



Design Competition Invitation

In 1996 The Province of Nova Scotia discontinued the Nova Scotia Home Award Program. This program recognized excellence in housing design, construction, renovation, restoration, and energy conservation through the Nova Scotia Home Awards. The Nova Scotia Home & Building Designers Association are very proud to be an active part of the Nova Scotia housing industry and as custom home and small building designers we feel there is a strong need to recognize excellence in our industry.

We would like to take this opportunity to invite you to enter this year's Design Competition with a design you are proud of or think will have a chance to win with bragging rights! Submissions will be sent in a digital format as outlined in the following entry rules by Wednesday the 22nd of May no later than the end of day.

Judging will take place virtually between three independent judges not belonging to or members of the NSHBDA. The Awards for five categories listed below will be presented at our AGM at

Pilots Pub in Dartmouth on the evening on Tuesday the 11th of June this year. Details of the AGM will follow in due course.



Design Competition

Objective: To highlight the best custom designed homes and small buildings created by Nova Scotia Home & Building Designer Association (NSHBDA) members and students at the Nova Scotia Community College. In doing so we, the association, wish to create more awareness of the NSHBDA and what its members do.

Winning designs will be featured on the website www.nshomedesigners.com. The competition gives some of its corporate members a chance to show off their abilities through the “other” category. It also gives us a chance to feature up and coming future designers, through our “student design project” categories.

Design Competition Categories:

1. New Home Design
2. Renovations & Addition Design
3. Designs Not Yet Built
4. Other Design
5. Student Design

Entrants are encouraged to use either 32” x 40” or 11” x 17” size format for their submission. All entries shall be digital and sent to johnconnely440@gmail.com. Please submit in either PDF or jpeg format and do not zip them. We encourage the use of colour and your imagination.



Rules and Regulations

1. All entrants must be members of Nova Scotia Home & Building Designers Association (NSHBDA) - new members are welcome.
2. All entries must be submitted in the form prescribed by NSHBDA for the appropriate category, including a completed entry/release form with the project civic address and contact information for the project owner. All entries must be accompanied by the appropriate entry fee **(fees waived for students)**. The entry fee for one submission is \$25.00, a submission of two entries is \$40.00 and three or more submissions, the entry fee is \$50.00.
 - *Payment of entry fees via e-transfer to info@nshomedesigners.com are preferred.*
 - *Alternatively, fees may be paid with cheque made out to NSHDBA and mailed to 83 Old Scotts Road RR1, McGrath's Cove NS, B3Z 3V2.*
3. All submissions will be accepted in a digital format on or before Friday, May 15, 2024, by days end. There must be a minimum of 20 design competition submissions received to hold the annual design completion.
4. All entries must be the original work of the submitting designer and must be an original submission into the competition.
5. All entry/release forms must be signed by both the designer and the current home/ building owners, except as noted in these categories - "Designs not yet built" and "Student design project." These two categories may not require home/building owner signatures unless it was designed for specific clients, in which case the client's signatures are also required. All designs remain the intellectual property of the designer, the submission will be used for promotion purposes only by the NSHBDA and clients' names will not be used by the association in any future publications.

6. Entries shall be submitted digitally in one of two size formats: (11" x 17") or (32" x 40"). If you prefer use 11" x 17" for construction drawings and 32" x 40" for design presentations. Construction drawings must meet the standard of the NSHBDA accredited Member, Technical Level "Plan Review" requirements – see attached sheet for details. A brief description of the designer's objectives must accompany the entry. The designer has complete liberty as to how he or she will prepare their design presentation, it must also include a site plan with north arrow (no indication of the projects location, street name or any other markings advertizing its address), floor plans and exterior representation in the form of either/or: drawn elevations, photos, renderings.
7. "New Home Design" must be a single-family home design. There are no size restrictions or other special limitations, nor are there limits on the type or details of construction.
8. "Reno/Addition Design" must have before and after images included in the entry submission along with the other submission requirements.
9. "Designs Not Yet Built" must be a residential design, not yet constructed.
10. "Other Design" relates to any design classification not covered above, but it must be related to our design industry. Examples: landscape design, kitchen cabinets, product design, small building or structure. If it's a small building design, it must meet all requirements of Part 9 of the National Building Code, have a footprint of less than or equal to 4845 sq.ft. (450 sq. meters) and must be 3 storey or less in building height.
11. "Student Design Project" will be open to all student members of NSHBDA participating in an accredited school, college, or university program. The submissions can be a single-family residential design project, or it can be single-usage or multi-usage Part 3 or 9 NBC building. The objective of the project is to create a set of architectural drawings, using the standards of NSHBDA Accredited Member, Technical Level "Plan Review" requirements.
12. Entries must not include any form of visual identification of the designer, other design professionals, the owners, or the exact location of the project. Any submission with a designer or company name or other form of visual identification will not be accepted.
13. All entries submitted will be received in strict confidence by the judges. A number will be assigned to each entry before the judges receive them. This number will be the only form of identification the judges will receive.
14. An independent panel of judges, made up of industry-related stakeholders shall be chosen by NSHBDA for the competition and they will review, and judge all submitted designs. The judges have the right to select or reject and winners will be based on the quality of the submissions in any category. Their decision shall be final, and the winners and their designs will be announced and presented at NSHBDA Annual General Meeting in June.



