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OVATION AWARDS  
HONOUR B.C.'S BEST

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RANDY BACHMAN'S  
**SALT SPRING  
HIDEAWAY**



Award winners  
are selected  
by a panel of judges  
who live outside the  
Metro Vancouver area



ABOVE: Kitchen in Talisman Homes' Resort Living II.

**Best Interior Design Custom Residence:** New or Renovated went to Sarah Gallop Design for Reviving the '70s, a collaboration with Best Builders. For this (Pierre) Trudeau-era home, the builder and designer were tasked with keeping the original, retro look while modernizing the house. With custom millwork, an open floor-to-ceiling pantry and other details, Gallop and Best lovingly brought the home into the 21st century.

"Our clients are downsizing, and they want luxury condos," said Jeffrey Gunson, project manager for Euro Canadian Construction. Euro Canadian won in the Best Kitchen Renovation: \$100,000 and Over category for its California modern-style renovation of an English Bay condo. "It was probably one of the most detailed projects we've done," Gunson said. "This little condo was a lot more work than the high-end homes we usually build." Renovation of the condo cost around \$2.5 million. For the kitchen, everything was Italian-designed and -made, which made the project a challenge on a few fronts. "Everything had so many lines and details that the pieces had to line up perfectly," Gunson said. The builder also had to improvise. "The building has an incredibly small elevator. So we had to dismantle the refrigerator's compressor to fit it in, and all the countertop stone had to be craned in. It was a job in itself trying to keep everyone in the building happy."

**Best Renovation:** \$800,000 and Over went to Shakespeare Homes for its work on a Mountain Highway home, which also topped the year's Best Addition Renovation category. "We started with a rundown two-storey 1960s house that was hiding in the dark down by a creek, and was beginning to slide toward it," said Mark Cooper, president of Shakespeare Homes. For the renovation, a collaboration with Sensitive Design, Shakespeare rebuilt the North Vancouver house with heritage stonework, shingle siding and 1880s-style millwork. A third floor was added to take advantage of the location and view, as well as a natural storm water treatment



system designed to feed the nearby stream. The North Shore company also won for Best Renovation: \$500,000 - \$799,999 (for a West Van project) and was selected Renovator of the Year: Large Volume, a Grand Ovation Award (see sidebar).

Best Builders took home the most awards this year, including multiple wins for the custom-built Orchard Way and for its collaborative renovation with Sarah Gallop Design, on Reviving the '70s. They also took home one of the coveted Grand Ovation Awards (see sidebar for other Grand Ovation winners), for Custom Home Builder of the Year. "It's huge to us to be the Custom Home Builder Award winner," Project Manager Matt Corbet said. "It's no small feat." The company builds about eight custom homes a year. Currently, Best Builders has three custom homes in West Vancouver, two in Burnaby underway, and two coming up in Vancouver. "So our presence at next year's Ovations will be even more impressive," Corbet promised. •

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