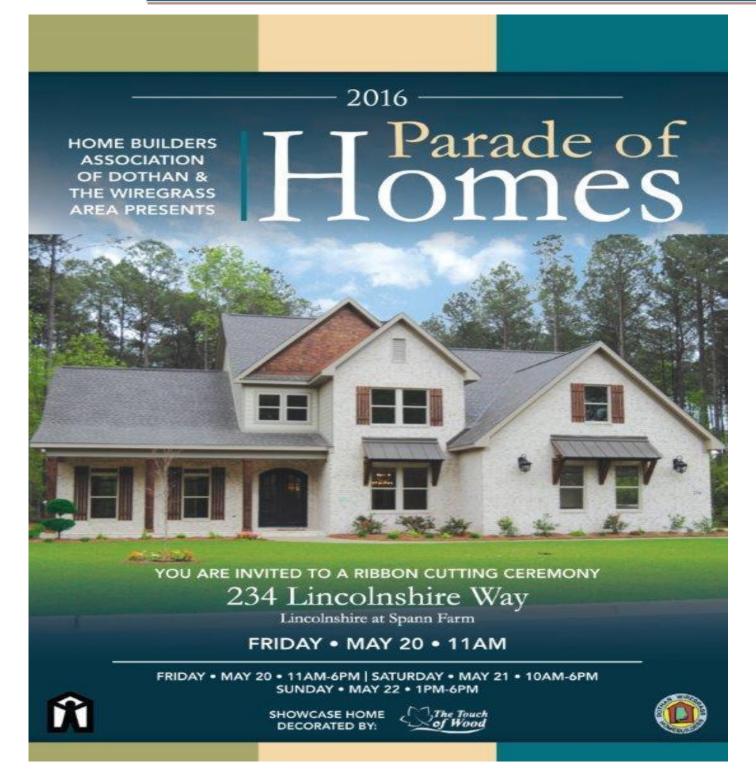


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Coming Soon

2016 Parade of Homes

May 20th, 21st, & 22nd



Mark your calendars and plan to join us!!

Ribbon Cutting
Friday, May 20, 2016 @ 11:00 am
234 Lincolnshire Way
Lincolnshire @ Spann Farm

Showcase Home Built By Blissett Builders

Parade of Homes Fish Fry

Come out and be a part of our fish fry as we get ready to kick off this year's

Parade of Homes!!

Enjoy a delicious meal and get a sneak peak of the decorated showcase home.

Thursday May 19th at 6:00 pm

234 Lincolnshire Way Lincolnshire @ Spann Farm

Please RSVP to 334-793-6696 or hbaofdothan@graceba.net

















L to R: Greg Anderson, Woody Clark, Tommy Tolleson, Bart Liddon, Darryl Matthews, David Brewer & Steve Thompson. Back: Jim Martin & Bill Deloney

Dothan Lends A Hand To The Rebirth Of A Turn Of The Century Farmhouse

In the spirit of community service your Association recently stepped up to help the Dothan Area Botanical Gardens with a renovation project. The project was the restoration of a beautiful old turn of the century farmhouse that was donated to the Botanical Gardens. The farmhouse had considerable exterior damage and required the removal of siding, cornices and exterior trim. Several members of the Home Builders Association of Dothan and the Wiregrass Area came to the rescue and gave several hours of manpower to help in this restoration project! The farmhouse will eventually be used as a small meeting facility for local garden clubs and civic organizations. It was a great day and those who participated felt rewarded! Thank you David Brewer, Woody Clark, Jim Martin, Steve Thompson, Bill Deloney, Darryl Matthews, Tommy Tolleson, Greg Anderson & Bart Liddon for lending your time and talent to this project!

















JUST THE FACTS ABOUT



The Home Builders Association of Alabama (HBAA) has been working hard to promote housing and pass legislation that will help you save money and improve the way you do business. Here are a few facts about how the HBAA's governmental affairs efforts are working for you:

- The HBAA is stimulating Alabama's economy through its work to pass the Alabama Home Buyer Initiative. This program will create \$300 million in economic activity.
- The HBAA's legislative efforts reduced property tax on developed lots by 50% for 2012 & 2013. That same legislation reduces the property tax on inventoried houses by 50% from now on!
- The HBAA convinced the Alabama
 Department of Public Health to create a state lead paint program in order to keep EPA out of Alabama and to lower costs for Alabama remodelers.
- The HBAA is a founding member of the Business Association Tax Coalition and the Civil Justice Reform Committee, groups that have brought about meaningful tort reform to Alabama's courts and fairness to Alabama's tax laws.
- HBAA-backed legislation eliminated the prohibition on pre-sale agreements for lot sales. This victory means commercial lenders will be more likely to provide development financing in the future.
- HBAA provisions in the new landlord tenant law increases the amount of time to return a deposit from 35 days to 60 days, reducing the administrative burden on investment property owners.

