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The results are in

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North Lake Homes "The Spirit" in Rathdrum's Radiant Lake Subdivision was the winner in all five categories of The Press' online poll of the Parade of Homes. The five categories were best master bedroom suite, best kitchen, best interior design and furnishings, best landscaping and most creative and unique features.

The Press' online poll reveals five-category sweep

KOOTENAI COUNTY -- More than 4,000 people visited the 24 homes included in this year's Parade of Homes, which included homes in Coeur d'Alene, Hayden, Rathdrum, Post Falls, Athol, Blanchard and Harrison according to Chris Rogers, the executive director of the North Idaho Building Contractors Association.

During the parade, the Coeur d'Alene Press conducted an online poll to find out what the public was responding to in the homes. Voters were asked to select their favorite master bedroom suite, favorite kitchen, favorite interior design and furnishings, favorite landscaping and which home they considered to have the most creative and unique features.

"The Spirit" by North Lake Homes, Kent and Laura Jobe, in Rathdrum was the winner in all five categories. Rogers said the Jobes are brand-new members of the NIBCA, joining so they could enter the parade.

"We had a lot of great comments through the week, so we were hopeful," Kent Jobe said. "We had a lot of people who just love the way we build."

The Jobes came to the area from Boise about a year ago, moving here to raise their kids in a

what he called a nice environment. He said he has one other house on the market, also in Radiant Lake. He said they have two or three people putting their financing packages together as a result of seeing "The Spirit."

"Some of the builders had beautiful homes, but I think what we accomplished for the price was outstanding," Jobe said.

Second through fourth place was a sweep as well. "The Seasons," located on the way to Farragut State Park, by Signature Northwest Homes, Don Crawford, took second place in all five categories. Crawford is also new to the NIBCA this year.

Ron and Shelly Rosenberger of Rosenberger Construction, LLC won third place in all five categories for "The Carriage House" in Hayden's Rockin R Ranch. The Rosenbergers have been members of the NIBCA since 2003.

Creekside Elite Homes took fourth place in all categories with "The Belve de're" off upper East Hayden Lake Road. Creekside, in its second year in the parade, is owned by Brent Baldwin.

From there the results scatter a bit. Fifth place in best master suite went to "The Quintessence" by Shelter Associates. Sixth through tenth places went to M. B. Builders for "The Mystic Retreat," Monarch Development for "The Cedar Creek," American Dreams Estates, Inc. for "The Verandas," Aurora Development for "The Aurora" and L&M Capital & Development LLC for "The Marin."

In the kitchen category, M.B. Builders came in fifth with "The Mystic Retreat," followed by Shelter's "Quintessence," Monarch's "The Cedar Creek," Covey Homes and Construction, LLC's "The Grand View," Monarch's "The Ripplewood Lodge" and Aurora's "The Aurora."

In interior design and furnishings, fifth place went to "The Quintessence," followed by "The Mystic Retreat," "The Cedar Creek," "The Aspen Grove" by Aspen Homes, Todd Stam, "The Grand View," by Covey Homes and Construction LLC and "The Shenandoah" by Monarch development.

"The Ripplewood Lodge," by Monarch Development came in fifth for landscaping, followed by "The Quintessence," "The Mystic Retreat," "The Water View" by Grosslauser Construction, Inc, "The Carmichael" by Castlerock Construction and "The Aurora."

In most creative and unique features, "The Quintessence" is in fifth place, followed by "The Mystic Retreat," "The Cedar Creek," "The Water View," "The Verandas" by American Dream Estates, Inc. and "The Marin."

Rogers said three of the homes on the Parade of Homes sold as a result of the event. She said the parade is a way to showcase the builders and their subcontractors.