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lavish landscaping that surrounds the house, there are fine details in every aspect of this beautifully built home. The property will appeal to the person who appreciates fine quality and superb design.

Carl B. Hamilton of Carl B. Hamilton Inc. in Ocean Springs, a certified professional builder, won a *Merit Award for Single Family: New Construction Custom Home 2,501-4,999 square feet* for "The Farrington Residence." The home includes mahogany hardwood floors throughout, with the exception of the bathrooms, which have travertine. The home also features crown molding, baseboards and casings that are custom cut by the cabinetmaker with their own special knife pattern.

All cabinets and vanities are custom made and include a rich glazed finish creating a unique "old world" feel. The kitchen has three-centimeter granite countertops, and the baths have Emperador marble tops. The home also includes specialty plumbing and light fixtures. The master bathroom includes a spacious walk-in shower made of travertine with a frameless shower door. The appliance package is GE Profile stainless steel, including the Advantium speed-cooking oven.

Larry S. Tabor and **Jeremy S. Tabor** of Tabor Construction and Development in Starkville won for *Single Family: New Construction Custom Home 2,501-4,999 square feet* for "The Miller Residence." After studying many homes and plans, the homeowners were inspired to build a French-style brick and stone home with a unique floor plan. The 4,800-square-foot home is on a 2.4-acre wooded estate lot in a newly developed neighborhood.

This five-bedroom, five-and-a-half-bath French Acadian two-story home is brick with two English gables of moss-covered field stone accented by a slate-colored architectural shingle, teal-blue cypress working shutters, copper gutters and custom-designed copper gas lanterns. Three sets of French doors open



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to a spacious covered porch with custom iron railings and blue flagstone.

Wonderful use of solid wood windows and doors are a key element in this home. Reclaimed heart-of-pine plank flooring, elliptical arched openings, 8-inch cove crown molding, a limestone fireplace and antique chandeliers adorn the formal living room, foyer, study and dining room. The master bath is a retreat of subtle colors and a soothing tone-on-tone wallpaper. The fabulous kitchen has custom-built cabinetry that is glazed a unique shade of aged gold, with two matching islands featuring furniture feet and turned legs centered in the middle, glazed in a French teal blue. With gourmet stainless appliances and granite slab countertops, a Viking cook top with a decorative mantel is the focal point of

the kitchen. Details such as the vaulted family room and kitchen ceiling of v-grooved pine, reclaimed hundred-year-old beams, and French antique iron light fixtures throughout give a casual feel and make the house a home.

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bedroom. Heart pine flooring, custom-glazed cabinets, columned cased openings with pediments and a limestone mantel help set the tone for the first floor. The impressive ceiling beams in the living room and back porch are antique heart pine with natural aged finish. Old cypress beaded edge ceilings give a warm feeling to the kitchen, breakfast room and back porch. Other features are heated marble floors, granite and marble counter tops, a steam shower, safe room and blue stone on the exterior porches and patio. The home was designed for function, entertaining and casual living with an elegant flair.

John Coker and **Mark Williams** of Cornerstone Contractors in Florence, both certified professional builders, won for *Single Family: New Construction Spec Home more than 5,000 square feet* for "The Vilette." Old St. Louis brick adorns the exterior of this expansive home and encloses the rear courtyard. There one will find a heated Gunite pool with spa and waterfall, a fountain, beautiful landscaping and a pool house with a Viking kitchen, full bath, and outdoor old brick fireplace. The home's great room features a limestone fireplace and plenty of custom cabinetry. The heart pine flooring continues into the formal dining room and into the kitchen and keeping room.

