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The Retreat at Flathead Lake

Greg Bain and Co. earns home design award

The Retreat at Flathead Lake in Somers recently received a Best in American Living Platinum Award for Interior Design of a specialty or outdoor room.

BALA awards, sponsored by the National Association of Homebuilders and considered the most prestigious new home design competition in the building industry, spotlight the most creative and innovative builders in the nation and design excellence in the residential building industry.

The design team for The Retreat included architect and builder Greg Bain and Co. of Kalispell. Debra Bain served as interior merchandiser.

The kitchen, positioned on the main level of the home overlooking the lake and sun deck, creates an outdoor entertainment space that allows the owners to be part of the lake activities while preparing meals.

This award was presented at the National Association of Homebuilders Conference held in Orlando, Florida in January of this year. Greg Bain and Co.'s award winning home also was honored as the 2009 Parade of Homes People's Choice Winner as well as the winner of Best in Class, Best Interior Décor, Best Master Suite and Best Kitchen.



GREG BAIN, right, and his son, Matt Bain, who also is employed with Greg Bain and Co., shake hands as they receive the Best in American Living Award at the National Association of Homebuilders conference in Orlando earlier this year.

Glacier Centennial Committee honored

The Glacier National Park Centennial Committee was named Tourism Partnership of the year by the Montana Tourism and Recreation Industry during the Montana Governor's Conference on Tourism and Recreation in Helena March 28-29.

The Missoula Marathon was named Tourism Event of the Year. Dan Thyer, curator of living history for the Montana Heritage Commission, was named Tourism Person of the Year.

Glacier National Park celebrated its centennial in 2010 with 42 commemora-

tive events, seven legacy projects, 79 educational programs formally engaging 4,700 students and \$1.5 million in philanthropic funds were raised to benefit the park for years to come. The Centennial Committee succeeded in making the commemoration a community-based, partner-driven celebration.

The leadership, energy and diplomacy of Kassandra Hardy, centennial coordinator for Glacier National Park, was noted as the driving force behind the success and accomplishments of the committee.

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