

Mackmiller Design+build honored for designs, receives awards

An Eden prairie firm, which was recently honored for a universal design project, has also won six Contractor of the Year awards from the National Association of the Remodeling Industry, Minnesota Chapter.

With six entries, mackmiller design+build received six awards at the Nov. 13 ceremony, according to a news release, five second-place awards and one first-place award.

"New to NARI and new to the COTY awards, owners Mark and Mary Mackmiller were thrilled with the recognition by their peers," according to the release. "Awards were judged by the NARI-WI chapter in Milwaukee.

In September, the five-year-old design firm won a first place or Gold Award in the Qualified Remodeler Master Design competition held in

Baltimore, Md.

"We are primarily residential remodelers and we do kitchens, lower levels and additions. We have built two houses from scratch, too," said Mary Mackmiller. Remodeling projects have ranged from \$225-300 per square foot for kitchens to \$70 to \$105 per square foot for lower levels.

The universal design award came for an accessible remodel on a Dakota County home. The Mackmillers designed a bathroom for a woman in Mendota Heights who adopted a boy who has cerebral palsy.

Mary said her husband Mark started the business five years ago, when she was working elsewhere. About a year later, he said he could really use her help.

"It's kind of a cute story," Mary said. "At that point, I

think we had been married maybe 25 years. We went out to dinner. Working together is completely different from being married. We looked at each other. We said, 'Here's the deal. We'll give it a shot. A trial run for a year. If after a year either one for any reason says this is not working for me. No questions asked, we'll just move on.'"

A year later, they both thought it was the best job they'd ever had.

Recent projects have included a large home where the lower level was being remodeled to look like a Colorado ski lodge. The design included reclaimed barn board, and a wall-covering mixture that simulated 100-year-old plaster.

"We're having more fun," Mary said.

Another project involved



A lower level redesign.



A kitchen remodel by the business.

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putting in a New England farmhouse kitchen in a Chanhassen home.

"The two main reasons we won the award [for the accessible remodel] is the custom made changing table - it flips up to the wall when not in use," Mackmiller said. In addition, "The room is beautiful, it

doesn't look like a handicapped bathroom."

She said they were honored for their universal design project (universal design is a small percentage of their business) because it didn't look "institutional."

"I really tried very hard to make it look beautiful," she

said. "It's one of my most favorite projects we ever worked on."

"We love a challenge," she said.

For more information on the company, visit www.mackmiller.com or call Mark Mackmiller at 952-949-8600.

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ON BUSINESS

10th anniversary at Clare Bridge

Clare Bridge Eden Prairie, a Brookdale Senior Living Alzheimer's/dementia care community, celebrated its 10th anniversary recently with entertainment by Connie Kunkle, food, tours and prizes.

Clare Bridge Eden Prairie is a Brookdale Senior Living community. Brookdale Senior Living Inc. is a leading owner and operator of senior living communities throughout the United States. The company owns and operates independent living, assisted living, dementia care, skilled nursing and continuing care retirement centers. In all, Brookdale operates 550 communities in 35 states with a capacity to serve approximately 52,000 residents, as well as operating a dedicated rehabilitation and therapy group serving its communities and residents nationwide. For more information, visit <http://www.brookdaleliving.com>.



Singer Connie Kunkle entertains residents including Ruth Kunkle, her mother.



Stephen and Collin Flynn-Anderson at the celebration.

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Baja Sol Cantina opens Dec. 11

Baja Sol Cantina is set to open at 8335 Crystal View Road (former Chevy's location) in Eden Prairie on Dec. 11.

The restaurant is set to be open from 11 a.m. to 1 a.m. Monday through Saturday and 11 a.m. to midnight Sundays, according to general manager Tom Boeckmann.

The full service restaurant chain is headquartered in Inver Grove Heights.

East of Eden collects for Toys for Tots

East of Eden Salon has planned a Toys for Tots open house from 5-8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5. Donate a new toy and receive a complimentary mini service, according to a news release. Food, drinks and door prizes are also planned. You can drop off toys at the salon through Dec. 11.

East of Eden is at 7735 Flying Cloud Drive. For information, visit www.eastofedensalon.com or call 952-942-0590.

A van operator of the month

Select van operators have been honored by United Van Lines as Van Operators of the Month for September 2008. The recognition acknowledges excellent performance in the areas of operational proficiency, cargo claims prevention, customer service and safety.

Winners include (household goods division): Continental Fleet, West-Central Region - Chris Vallie, Barrett Moving and Storage Co. Inc., Eden Prairie.

HTG Architects a Toys for Tots site

HTG Architects, an architectural firm with offices in Eden Prairie, is a drop-off site for Toys for Tots.

HTG Architects will serve as a drop-off site for the Toys for Tots program, running through Dec. 19. New, unwrapped gifts for children ages 0-17, with an emphasis on the 0-2 and 15-17 age groups. Military themed toys, used toys or those incorporating candy are not appropriate. HTG Architects offices are

located at 9300 Hennepin Town Road, Eden Prairie, just south of the Jerry's Foods parking lot. Donations may be dropped off between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Additional information about the Toys for Tots program and how to make a donation can be found at www.toysfortots.org.

Liberty announces leases

Liberty Property Trust, the real estate investment trust that owns and manages nearly four million square feet of office, flex and industrial space throughout Minnesota, has leased or renewed more than 49,000 square feet of office and industrial space in Eden Prairie and Plymouth.

In Eden Prairie, Quantum Graphics Inc. signed a long-term, 14,139-square-foot lease at Shady Oak Business Center, Building A. Also in Building A, MPM Products Inc. has signed a lease for 4,424 square feet. The property is at 10305 through 10313 W. 70th St. The signings bring the 23,547-square-foot building to more than 90 percent occupancy.

In other Eden Prairie leasing, EMC Corp. has renewed its 17,471-square-foot lease at 10400 Viking Drive, and Allot Communications Inc. has renewed for 5,812 square feet at Technology Park VII, 7664 Golden Triangle Drive.

For more information visit www.libertyproperty.com.

Attorneys named to Rising Star list

The law firm of Hellmuth & Johnson PLLC announced that *Minnesota Law & Politics* magazine has named five firm attorneys to the 2009 Minnesota Rising Star list. The attorneys will be recognized in the December 2008 issues of *Minnesota Law & Politics*, *Twin Cities Business* and *Mpls/St. Paul Magazine*.

The attorneys named to the 2009 list are: Erik F. Hansen, Shari A. Jacobus, Matthew J. Franken, Christopher R. Jones and Anthony T. Smith.

Representing the top 2.5 percent of attorneys in the state as selected by their peers, the "Rising Star" list recognizes the accomplishments of attorneys who have practiced for 10 or less years and are 40 years of age or younger.

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