The sophisticated kitchen is equipped with a Sub-zero refrigerator, six-burner gas range with a griddle, double ovens, warming drawers and icemaker. A tongue-and-groove cypress ceiling with cypress beams and a fireplace in the keeping room give the large space a cozy, warm feel. Across the hall is the friend's entry, which has custom-designed cabinetry to use as a mud-room, computer room, and cypress potting cabinet for indoor gardening. Adjacent to the master bedroom is a master bath with separate vanities topped by limestone, a natural stone shower with rain head and



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a whirlpool tub. The media room upstairs has suede walls, a wet bar with a sink, refrigerator, popcorn machine and serving bar.

Tim Allred of Heritage Building Corp. in Meridian, a certified professional builder, won for *Single Family Remodeling: Entire Home* for "The McRae Camphouse." The morning after the hurricane, despair and hopelessness from devastation were mixed with thankfulness that no one was injured and the hope and determination to rebuild what nature had seemed to take away. Saving only the bedroom and bathroom walls and ceramic tile floors, the rebuilding of the house began.

The family room was enlarged to accommodate a handmade poplar table that seats 18 family members and guests. Century-old poplar trees downed during the hurricane were milled on site and became the hand-detailed paneling, moldings and the dining table. The Tudor-style German influence is evident on the interior and exterior details. Granite countertops and stainless steel appliances were chosen for endurance.

The bathroom was designed with a handicapped-accessible shower, glass block window for natural lighting and a German-style Tiffany vanity light. A large screened porch was added to enhance outdoor entertaining. The outdoor cooking area was rebuilt to once again host evening cookouts by the lake.

Larry Tabor and **Marilyn Tabor** of Tabor Construction and Development in Starkville won for *Single Family Remodeling: Other* for "The Clark" (See BEST IN MISSISSIPPI on page 20)



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Residence." The beautiful, two-story antebellum designed home originally built in 1952, stands among Hugh pines on a 20-acre estate. When the current family owners decided to remodel, careful attention was given to blend in the old with the new, retaining the home's Southern charm and charisma. The result was a beautiful masterpiece in the art of construction.

An elegant, two-story addition of a new modern kitchen, sunroom, master bath and closets, wet bar and outdoor kitchen were the focal points in the remodeling project. From the wet bar area, one enters the new kitchen, which features 10-foot-high golden Shaker-style cabinets finished with an amber glaze. The kitchen center has two large islands with

blue soda-lite granite countertops and butcher-block on the perimeter countertops. A center antique iron pot rack was converted to a light fixture as well. The beautiful copper vent hood is the focal point of the complete set of stainless Viking appliances and is complemented by the antique stained glass pantry doors.

The large sunroom connects the new kitchen and existing living room through two arched entryways. The room, with its 10-foot ceilings and soft recessed lighting, features 8-foot windows along the entire 20-foot exterior wall with great views of the patio and lake. Off the sunroom is the covered outdoor kitchen featuring a Viking grill with two side burners, ice maker, refrigerator and sink built into a brick base with a white marble countertop. The master bath suite on the second floor exudes charm and elegance. His vanity is enhanced by an antique oak medicine chest recessed into the wall.

The master suite also has a travertine steam shower and flooring. Her bath has an elegant whirlpool tub with a Kohler faucet, a large corner vanity with a travertine countertop and soft lighting to accent the warm, golden colors. Large windows adjoin a door leading to her new covered balcony overlooking the lake and grounds.

Encore Construction Group in Gulfport won a Merit Award for *Multifamily New Construction: More than 50 units* for "Camellia Pointe." This townhome and condominium development is a place where old-world architecture and modern conveniences converge in a unique, gated waterfront community located on 16 1/2 acres of moss-draped live oaks, camellias and magnolias. Each luxurious residence features impeccable attention to details and first-class amenities such as granite countertops, high ceilings and stainless appliances. It offers the pinnacle of the Southern lifestyle with European charm.

Jeremy Tabor of Tabor Construction and Development in Starkville won for *Multifamily New Construction: More than 50 units* for "Esplanade Ridge." Esplanade Ridge was designed to bring back a piece of rich history in this region. A variety of brick was chosen that best replicates



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