

## BIA's best also indulges environment

The annual Hawaii Renaissance Awards honor innovative construction and remodeling work

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5 [retweet](#) [Share](#) Stunning, environmentally conscious, and innovative new construction and remodeling work and the people behind it were honored at the 25th annual Building Industry Association of Hawaii Renaissance Awards gala last night.

Of the many awards presented in the Royal Hawaiian Hotel, five top awards comprising the best of the best formed the evening's apex. The following descriptions are from the entrants' project statements.

» Overall grand award, new residential construction:

Kona-based Roth Kimura LLP was awarded for its Bluffs 22 entry in Kamuela, for clients wanting an elegant, durable home with low operating costs.

The building is oriented toward ocean views and breezes and three interior courtyards facilitate cross-ventilation, allow in daylight and provide a private outdoor shower.

Energy-saving components recycle heat from the air-conditioning system to heat water for the home and swimming pool, while extra insulation and glazing reduce the load on the A/C.

» Overall grand award, residential remodeling:

Long & Associates AIA Inc. won for converting a dark, dated two-bedroom, two-bath Kahala Avenue cottage into welcoming guest quarters.

Interior walls were reconfigured to maximize open space, including opening the new appliance-bedecked kitchen to the great room. Bathrooms and the master suite got new flooring, cabinetry, fixtures and furnishings.

The concrete pool was updated, while original wood decking was preserved and refinished.

» Overall grand award, new commercial construction:

WATG (Wimberly Allison Tong & Goo Inc.) and Nordic PCL Construction Inc. were awarded for the Marriott Ko Olina Beach Club, Phase 4.

Grills decorating the naturally vented check-in lobby reflect the sun's significance to the Hawaiian culture and are placed deliberately to cast patterns along the kapa-designed floor in the afternoon.

Custom sconces add soft, decorative touches while larger fixtures evoke the shark, seen as a god in Hawaiian culture.

» Overall grand award, commercial remodeling:

WATG won a solo award for the rebranded St. Regis Princeville Resort, where its task was to meet the client's standard of luxury while infusing the property with a culturally sensitive, Hawaiian residential look and feel. A 10,000-square-foot spa and more retail space were to be added -- needs met by relocating the reception desk and creating a central living room.

Details invoking Hawaiiana appear throughout the property, while views deliberately frame Hanalei Bay and Mount Makana.


» Carl Reppun Award:

Mokulua Woodworking Ltd. was the Reppun-honored small-size contractor for its deconstruction-reconstruction project in which much of the lumber and other materials were reclaimed and some 70 tons of concrete was recycled in California.

The home has more than 100 windows and 70 sliding or pocketing doors to maximize air flow and natural light, while much of the electricity is from a photovoltaic system.

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