- The HBAA eliminated local government's ability to charge a business license on each unit in a multifamily development. This ensures that owners will not have to pay a fee on units that are not generating revenue.
- The HBAA took the lead in crafting Alabama's first statewide energy and building code that reflects the wishes of Alabama's builders, NOT the Federal DOE.
- HBAA legislative efforts ensure that tax appeals are heard before a tribunal instead of members of the Department of Revenue staff.
- The HBAA has partnered with Alabama Power to create the Duct and Envelope Tightness testing program, allowing HVAC contractors to conduct their own inspections and saving builders hundreds of dollars per house.
- The HBAA seeks to promote skilled trades through the use of unused HVAC and Plumbing licensure funds that currently revert to the State's general fund.
- The HBAA is working to expand incentives for wind resistant construction and retrofits statewide through potential tax credits and insurance reductions. These incentives will encourage new remodeling opportunities and consumer driven upgrades on new construction.

Your support of ABPAC, the HBAA's political action arm, enables us to fight oppressive regulatory burdens, elect pro-business and pro-building candidates, and to pass legislation that benefits Alabama's housing industry while opposing legislation that could negatively impact the way you do business.

It PAYS to be a member-ask us how you can give back to ABPAC today!



PRESIDENTS MESSAGE......



Dear Members,

It is May and that means it is time for our "Super Bowl" event. The **Parade of Homes** is where the HBA kicks-off a weekend publicizing our industry. We go to great lengths to make sure this event professionally promotes our builders and associate members. Ben Saliba has worked alongside our Executive Director Marella Collins to organize and advertise another fabulous parade. I want to thank Ben and Marella for their hard work. I also want to thank each of the builders who have entered a home in the Parade. I know the challenges that come along with getting a home ready for the parade so I appreciate the effort made by our builders who are participating this year. Another thank you goes out to our trade contractors and suppliers who work with the builders to prepare and complete the homes on time for the Parade. The contributions from our Associate council do not go unnoticed. The whole production is a team effort, and I know our Parade weekend will be a big win for everyone.

The details of the Parade schedule are posted inside this Tapeline issue, but I want to invite everyone to attend the Fish Fry on Thursday, May 19th. This will serve as our General Membership meeting and it gives you the opportunity to tour the parade showcase house. The Blissetts' have another beautiful home ready to showcase with decorations provided by Touch of Wood.

Best of luck at the Parade. I hope we sell every house.

David Brewer

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351Members (88 Builders & 270 Associate Members) + 83.3% Retention Rate

May Anniversaries

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June Anniversaries

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Board Meeting

Date: Thursday / May 12 12:00 noon / HBA Office Time/Location:

Fish Fry Parade of Homes Kick-off

Date: Thursday/ May 19

Time/Location: 6:00 pm / 234 Lincolnshire Way

Parade of Homes Ribbon Cutting Date:

Thursday/ May 20-22

12:00 noon / 234 Lincolnshire Way Time/Location:

June

Board Meeting

Date: Thursday / June 9 Time/Location: 12:00 noon / HBA Office **General Membership Meeting**

Thursday/ June 16 Time/Location: 12:00 noon / TBA

Eufaula's General Membership Meeting

Thursday/ June 23

Time/Location: 12:00 noon / Eufaula Country Club

July

No Board Meeting

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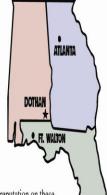


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FROM THE OFFICE...

Parade of Home Ribbon Cutting

Please come out and help us kick off our 2016 Parade of Homes. The Ribbon Cutting will be held at the Showcase Home, built by Blissett Builders, at 234 Lincolnshire Way on Friday, May 20th at 11:00 am. The media will be there promoting the Parade of Homes which will run through the weekend, May 20th - May 22nd. Refreshments will be served.



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TOP 10 REASONS TO RENEW

There are quite literally hundreds of reasons to renew your membership, but these, members say, are the top 10.

