

Model Building Contest

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The BIA/SC L.A. County East Chapter's annual Model Building Contest was held at Almansor Court in Alhambra on May 16, 2001. Students in the ninth through twelfth grades, representing four area high schools, entered models based on their original designs in three traditional categories: residential,

and built. Papadatos' also won the Best in Category award for his model. El Monte High School student Martin Rodriguez received the award for Structural Best in Category and Jeremy Delgado of Downey High School earned the award for Commercial/Institutional Best in Category.

The LACE Chapter was again proud to sponsor the contest and the awards dinner banquet for the student competitors and their instructors, along with a number of parents who also registered for the event. The chapter wishes to thank several of its members for their support and assistance in sponsoring the students, including Abell-Dedmon, Inc.; CDS Insurance; Crawford & Bangs; G&D Construction; First America Bank; Rainbow Building & Development; Viking Insulation Company; and Werbco Construction. Also deserving thanks are BIA member Bob Edgley (Edgley & Sons) who again coordinated the trophy preparation, LACE Chapter staff member Yvette Dominguez for her outstanding work in organizing the event and BIA/SC Executive

Vice President Richard Lambros for serving as Master of Ceremonies.

Over the past year, the LACE Chapter has worked with the Los Angeles County Office of Education to increase school participation in the Model Building Contest. It looks forward to continuing that effort in



▲ **An example of one of the residential models entered into the contest.**

commercial/institutional and structural.

The panel of judges at this year's contest included BIA members Brian Catalde (Paragon Homes, Inc.); Ray Fernandez (Rainbow Building & Development); and Randy Ricciotti and Bill Simone (Custom Design & Construction); in addition to Yung Kao, building & safety director for the City of Monterey Park. The judges scored each entry on a 500-point system that considered design feasibility, craftsmanship and site work detail, and each student competed for recognition within their respective grade level – in addition to competing with the entire field of entrants from their respective category.

The four schools represented in this year's competition were Baldwin Park High School, Don Bosco Technical Institute, Downey High School and El Monte High School. All students received a certificate of participation, while the top three winners in each grade level received a trophy. The highest scoring model in each of the three categories then received a best in category trophy and a \$100 cash award. Finally, the winner of the sweepstakes "Best in Contest" award received the Sweepstakes Perpetual Trophy for the year and \$200.

Winning the 2001 sweepstakes was Downey High School junior Lambros Papadatos, who earned 468 points for the residential model that he designed



preparation for the 2002 competition, under the leadership of chapter board members Todd Leibl (G&D Construction) and Michael Battaglia (Standard Pacific Homes.)

▲ **Ray Fernandez, (Rainbow Building & Development) and Rick Ricciotti, (Custom Design & Construction) judge the contestants' models.**

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BIS 2001 To Feature Certified Graduate Remodelers Conference

The Building Industry Association of Southern California's (BIA/SC) 13th annual Building Industry Show (BIS) is now only three months away and show organizers are anticipating especially strong seminar attendance when it presents, for the first time, its Certified Graduate Remodelers Conference at BIS 2001.

The conference will offer remodelers a number of seminars to choose from – all of which cover the core areas of the remodeling business – marketing & sales, business administration, design, estimating and job cost, contracts, and liability, risk and project management. The training is a valuable tool for remodelers seeking greater professional credibility and sharper business skills.

The BIA/SC Los Angeles County East (LACE) Chapter and BIA/SC Remodelers Council are pleased to be leading this educational tract together at this year's show. In fact, it was Remodelers Council President and LACE Chapter director Bill Simone of Custom Design & Construction (CD&C) who organized and prepared the conference proposal and is now serving as its "tract manager."

The Los Angeles based CD&C, a member of the LACE Chapter, was recently included in *Remodeling* magazine's "Big 50" list of the top 50 remodelers in the nation based on customer service, quality workmanship and management excellence. It also recently earned dual distinctions as Western Remodeler of the Year and California Remodeler of the Year at the annual Chrysalis Awards during the National Remodelers Conference in Washington, D.C.

"The remodeler conference is going to thrive under Bill Simone's leadership as tract manager," said BIS Vice President J. Ross Willard of Talega Associates, LLC. "He is an accomplished remodeling craftsman, a successful business person whose company has been recognized for excellence and an industry leader who knows how to best meet the educational needs of remodelers in Southern California."

Building industry professionals in Southern California look to BIS as the source for information on new products and technological advancements for the industry as well as for cutting edge education seminars. BIS 2001 is being held November 8-9, 2001 at the Long Beach Convention Center. The Hyatt Regency Hotel in Long Beach will serve as this year's host hotel and discounted room reservations can be made by calling (800) 233-1234 and requesting the special BIS rate.

For additional information about BIS 2001 or to find out more about the Certified Graduate Remodelers Conference, visit www.biasc.org/BIS or contact BIS Director Sue Frias at (909) 396-9993 or sfrias@biasc.org.



▲ **BIA/SC Remodelers Council President Bill Simone played a major role in preparing the BIS 2001 Certified Graduate Remodelers Conference.**



**Peter E. Johnson
1916-2001**

In Memoriam

Peter E. Johnson, founder and president of the Peter E. Johnson Company and Pejco Construction, former BIA/SC president and lifelong advocate for the building industry and the trade union movement died on July 3, 2001 in Pacific Grove, California. He was 84.

Johnson was a building industry pioneer who played a significant role in the early development of Orange County and in the organization of the Building Contractors Association of California. He served as its president in 1964 and as president of the Building Industry Association of Southern California in 1979. Johnson's involvement in the building industry extended to the national level as well, where he served as a member of the National Association of Home Builders executive board. In addition, he held a seat on the California Labor Apprenticeship Council and was as a trustee of the Carpenter's Pension Benefit Trust.

Prior to his career as a builder, Johnson worked the

shipyards of San Pedro and was active in the trade union movement. Perhaps his most significant contribution to that movement was in helping with the organization of the Congress of Industrial Organizations (CIO). These early experiences helped establish Johnson's lifelong commitment to equal employment opportunity and fairness in the workplace.

Johnson's commitment to the building industry and the labor movement helped Southern California grow and become the region of prosperity that it is today. Although predeceased by his wife, Fonda M. Johnson, and by an infant daughter, Laurie Elizabeth, he is survived by daughters Christina Faia, Elaine Williams, and Grace Swearingen, sons Peter David Johnson, Michael Johnson, and Jamie Johnson, sister Marie Moselle Young, niece Joan Phelps, and a dear friend, Faith Jansen. Other survivors include 11 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.