

Builder's Connection

Spring Parade of Homes has begun

Citrus, Hernando counties participating

The Citrus County Builders Association invites everyone to visit the 2010 Spring Parade of Homes for Citrus and Hernando counties, presented by Progress Energy.

The parade opened Saturday and will continue until March 23, with a special New Home Expo to be presented on Saturday, March 27, at the CCBA. Tour one magnificent community, 12 phenomenal models and

one amazing remodel for free for the entire Parade of Homes. Models will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday during the Parade, and noon to 5 p.m. Sundays.

Judging for the Parade of Homes took place on Friday, and winners will be announced as soon as the tallies are certified. For additional information and a Parade of Homes

map, check today's edition of the *Citrus County Chronicle*, go to www.citrusparadeofhomes.com or stop by the CCBA at 1196 S. Lecanto Highway during the hours of 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

The CCBA would like to thank the following fine businesses for helping to make this event possible:

- Platinum Sponsor: Progress Energy
- Gold Sponsor: Central Florida Gas
- Silver Sponsor: Bay Area Air

Conditioning

■ Judging Sponsor: Bright house Network

■ Print Media Sponsor: *St. Petersburg Times*

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■ Sign Sponsors: Carrollwood Development Corp., Citrus Pest Management, Nichols Lumber Co.

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Conditioning, Porters Locksmithing, Ro-Mac Lumber & Supply, Solar Lights & More

■ Parade Friends: Dirt Boys Inc., Hall Brothers of Citrus County Inc., Lowe's

After you visit the Parade of Homes, don't forget to check out our New Home Expo on March 27.

For more information and upcoming award winners, check out the Web site at www.citrusparadeofhomes.com or call (352) 746-9028.

Mark Schroder is March VIP

March V.I.P.

Mark Schroder, PE., president of Kings Bay Engineering, is committed to providing engineering services that combine the desires of the owner and best management practices (BMPs) to yield an efficient project.

Mark graduated from Lehigh University with a degree in Civil Engineering and an emphasis in concrete bridge design. Since graduating, Mark has worked in many of the myriad facets of the civil engineering field including Structural Analysis, Subdivisions, Utilities, Stormwater Management, Roads, Non-residential Site Design, Inspections and Project Management.

Mark joined the Citrus County Builders Association 1 year ago and is



The Schroder family

active with the Governmental Affairs and King of the Wing Committees and served as a judge for the 2009 Parade of Homes.

Mark, his wife, Ann, and their three daughters, ages 10 to 14, moved from Pennsylvania in 1999 and finally settled in Citrus County in 2003. The family is very active in the First Baptist Church of Crystal River and is home-schooling the girls. When he isn't working or doing something with the family, Mark is usually off diving in one of the many underwater cave systems in Florida.

Mark would love to discuss your future residential or commercial projects. Kings Bay Engineering is in Crystal River on Citrus Avenue, 1 mile north of Turkey Oak at 9478 W. Marquette Lane. Phone (352) 564-8017 or e-mail mes@kbcivil.com.

SEBC offers 11 courses

Specialized training featured

The 32nd annual Southeast Building Conference/Green Building Show will offer 11 professional designation courses and intensive training sessions on July 21 to 24 at the Rosen Centre Hotel in Orlando.

Highlighting the lineup is the recently updated two-day Green Building for Building Professionals course which leads to the highly-valued designation Certified Green Professional (CGP). The course will be taught by Houston remodeler Michael Strong, CGP.

Additional courses leading to professional designations are Sales and Marketing for Remodelers (Certified Graduate Remodeler, CGR); Marketing and Communications Strategies for Aging in Place and Design/Build for Aging and Accessibility (Certified Aging in Place

Specialist, CAPS); Diversification (Graduate Master Builder, GMB, and Graduate Master Remodeler, GMR); and Business Management for Building Professionals (CGP, CAPS, CGR, and Certified Graduate Builder, CGB).