- 10. Fast, free and reliable consultation from technical, legal, regulatory, codes and business specialists.
- 9. Members-only access to www.nahb.org. No one will appreciate your thriftiness if you're locked out of information you need.
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- $\textbf{8.} \ \text{Targeted services for remodelers, sales and marketing pros, system builders, 50+ builders and more.}$
- 7. Education- The potential drawback of skimping outweighs any savings.
- **6.** The professional distinction of membership makes a strong case in today's market. There's really no excuse for home builders working today NOT to budget for membership.
- 5. News, product roundups, policy analysis, consumer preference information and business trends 24-7.
- **4.** Public awareness, representation in the media and government affairs all benefit from the power of our numbers. As a member, you're a part of the solution.
- 3. Cut costs by leveraging the buying power of our 175,000+ members. It's called the Member Advantage program for a reason.
- 2. A reliable business network. You've heard the saying "penny-wise, pound foolish"?

 When it comes to connections, you always need more than you think.
- 1. The best is yet to come. As the industry changes, so too does our association. Do yourself a favor: renew today and stay engaged.

Don't leave the future in someone else's hands. Choose to stay.

Mission Statement

The Home Builders Association of Dothan and the Wiregrass Area, a non-profit trade association, is a network of builders and associates whose mission is to educate, promote and instill the professional principles of the home building industry in our members and community. We strive to promote growth through quality housing for our community to fulfill the American dream of home ownership.



Suilding 1,000 average single-family homes generates \$36 million in taxes and revenues for state, local and federal governments.

Source: National Association of Home Builders



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Membership in the Home Builders Association of Alabama comes with many benefits to help you and your business. Listed below are just some of the ways that the HBAA is committed to helping its members and building the future of Alabama.

Saving You & Your Company Money

The Alabama Home Builders Self Insurers Fund offers excellent Workers' Compensation Coverage and safety and loss control services to qualified members. The Home Builders Association Builders Risk Program is available for residential builders and remodelers. For more information and to find a carrier in your area, contact Helmut Mundt at 855-442-2467.

The HBAA Member Rebate Program helps builders and remodelers earn money back on products you're likely already using on the jobsite.

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Protecting & Promoting Our Industry

Active governmental involvement ensures home building issues are addressed in the Alabama legislature.

Statewide public relations campaigns promote the home building industry throughout Alabama and encourage consumers to do business with HBAA members.

The Alabama Remodeling Excellence Awards competition offers remodelers, contractors, kitchen and bath designers, architects and other remodeling industry professionals the opportunity to earn awards and recognition for their outstanding remodeling work in a wide range of categories.

The Alabama Home Builders Foundation addresses the trade labor shortage by awarding scholarships to train students in building trades, providing career awareness to high school students and working with vocational clubs and high school counselors to encourage more students to choose the building trades as a career.

Keeping You Informed

Publications like Alabama Homebuilder magazine keep you updated on changes in the industry as well as within HBAA.

The HBAA website's exclusive Members-Only section provides sample contracts, warranty language, online meeting registration, and leasing information for multifamily builders, among other benefits.

Statewide meetings are held three times a year to provide members with valuable networking and educational opportunities.

Boosting Your Professional Development

Special Interest Councils & Committees address the needs for today's multifaceted home building market. Groups such as the HBAA Remodelers, Professional Women in Building, Investment Property Owners Council and Land Developers Council provide members with information for a distinct area of the building industry.

Educational Opportunities help you strengthen your potential for growth and success and set yourself apart from your competition by earning professional designations. Designations available through the HBAA's educational classes include Certified Graduate Builder (CGB); Certified Graduate Remodelor (CGR); Certified Graduate Associate (CGA); Certified Green Professional (CGP); Graduate Master Builder (GMB) designations; Certified GreenKey Builder (CGKB); Certified New Home Marketing Professional (CMP); Housing Credit Certified Professional (HCCP); Master Certified Green Professional; and Master in Residential Marketing (MIRM).

For more information on how to become an HBAA member, please contact the local HBA in your area or call (800) 745-4222.

Scholarships

The Alabama Home Builders Foundation scholarship was founded in 1995 with a mission to help fund deserving students who are interested in pursuing an education in the residential building trades in the state of Alabama. As of 2015, the Foundation has awarded over \$500,000 in scholarship funding has been awarded to over 1,000 students.

