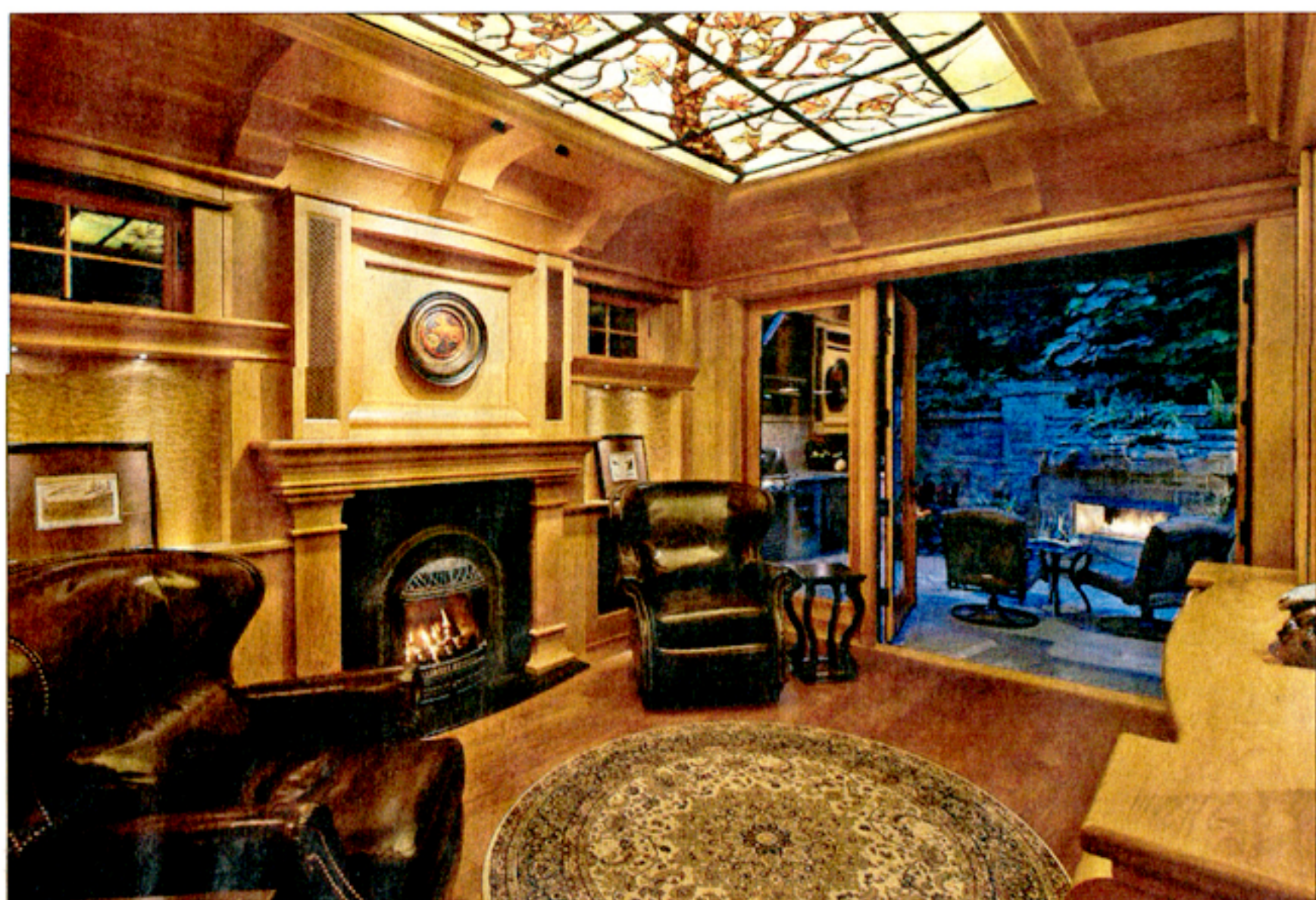


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And the winners are...

The 2012 CARE awards celebrate the best in Vancouver Island homebuilding



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The living room in Music by the Sea, which won seven CARE Gold awards, including Best Single Family Detached Home over \$2 million, as well as the people's choice. Features include a sculptural bronze fireplace surround.



Music by the Sea staircase, with functioning harp at the bottom.



Falcon House, which started as a 750-square-foot cabin, won for Best Residential Renovation or Restoration \$125,000 to \$300,000.



Sea Breeze won for Best Kitchen (new or renovated) over 400 square feet. Custom walnut millwork wraps around the space, while counters are four-inch white and grey quartz.

A simple request for "a really neat" front door by a client snowballed into a one-of-a-kind theme home that stole the night at the recent Vancouver Island Canadian Home Builders' Association CARE (Construction Achievements and Renovations of Excellence) awards.

Music by the Sea, a music-inspired project by Qualicum Beach-based Camelot Homes and C.A. Design, was the judges' favourite, winning seven Gold CARE Awards, including Project of the Year. It was the public's top pick as well, walking away with the coveted People's Choice Award.

The door of the seaside house features a carving of a violin, just a taste of what's inside. Finely crafted musical instruments, including a harp built into the home's staircase, are found throughout this unusual home, reflecting the love of music by the residents.

"It was a true labour of love," says Dan McLeod, president of Camelot Homes. "The pictures don't do it justice. They only show a quarter of what is in the house. It goes on and on and on."

The 4,000-square-foot, four-bedroom, three-bath house won for Best Home Design, Best Single-family Detached Home over \$2 million, Best Kitchen 175 to 200 square feet, Best Interior - Residential 4,000 to 6,000 square feet, Best Custom Millwork 2,500 to 5,500 square feet, Best Media Room, and Project of the Year.

In the 52 categories for outstanding residential and commercial projects on Vancouver Island, there were 10 of multiple award winners — Coastal Construction, Jenny Martin Design, M. Knight Construction, Maximilian Huxley Construction, Method Built Homes, Palladian Developments, Small Modern Living and Westco Construction, Terry Johal Developments, T.S. Williams Construction, and Westhills Land Corp.

Lee MacFarlane, chairman of the 2012 CARE Awards, said it's the 21st year for the awards on Vancouver Island, which celebrate exceptional craftsmanship and energy efficiency.

The Gold CARE Award winners are judged by an independent panel of industry professionals. To win, projects need to incorporate specific criteria, including unique design, function, creative use of space, compatibility with the environment, energy efficiency, effective land use and cost.

Starting Oct. 1, the winning projects can be viewed at careawards.com. For more information on the organization, go to chbavictoria.com and chbacvi.com.

— Pedro Arfai

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Best Master Suite over 500 square feet, the Peninsula's ensuite includes a computerized lighting system.



Best Single Family Detached Spec Home under 2,000 square feet, the Cross residence is a Cape Cod cottage-style three-bedroom home that features board-and-batten siding.



Hillcrest won for Best Media Room. African Crotched Mahogany adorns the walls and ceiling of this room, which includes eight reclining chairs with matching ottomans.