

Hat trick at Georgie Awards for Schreyer Construction

TWO OTHER WHISTLER COMPANIES TAKE HOME GOLDEN HARDWARE FROM B.C. AWARDS NIGHT

By Alison Taylor

Axel and Katarina Schreyer have the proof that a tired and dated ski townhouse from the late eighties can be transformed into an award-winning, energy-efficient, blissful resort retreat.

The proof lies in the three golden Georgie Awards, one of the highest achievements in homebuilding in British Columbia, that they were given last weekend.

"It's a really outstanding project," said Katarina Schreyer, her excitement still bubbling over the phone as she recalled Saturday's (Feb. 1) Georgie Awards dinner hosted by the Canadian Home Builders' Association of British Columbia.

Their winning project is a 2,000 square foot renovation to a Benchlands townhouse in Cedar Ridge. It won three

out of the four categories it was a finalist in: Best Renovation — Any Room, Best Kitchen Renovation under \$100,000, and Best Master Suite, New or Renovation.

Just as the evening marked a hat trick for Schreyer Construction, it was also a hat trick for the Whistler homebuilding industry — Blue Ice Construction won a Georgie for Custom Home valued between \$1.5 to \$3 million for Northlands, and Warm Builders & Construction Mgmt. won for Best Condo Renovation over \$300,000 for Goldenwood.

That's a total of five awards for Whistler. "It's pretty good for one night," said Axel Schreyer, who has owned and operated Schreyer Construction for 20 years.

He sees a bright future for renovations like this in Whistler.

"A lot of things need to be upgraded, especially on the energy efficiency side and



THREE WINS Axel Schreyer of Schreyer Construction took home three Georgie Awards, while other Whistler companies Blue Ice Construction and Warm Builders also won.

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the looks side," he said.

The Cedar Ridge renovation brought the home's EnerGuide rating from 68 to 83.

The project also won a CHBA-BC award in September in the Department G Awards, presented to homes that meet Build Green, R-2000 and EnerGuide requirements. That award was for the fireplace construction.

In addition to the Schreyer team that pulled off the big Georgie win, Katarina also pointed to the photos as an essential

part of the entries. Kristen McGaughey Photography shot Schreyer's entry.

The Schreyer's new golden statues join their first Georgie Award, which they won in 2009 for Best Residential Renovation (\$500,000-\$749,000). That was for a project in the neighbouring Benchlands complex Cedar Hollow.

"There was one lonely guy," said Axel of his first statue. "Now we need a lot more space!" ■



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