Eligibility:

Must be a resident of Alabama

Must be enrolling in, or attending, a junior college, technical school or university in Alabama

Must be enrolled in a construction-related curriculum

Deadline and Submission:

Applications submitted electronically, through the AHB Foundation website, must be received by end-of-business day, March 15th

All mailed applications must be postmarked by March 15th

All faxed and emailed applications must be received by end-of-business day March 15th

Applications should be sent to: Alabama Home Builders Foundation

P.O. Box 241305

Montgomery, AL 36124

Applications can be faxed to: 334-834-5380

Applications can be emailed to: Artemismoore@hbaa.org

Required Attachments:

College or high school transcript (whichever is most recent)

Minimum of one letter of recommendation from an HBAA member, teacher or supervisor Proof of residency, such as a copy of a state-issued identification or a copy of a utility bill

Skills and Trades AHB Foundation Generally Supports:

Agriscience Building Science/Construction Engineering

Civil Engineering Plumbing

Carpentry/Cabinetry Electrical Engineering
Drafting and Design Engineering (general)

Electrical Technology HVAC/HVACR
Graphic Design Landscaping
Mechanical Engineering Masonry

Sustainable Construction

Note: This list is not exclusive to other trades. Should an applicant demonstrate that their education will lead to a career in residential building; the AHB Foundation Scholarship Committee will consider the application for possible funding.

Factors the AHB Foundation Scholarship Committee Considers:

Career Goal

Past Recipient

Financial Need

Academic Achievement

Extra-curricular Activities

Letters of Recommendation

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 - Certified Graduate Associate (CGA)
 - Certified Graduate Builder (CGB)
 - Certified Graduate Remodeler (CGR)
 - Certified Green Professional (CGP)
- Certified New Home Marketing Professional (CMP)
 - Certified New Home Sales Professional (CSP)
 - Graduate Master Builder (GMB)
 - Graduate Master Remodeler (GMR)
 - Housing Credit Certified Professional (HCCP)
 - Master Certified Green Professional
- Master Certified New Home Sales Professional (Master CSP)
 - Master in Residential Marketing (MIRM)

Why should I obtain a professional designation?

By obtaining a designation, you will distinguish yourself from thousands of other builders, remodelers or associates. A designation can help you gain recognition as an industry leader and call attention to yourself in a crowded marketplace.

Can I earn more than on designation?

Yes, you many earn as many designations as you would like. Once you have obtained your CGB and CGR you are eligible to start the Graduate Master Builder (GMB) or Graduate Master Remodeler (GMR) programs.

How do I get started?

To start the process of earning a designation, please contact your local Home Builders Association for detailed information on requirements, registration, curriculum and continuing education.

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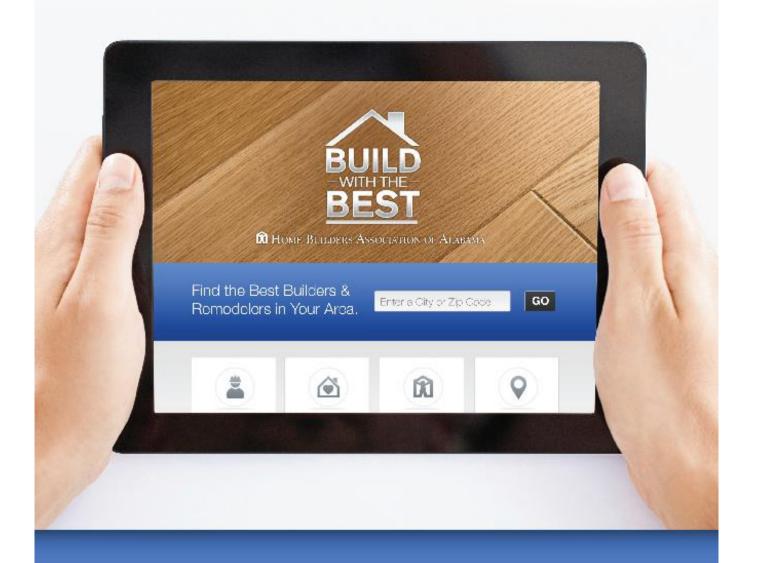
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The Home Builders Association of Alabama (HBAA) has provided lead paint certification training since early 2010, and continues to provide it on an as-needed basis. The one-day training is taught by EPA-approved instructors and consists of a mixture of classroom and hands-on training.

The HBAA also provides continuing education for those who have earned the lead paint certification. Under Alabama Health Department regulations, all Lead Paint Certified Renovators must complete a refresher course every three years. These half-day courses are offered periodically at locations throughout the state.

All trainings are open to both HBAA members and nonmembers. HBAA members do receive a significant discount on their training.

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