing industry information. HBA members use a variety of ways to stay connected to industry information, including publications, e-

newsletters, exclusive Web site content, bulletins, special reports, e-mail alerts, and financial data, and many other means. Up-to-date information, when you want it, how you want it!

Membership in your local Home Builders Association is more than just networking or having a special seal on your business door or stationary, it's

about contacts. You may not feel that you need more business, but every contact a businessperson makes is a potential asset to them and their business. That doesn't just mean more business; it means better information flow, more exposure to more innovative and/or more cost effective materials and services, as well as more opportunities to

put your advertising dollars to their most effective use through local HBA sponsorships and publications. Put quite simply, it means that your business is better because you made an investment in your industry!

So what are you waiting for? If you already know that you've waited too long to support your industry, then go to [www.citrusbuilders.com](http://www.citrusbuilders.com), and click on the "how to join" link for a printable membership application. If you're still not convinced that you need to make this investment, then call the CCBA Membership Coordinator, Donna Bidlack at 352-746-9028, ext. 6303, and she will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

“ Every man owes a part of his time and money to business or industry in which he is engaged. ”

Theodore Roosevelt

## Congratulations winners!

The Citrus County Builders Association's Parade of Homes Committee hosted an awards banquet March 16 at the Beautiful Tuscany on the Meadows in the Best Western-Citrus Hills Lodge. The following 2007 Parade winners and sponsors were recognized:

### CATEGORY "A"

■ **Best Exterior, tie:** Royal Coachman Homes-Royal Chelsea and Royal Oxford.

■ **Best Floor Plan:** Holiday Builders—The Largo

■ **Best Master Bedroom:** Holiday Builders—The Largo

■ **Best Master Bath:** Holiday Builders—The Largo

■ **Best Kitchen:** Holiday Builders—The Largo

■ **Best Construction:** Holiday Builders—The Largo

■ **Best Overall:** Holiday Builders—The Largo

CATEGORY "B"

■ **Best Exterior:** SanderSon Bay—Madeira

■ **Best Floor Plan, tie:** Sweetwater Homes-Driftwood and Dream Custom Homes—Don Mercado

■ **Best Master Bedroom:** Dream Custom Homes—Don Mercado

■ **Best Master Bath, tie:** Sweetwater



Presenters Jim and Carol put on a great show.

Homes-Driftwood and Dream Custom Homes—Don Mercado

■ **Best Kitchen:** Sweetwater Homes-Driftwood

■ **Best Construction:** Sweetwater Homes-Driftwood

■ **Best Overall:** Sweetwater Homes-Driftwood

CATEGORY "C"

■ **Best Exterior:** Mercedes Homes—Jacqueline Palm, with study

■ **Best Floor Plan:** SanderSon Bay—Biscayne

■ **Best Master Bedroom:** SanderSon Bay—Biscayne

■ **Best Master Bath:** SanderSon Bay—Biscayne

■ **Best Kitchen:** Mercedes Homes—

Jacqueline Palm, with study

■ **Best Construction:** SanderSon Bay—Biscayne

■ **Best Overall:** SanderSon Bay—Biscayne

CATEGORY "D"

■ **Best Exterior:** Pauelsen General Contracting—Summerville Home

■ **Best Floor Plan:** Sweetwater Homes—Grand Westwind

■ **Best Master Bedroom:** Rusaw Homes—Sandilwood Anniversary

■ **Best Master Bath:** Sweetwater Homes—Oakwood

■ **Best Kitchen:** Pauelsen General Contracting—Summerville Home

■ **Best Construction:** Pauelsen General Contracting—Summerville Home

■ **Best Overall:** Pauelsen General Contracting—Summerville Home

■ **Parade Sponsors:** Diamond, Citrus County Chronicle, Platinum, SunTrust Mortgage, Gold, FHBI and Capital City Bank Silver, Progress Energy, White Aluminum and Regions Mortgage, and Bronze, Nicholson Engineering, Countrywide Home Loans, AAA Roofing, Central FL Gas and Bright House Networks.

■ **Awards banquet sponsor:** Smart Interiors.

## Future Builders help with Parade judging



Local high school students visit homes, learn about guidelines

The Citrus County Builders Association's Spring Parade of Homes took place from February 23 through March 11. A panel of 12 judges from various fields in the construction industry judged the models in the parade, in six different categories. The winners were presented awards during an Awards Banquet on March 16 at the Tuscany on the Meadows in the Best Western of Citrus Hills.

The CCBA Future Builders of America program shared in the parade judging experience during the Spring Parade of Homes by forming a team consisting of FBA Club Members from each of the 3 High Schools, along with their Teacher Advisors, who were invited to visit and judge a select few of the Parade models. A total of 7 students gathered at the CCBA Headquarters on March 2 for a continental breakfast where they were briefed by the Judging Parade Chair, Gregory Berger of Countrywide Homes Loans, on the judging guidelines. They departed from CCBA around 9 a.m. and proceeded to visit 5 of the 2007 Spring Parade Models. The students took their task very seriously and seemed to thoroughly enjoy themselves. After completing the judging the students returned to the CCBA for a delicious lunch, sponsored by Progress Energy, and discussion time before returning to school.

The Citrus County Builders Association and the Future Builders of America would like to say a special Thank you to the following students, teacher advisors, and sponsors for making this judging experience possible for our FBA students.

- Heather Furbish—Citrus High
- Kody Felthoff—Citrus High
- Bryan Cloutier—Citrus High
- T.C. Warrick—Lecanto
- Devin Robbins—Crystal River
- Josh McMinds—Crystal River
- Molly Boudreau—Crystal River
- Pete Kelly—Teacher Advisor-Lecanto
- Jackie Wright—Teacher Advisor-Citrus
- Bill Reyes—Teacher Advisor-Crystal River
- Greg Conard—Builder Sponsor-Lecanto
- Virginia Will—Builder Sponsor-Crystal River
- Jolene Osborne—Education Committee Chair
- Gregory Berger—Judging-Parade Committee
- Cyndi McRee—Sponsorship-Parade Committee
- Fran Grady—CCBA Staff

We so greatly appreciate the Citrus County Schools for their cooperation in making this event possible. For more information about the exciting Future Builders of America program, please contact the CCBA at (352) 746-9028.

## FUTURE BUILDERS OF AMERICA

Learn, Lead and Succeed in a Home Building Career



Did you know there are more than 150 different types of jobs in Florida's construction industry? Many are high wage earning jobs that don't require a college degree.

Sharpen your skills today by joining a Future Builders of America chapter at your school. FBA will introduce you to the rewards of Florida's construction industry, teach you important building techniques and offer outstanding leadership training and networking opportunities with some of Florida's most successful construction pros.

Get in on the action by logging onto [FutureBuildersofAmerica.org](http://FutureBuildersofAmerica.org).

### Not a member of the CCBA yet?

Here is a great reason to join right now!

■ If you join between now and May 18, the CCBA will waive your \$25 new member-processing fee and you will receive heavily discounted registration at the southeastern building conference.

■ For more information about CCBA membership go to [www.citrusbuilders.com](http://www.citrusbuilders.com) and for more information on the Southeastern Building Conference, check out [www.sebcsow.com](http://www.sebcsow.com).

