

# Carol Richard, AIA Honored at NAWIC Atlanta Ninth-Annual Atlanta Construction Visionary Awards Banquet

The Atlanta Chapter of the National Association of Women in Construction celebrated its 9th Annual Atlanta Construction Visionary Awards Banquet June 2, 2009 at The Georgia Tech hotel and conference center. This event recognized individuals for their outstanding achievements and significant contributions to promote, expand and encour-

age the role of women in the construction and design industry. The theme was "If Not Now, When? ... Planning for the Rebound".

Council Woman Mary Norwood served as the keynote speaker and Nancy Juneau, CEO of Juneau Construction and past Visionary Award recipient, served as the honorary chairperson.

The evening started by acknowledging some important achievements. Every organization needs a champion. The NAWIC Champion award is presented to an individual or company who has supported, campaigned and/or advocated for the Atlanta Chapter of NAWIC during the current year. This award was presented for the second year in a row to Heery International, Inc. and was accepted by the Bill Heitz, president.

William (Tyler) Gunnin of Chapel Hill High School was awarded \$100 for winning the CAD/Design/Drafting Competi-

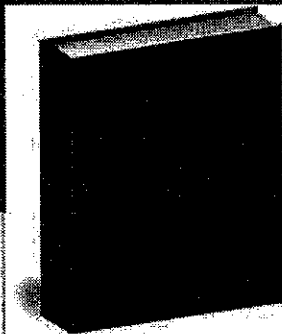
tion. This year's design problem centered on the need to design a dream home to accommodate a family of four that was built out of natural and environmentally friendly materials inside and out. The plan was to build a small simple house that can be added onto as the children get older. Gunnin's design met all the criteria but even included the construction of a roof to collect rainwater and be used for non-potable water activities. He also had plans to install low flow toilets and strategically added windows to warm and cool the home as needed.

The Rookie of the Year Award was presented to Blair Andrews, an associate at Kilpatrick Stockton LLP. To qualify as a "rookie", the individual must have been a member for less than 18 months.

The Member of the Year Award went to Stephanie Golias, CIT of Hudson Construction Company. Last year Golias was awarded both the Atlanta chapter and Region 2 Rookie of the Year. Even while serving as chapter president this year she has not slowed down in her commitment to the chapter, offering additional programs and opportunities for unemployed members and filling in anywhere there was a need.

This year's recipient of the "Visionary Award" was presented to Carol Richard, AIA, Partner Richard Wittschiede Hand. This award recognizes an individual that has made strides and helped pave the way for other women in the construction and design industry. "Not only did Carol build Atlanta's most established woman-own architecture firm, she has dedicated a significant portion of her career to the development and advancement of women in her community and within the profession," Golias said. "She is a visionary who not only envisions the future but actively initiates, develops and inspires others. We were honored to recognize her as the Construction Visionary award recipient."

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