2024 Design Competition Entry / Release Form

Category _____

I, (printed name) _____ wish to enter the Nova Scotia Home & Building Designers Association (NSHBDA) design competition. I understand that by signing this form I agree to abide by all of the Competition rules and regulations. The designs remain the intellectual property of the designer, but the submission becomes the property of NSHBDA and I understand that by signing this release form I am permitting NSHBDA to use the design submission to promote and market the association and its members in all media now and in the future.

I/we, (printed name(s)) _____ and _____ are the current owner(s) of the home, included in this submission and it is located at the following civic address:-

_____. By signing this Entry / Release Form, I/we understand and agree to allow the above Designer to enter our home design into the NSHBDA Design Competition. I /we understand that our names will not be publicized and kept in strict confidence by the NSHBDA. I/we acknowledge that the winning design submission will be promoted on the NSHBDA website: www.nshomedesigners.com

In the community of _____ in the Province of _____ on this _____ day of the month of _____ in the year of _____, we sign and bear witness to each others signature.

Designers signature:- _____ h _____, w _____, c _____

Home owners signature(s):- _____ h _____, w _____, c _____

_____ h _____, w _____, c _____

(Association administration purposes only) entry number issued _____



"PLAN REVIEW" Drawing Requirements

General Dimensioning:

All drawings must be fully dimensioned including:

- a. Overall building length, width and height.
- b. Sub-dimensions of all building wings, juts and/or jogs, as required.
- c. Dimensions to locate all partitions, beam, columns, footings, etc.
- d. Dimensions to locate all windows and doors.
- e. Dimensions to locate and size any stairwell openings.
- f. Dimensions as required to tie in any attached decks, verandas, etc.
- g. Dimensions on elevations or cross sections showing individual floor to ceiling heights and/or floor to floor heights, overall floor thickness(es), heel heights of trusses and dimensions required to determine overall height of building and its components.

Floor plans:

- 1, Separate plans for each and every level of the structure.
- 2, Labels for each room as to determine the proposed function of space.
- 3, Each plan must show and specify all structural members overhead or show separate framing plans for these items.
- 4, Floor plans to show, label and specify all members and supports for any decks, verandas, covered entries, etc.
- 5, Window and door sizes to be specified on plan or in separate schedule, indicating codecompliant egress windows.
- 6, Plans to include smoke and carbon monoxide alarms, solid fuel fired appliances, plumbing fixtures and appliances, attic access, power, water and sewer entrances,
- 7, Cross section, semi section and section detail cut line indicators.

Elevations:

- 1, Must illustrate exterior concept of building, accurately showing rooflines, floor/roof cantilevers, attached verandas, decks, stairs to grade, etc.
- 2, Must show and indicate all architectural features of building.
- 3, Must show and indicate all grade, footing reference lines optional.
- 4, Must show and indicate all floor reference lines.
- 5, Illustrate all vents (supply, exhaust and passive) and chimneys as required to verify clearances to openings.

Cross sections and structural details:

- 1, Label all building materials specific to project.
- 2, Specify all structural floor and roof members including size, span and spacing.
- 3, Show intersection/connection details and specification of structural beams, and girders trusses.
- 4, Section through stairs as required to show location and size of stair well opening, top of floor to top of floor dimension to be shown as to verify specified rise and run of stairs and headroom clearance.
- 5, Guards and rail specifications around stairs, decks, landings, etc.
- 6, Misc. details as required to show unique floor, wall, roof products and/or intersections featuring such issues as structural members sizes and supports, insulation and ventilation details, deck and siding details.

General notes as required for:

- 1, Mechanical heating and ventilation requirements.
- 2, Builder to report changes to the appropriate building officials.
- 3, Delegation of structural responsibility for pre engineered products/engineered items.