New to the intensive course lineup for 2010 are Seven Secrets of Sales Success; Strategies for Attainable Housing (which includes a housing tour); Social Media Boot Camp; and Lead: Renovation, Repair and Painting, an EPA-required course for contractors doing work on homes built before 1978 or any structure where children might be present.

The complete list of courses, instructors, and fees (which are discounted for Florida Home Builders Association members) is available at www.sebcshow.com.

Save the dates!



Winners of the Citrus County Builders Association 2009 14th Annual Fishing Tournament sponsored by F.D.S. Disposal Inc. This year's tourney is April 17 and 18.

The CCBA has set the dates for two great events coming up in the next few months. Be sure to mark them on your calendar:

Green Business Conference

The Citrus County Green Building Council will have its inaugural Green Business Conference, sponsored by Central Florida Gas and Progress Energy, on Wednesday, March 17, at Central Florida Community College's Citrus Campus. Keynote speaker will be Dr. Jennifer Languell, president of the Florida Green Building Coalition.

The conference will take place from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and will include lunch for attendees.

Registration is now open at \$25 per person through Monday. After Monday, registration will be available on site the day of the event for \$35. For more information, e-

mail info@citrusbuilders.com or call (352) 746-9028.

CCBA Fishing Tournament

Don't forget the 15th Annual Fishing Tournament sponsored by F.D.S. Disposal Inc. coming up Saturday and Sunday, April 17 and 18, at Homosassa Riverside Resort. Participation is \$170 per boat by March 31. Extra anglers cost \$45.

E-mail donnab@citrusbuilders.com. Cash and prizes totaling \$12,500 will be awarded based on 125 boat entries.

Sponsorships and entries are now available at www.citrusbuilders.com or by calling (352) 746-9028.

For the youth division, call Ben Branch of CCA at Bank of America, (352) 564-2250.

FBA helping to build the future

Future Builders of America links students in area schools with the local building community. Guest speakers and field trips to building sites, along with opportunities for summer and post-graduation employment help introduce students to rewarding opportunities in the residential construction industry. Club meetings also provide for camaraderie and an opportunity for students to improve their leadership and teamwork skills.

Students are encouraged to learn more by joining a Future Builders of America (FBA) chapter in their school. Teachers are encouraged to become FBA chapter advisers and promote the residential construction industry as a great professional opportunity for Florida's future employees.

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Association has partnered with local schools through FBA chapters to help give students a real-world understanding of what it means to be a home builder in Florida. CCBA takes the FBA students on field trips throughout the year.

To help fund these educational experiences for our future builders, the CCBA needs field trip sponsors.

There will be a car wash from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 20 at the Will Construction Building (about a half mile north of Howard's Flea Market).

The cost is \$5 and everyone is urged to come out and help these future builders raise money for field trips.

If you would like more information, check out the CCBA Web site at www.citrusbuilders.com/FBA.php.

2010 'King of the Wing' event has been cancelled

The Second Annual Citrus County King of the Wing Event scheduled for May 8 has been cancelled.

The Citrus County Builders Association King of the Wing Committee will meet in August to discuss a 2011

event.

The purpose of the King of the Wing is to draw Citrus County residents and visitors to varied areas of Citrus County to promote the fine businesses here in our community.

The CCBA encourages you to patronize the local businesses and to shop Citrus County first.

For updates on future King of the Wing events, visit the official Web site at www.citruskingofthewing.com.

CCBA 2009-10

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CCBA Member Benefits

■ One membership, three associations: CCBA, FHBA and NAHB

■ A voice in government affairs, education and networking

■ Participation in industry-related councils and committees

■ Access to resources on FHBA.com, NAHB.com and CCBA's CitrusBuilders.com

■ FREE legal research from NAHB

■ Discount rates at SEBC, IBS, and NAHB Conferences, as well as CCBA's events and Parade of Homes

■ Contractors — Access to FHBI Builders Risk Insurance and General Liability and Workers' Compensation programs

■ Referrals from the CCBA

■ Membership Directory listing on the CCBA Web site

■ Money-saving discounts from a variety of companies

With all of these great benefits, can you afford not to be a member?