

Two Show Homes Unveiled

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ORLANDO -- For the first time in 24 years, two showcase homes were unveiled at the 2007 International Builders Show in Orlando by the NCHI. Adding to the uniqueness is that the homes are separated by nearly a century, one home new and the other a remodeled 1909 structure.

BUILDER Magazine and the National Council of the Housing Industry co-sponsored the construction of the show homes -- The New American Home and The Renewed American Home. The show homes are built on adjacent lots in the Lake Eola Heights Historic District in downtown Orlando. The project represents the national movement towards urban revitalization.

According to William "Bill" Nolan, chairman of the New American Home program, the project represented "two distinct markets." Both properties are certified green by the Florida Green Building Coalition and are ENERGY STAR rated. The greening efforts will make both homes 73 percent more energy-efficient than the average home. and will conserve 200,000 gallons of water according to Maylen Dominguez, new development coordinator of Homes by Carmen Dominguez, the builder of The New American Home 2007.

The remodeled home, built by PSG Construction in Winter Park, Fla., used roughly 15 percent of the circa 1909 home's original frame. The home, once valued at \$325,000, is now worth \$3.5 million. In the course of the remodeling, the home increased in size from 2,462 square feet to 5,680 square feet of air-conditioned space, and 7,175 square feet under roof, according to a press release.

"We retained the shell of the structure, the exterior walls and floors," PSG Partner Stephen Gidus said Wednesday at a Builders' Show news conference.

The PSG structure blends Victorian, coastal design, and bungalow styles, with the design by Lucia, Kassik & Monday Inc. of Winter Park.

The New American Home, designed by BSB Design, totals 5,800 square feet in three stories. The TNAH is valued at \$2.9 million.

"We took the bungalow style and gave it a contemporary twist," explained Ed Binkley, architect of The New American Home. "This was a wonderful break and something we wanted to be part of. Contemporary, industrial, green, and modern -- all of these things interested us."

Robb & Stucky Interiors created the interior design for both properties.

To read BUILDER magazine's Jan. 2007 coverage of The New American Home, [click here](#).

To read REMODELING magazine's Feb. 2007 coverage of The Renewed American Home, [click here](#).

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