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Certified Graduate Remodeler (CGR)



From our clients

“Having ABD do our kitchen remodel was the best decision we could have made. All of the people were wonderful to work with, the quality of work was very high and it was all done on schedule. Any problems were resolved satisfactorily and rapidly. We could not be happier with our finished project and look forward to many years of enjoyment in our new kitchen.”

Mike and Maryanne Fox

Tax credits boost incentive for green home improvements

Expanded tax credits for energy-efficient home improvements in the new economic stimulus package puts more money in your pockets by providing financial incentive for home owners to go green on their renovation projects in 2009 & 2010. While more efficient homes save on water and energy bills, these tax credits will make such home upgrades even more affordable. Call us to learn more

ABOUT ABD

Associates in Building & Design, LTD. is a northern Colorado design and building company located in Fort Collins. ABD specializes in remodeling, interior design, custom homes and commercial tenant finish and is working hard to lead Green Building with five staff members being certified as Green Professionals through the National Association of Home Builders. ABD can be reached at 970-225-2323 or you can learn more about us at our website www.abd-ltd.com

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2008 COLORADO
HOME BUILDER
OF THE YEAR



Spring 2009



Awarded 2008 Builder of the Year

On October 22, 2008 at the Annual Rocky Mountain Builder's Conference it was announced that Bob Peterson, CGR, CAPS, CGP and President of Associates in Building Design, LTD. was honored as the 2008 Colorado Builder of the Year.

This award is given annually to the builder

that exemplifies professionalism, dedication and support for the industry and upholds business standards and maintains forward-thinking and ethical practices.

Bob is very honored to have received this prestigious award from the Colorado Association of Homebuilders. ■

LET US HELP YOU CREATE A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE

“Nesting”, a term used to describe someone who is interested in staying close to home.

Sounds inviting doesn't it?

Warm, comfortable, cozy- your home! It's also a term being used widely today with people in the housing market. Not a bad idea either, considering how easy it is to make “your nest” a better place to live! For more see Design on page 2.

We've got your number

Check out these facts:

2,000+

The number of gallons of water wasted in a year by a water leak of one drop per second.

83%

Of all homeowners think it's important to use environmentally friendly products when remodeling. 55% of women and 45% of men think it is important to use environmentally friendly products.

ABD Partner Awards Program

We are pleased to announce the final tally for our 2008 Partner Awards Program. Thank you to each of these winners for allowing ABD to be of service to you. We thank you for your business. To the right is a list of what we have given away to winners of the awards program:

- Numerous gift certificates
- 2 \$500 travel vouchers
- 3 One week all inclusive resort vacations in Mexico
- 1 week all inclusive Sandals resort vacation in the Caribbean

Announcing ABD's 2009 new Partner Rewards Program for clients who promote us to others.

Here is how you become an ABD Partner:

This program also allows a past or new client the opportunity to win a pyramid of rewards. The rewards may be earned by choosing ABD for a new construction, remodel, interior design, or retail project. Rewards are attained thru hiring ABD for any or all of the above contracts, or referring a new client to ABD resulting in a signed, paid in full contract.

The rewards are awarded in the following four ways:

1. Client receives a \$50.00 dinner gift certificate for a referral of a new client that leads to a signed and paid in full contract.
2. The client hires ABD and with a signed & paid in full contract valued at \$25,000 – 50,000 receives a \$200.00 gift certificate to the Fort Collins Downtown Business Association. (Awarded after paid in full contract.)
3. The client hires ABD and with a signed & paid in full contract valued at \$50,001.00 – 100,000 receives a \$300.00 gift certificate to the Fort Collins Downtown Business Association. (Awarded after paid in full contract.)

For more information on the ABD Partner Awards Program visit the ABD website.

4. The client hires ABD and with a signed & paid in full contract valued at \$100,001.00 – above receives a \$500.00 gift certificate to the Fort Collins Downtown Business Association. (Awarded after paid in full contract.)

Additional Information and Rules:

- All certificates are awarded only when projects are completed and paid in full.
- Contracts must be signed after 01/01/09 and paid in full by the close of program.
- Client/Partner refers to one family unit only, not related parties. Contracts may not be pooled with multiple Client/Partners. Contracts are accumulative per Client/Partner.
- Referral dinner gift certificates are awarded on a new referral client's initial project only. The new client/partner accumulates on his/her own account for his/her first and subsequent projects.
- When a Client/Partner's contract is paid in full, a gift certificate for the rewarded amount will be mailed. This will be redeemable at any participating Fort Collins Downtown Business Association members.
- ABD reserves the right to change, amend, or expand, any rules, policies, or parameters of this rewards program or to discontinue this program without notice.
- Program began 01/01/09.

ABD staff attend builders' show in Las Vegas, receive honors

Bob and Rita Peterson, co-owners of Associates in Building & Design, LTD., attended the 2008 International Builders' Show in Las Vegas. Also in attendance were Bill Kish, Eric Stein, Steve Suchy and Adam Miller; all employees of ABD.

