



# BEST OF SHOW

K & V Homes is a big winner at HomeShowExpo 2006

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After all the nails had been pounded and all the furniture was arranged, K & V Homes of Urbandale walked away with top honors at HomeShowExpo 2006, held in June in the Bent Creek neighborhood in Urbandale.

The "Best of Show" award went to K & V for Home No. 6, a 5,000-square-foot house featuring walnut floors, custom-forged iron railings and hand-applied textured walls.

Wolf Construction of West Des Moines won the "People's Choice" award for Home No. 8.

"It was nice to get 'Best of Show.' Yes, it was," says Colin King, who owns K & V Homes with partner Dean Vogel.

K & V has participated in the HomeShowExpo for three years and has won other awards in the past, but this was its first "Best of Show" designation. Its also took first place for "Best Landscaping" and "Best Craftsmanship," second place for "Best Curb Appeal" and third place for "Best Overall Kitchen," "Best Master Bedroom," "Best Second Bedroom" and "Best Entertainment Room."

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(left) Accents & Interiors of Urbandale decorated the interior of Home No. 6, built by K & V Homes of Urbandale. It was named "Best of Show."

The home's designing women were (from left) Joani Henderson, Amanda Duncan and Courtney Morton of Accents & Interiors.

Home No. 1, built by Grati Construction of Clive, featured a dining room with columns that are stone on one side and cabinets for china on another (above).

Fisher Group Inc. of Grimes built Home No. 2. Its large custom alder wood kitchen (right) overlooks the hearth room and eating nook. Appliances are from Direct Appliance; cabinets are by Pleasant Valley Woods.



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# HOMESHOWEXPO 2006 AWARD WINNERS

## Best of Show

- 1st Place – K & V Homes, Home No. 6
- 2nd Place – Tyler Homes, Home No. 9
- 3rd Place – Wolf Construction, Home No. 8

## People's Choice Award

- Wolf Construction, Home No. 8

## Best Curb Appeal

- 1st Place – Tyler Homes, Home No. 9
- 2nd Place – K & V Homes, Home No. 6
- 3rd Place – Wolf Construction, Home No. 8

## Best Landscaping

- 1st Place – K & V Homes, Home No. 6
- 2nd Place – Gratiis Homes, Home No. 1
- 3rd Place – Tyler Homes, Home No. 9

## Best Overall Kitchen

- 1st Place – TS Construction, Home No. 5
- 2nd Place – Fisher Group, Home No. 2
- 3rd Place – K & V Homes, Home No. 6

## Best Master Bedroom

- 1st Place – Fisher Group, Home No. 2
- 2nd Place – Wolf Construction, Home No. 8
- 3rd Place – K & V Homes, Home No. 6

## Best Second Bedroom

- 1st Place – Wolf Construction, Home No. 8
- 2nd Place – Legacy Builders, Home No. 10
- 3rd Place – K & V Homes, Home No. 6

## Best Entertainment Room

- 1st Place – Wolf Construction, Home No. 8
- 2nd Place – Tyler Homes, Home No. 9
- 3rd Place – K & V Homes, Home #6

## Most Liveable Floor Plan

- 1st Place – Tyler Homes, Home No. 9
- 2nd Place – TS Construction, Home No. 5
- 3rd Place – Harrington Homes, Home No. 7

## Best Craftsmanship

- 1st Place – K & V Homes, Home No. 6
- 2nd Place – Tyler Homes, Home No. 9
- 3rd Place – Wolf Construction, Home No. 4



Home No. 9, built by Tyler Homes of Altoona, features a French country flair. The great room (top) has wood beam ceiling fixtures. The lower level includes a theater room, sunken family room, open game area (bottom, left) and poker room. The home includes an outdoor kitchen (bottom, right).

"It was a good reflection of the people we had working on the house," King says.

The home's interior design was by Accents & Interiors of Urbandale.

"We wanted to do something that was very livable but that was new to the Des Moines market," says interior designer Amanda Duncan. "We had a good time coming up with little things that were a bit different."

King says K & V Homes will soon begin plans for next year's Home-ShowExpo dwelling.

"We'll start when we sell this year's. That's kind of a pre-requisite," he says.

Prospective buyers have already approached the builders about buying the award-winning home.

"We're keeping our fingers crossed," King says. 🏠