While at the event, Bob Peterson was installed as 2nd Vice Chair for the National

Home Builders' Remodelers Council and Rita Peterson was elected to the executive committee for the NAHB 20 Club Program which is a networking club for builders and remodelers.

The show also gave those in attendance the chance to research the best new products, services, breaking news and emerging trends in the industry. ■

Lead-based paint rears its ugly head

The EPA through a long and challenging process has instituted a new Lead-Based Paint ruling.

Unfortunately, this ruling will affect all of us. Before I get into the high points of the ruling, though, I want to be clear that ABD and our staff are definitely concerned and do not condone pure ignorance of the issue of health issues that can result from exposure to lead.

That being said, the main points of the ruling are: Effective December 2008, all potential remodeling done on any home built pre-1978 must be presented with the EPA bulletin 'Renovate Right'. This brochure explains the ruling and the processes that your remodeler must follow during the project.

The ruling is complicated and unfortu-

nately will ultimately add to the cost of your project. The one point I'd suggest when looking into a project would be to make sure your remodeler is following the rules. There will be many companies out there who ignore the ruling either through unawareness or just plain ignorance, but you can rest assured ABD will not ignore the issue.

We will continue to work to provide you with quality safety and value as we always have.

This ruling is 300 pages long, very complicated and something that takes a lot of patience to understand. We will be going through training to comply and become certified as required between now and April 2010 when this is fully put into affect. ■

- Bob Peterson

Making "cents" of tankless hot water heaters

If you haven't heard of tankless on-demand hot water heaters yet, I recommend you look into it.

The tankless HWH, made by a variety of manufacturers make a lot of sense. These HWH installed in place of your normal tank heater, provide an endless supply of hot water (never run out again), save a lot of space and save you money in a short time.

Yes, they are more expensive than standard HWH, but then what new and Green is not!

Your normal tank heater heats the water all day long (24hrs) over and over even though it is not being used. That is why installing these new HWH makes sense.

With the Tankless, it only heats when in use, or when you need hot water. How much sense does that make? Instead of using 30K btu's all day, how about using 75K btu's two or three times a day for a few minutes?

We've installed several of these and average cost is \$2,500 but depends on venting and many other factors.

Doesn't that make "cents"? Please call ABD to learn more about the HWH and how we can be of service. ■

- Bob Peterson



DESIGN



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Economy got you down?

In these troubled times it's nice to come home to your nest

ABD's professional designers followed by our expert carpenters and trade partners can help you create and improve your nest and do it with great value to you. The best part is it doesn't have to be expensive either.

We are seeing small projects are "in". Painting, new countertops, appliances, plumbing fixtures, floor coverings, and wall tiles, new light fixtures or maybe even simple repairs can make a huge difference.

Anything to do with energy efficiency or all things green – low-flow

faucets & toilets (you'll love Kohler's new Karbon faucet I saw at the International Builders Show last month!)

Remember, kitchen and bath investments are returned the quickest, and while we are talking about nesting, why wouldn't you want your kitchen, master bath or family room to be an inviting, comfortable, cozy nest for you and your family to enjoy more time at home? Or let us design and finish your basement for kids or family living?

We'd love to do it for you! Let us help you to not allow the economy get you down. Interior or exterior, we



Kohler's Karbon water faucet

care and will work to provide "your newer improved nest" at a price you will be comfortable with.

Give us a call, we appreciate your business! ■

- Rita Peterson

BUILD



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Positive encouragement during economic downturn

Here we are already a couple months into 2009! As always, the first and most important thing I want to do is to say, Thank You, to everyone out there who have helped ABD be successful. Clients are our lifeblood and without all of you who believe in us, we couldn't survive. Thanks again!

The main topic of everyone's conversation these days is the economy! Where is it going, what's going to happen? These are common questions, which I don't have the answer to either, but I do know a one thing: There has never been a better time to do home improvements.

Why, you may ask? Several reasons: 1) More "Professional"

companies are available – today! 2) Many prices are down, lumber is as inexpensive as I've seen in 10 years and other prices are down as well. 3) Labor rates are down. 4) Interest rates are as low as they've ever been and will probably ever be. 5) Credit is available. 6) Your home value will go up! (It just may take a bit for it to happen.)

There has never been a better time to call ABD to look at a project for your home or business! Invest now while it's less.

I've never advocated doing any remodeling just to sell a house (only minor aesthetics to freshen up and appeal to the mass is advisable). I believe that you should remodel

and improve only if you are going to enjoy the home for a few years when it is done.

I encourage you to believe and know that this economic situation will recover and will recover sooner than we hear. We all need to remember what country we are part of and what built our country in the first place.

Stay positive, don't over worry and please don't quit spending money, which is what drives this great country! Work hard, work smart and we'll all prevail! And don't forget, call ABD for any home or business needs, Design or Build. ■

- Bob Peterson