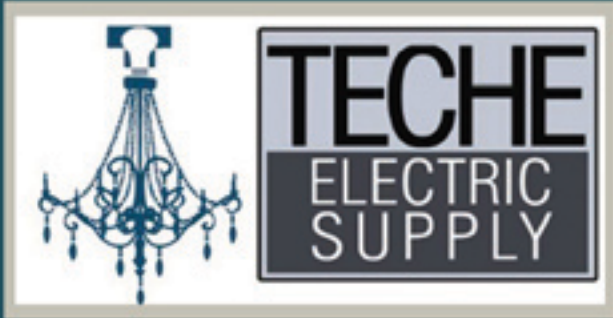


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Summer is all about outdoor living areas, pools and patios centered on good company in relaxed, pleasant surroundings. What better time to feature Clifton and Jodi Bolgiano of Bolgiano Custom Homes? They have created the ideal conditions to embrace our warm, subtropical climate in their AHBA Parade Home. This dynamic duo has amazing talent, vision and a fresh look to their River Ranch home where as you enter the premises you escape to paradise!

As the publication enters its 11th year, it seems appropriate to show appreciation to those who make it possible. First and foremost I want to say "thank you" to every builder who has been featured in Acadiana Builder. I know the busy schedules you keep and we appreciate the time you give to share your story with the readers. I also want to thank the suppliers and trade contractors who recommend the builders who are featured, you work with them, you know them, you are the best resource for who is worthy of the cover. Of course I want to thank the advertisers. You are the ones who put the magazine in the hands of the readers in our trade-the builders, architects, developers, designers, trade contractors and suppliers in 8 parishes at no cost to the reader! The journal is a win-win for anyone who participates in it. Access to virtually

all of the decision makers in the construction industry, now that's target marketing!

"The difference between a successful person and others is not a lack of strength, not a lack of knowledge, but rather in a lack of will."

Vince Lombardi

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April Becquet

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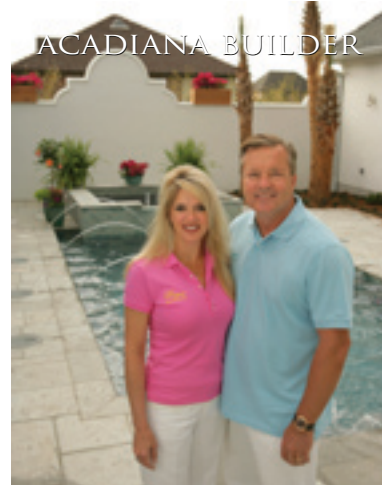
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The rustic antique pine truss beams adorn the ceiling to contrast the soft white tones on the wall. Whitewashed distressed oak floors flow from the living room and kitchen. Photo by Doug Dugas.com



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Bolgiano Custom Homes & Interiors: *Creating A Coastal Living Retreat*

One might not confuse Camellia Boulevard with Florida's Emerald Coast Parkway. On the other hand, their newly constructed bright white stucco, Bahama style home that sits on The Banks at River Ranch is likely to remind one of the Alys Beach, FL, coastal community which inspired Jodi & Clifton Bolgiano to create what can only be called architectural eye candy. The builder/decorator couple, together with Lafayette architect Jarod Hebert conceived and developed the idea to incorporate the classic exterior touches that characterize the coastal architectural style, and then take it to the next level

of authenticity by bringing the design elements and sand & surf inspired colors and décor throughout the interior program of the home as well.

"The mission was more than just to simply emulate an appreciable seaside vibe," says Clifton Bolgiano, and then adds, "We always strive to add our own signature touches that will add interest and enjoyment to a home such as incredible custom cabinets and furniture conversion pieces, one of a kind wood floors and tile work, unique ceiling treatments, and, of course, draperies and fabric creations that are show-stopping,

drop dead gorgeous, oh no you just di'nt, but yes Jodi just did...as she always does, making the complex and arduous task of balancing colors, textures, fabrics, ornamentation, style, and function look simple and effortless to the casual observer. The truth is, however, Jodi spends 10 even 12 hours a day planning, organizing, and coordinating the logistics of her clients' homes. She routinely goes to all the major market events to meet with her vendors, learn about emerging trends, and stay on top of the latest and greatest decorating products. "It's a lot of work but it's also a lot of fun. I can't

explain how gratifying it really is to watch a client walk into their fully constructed, fully decorated new home for the first time. It's just an amazing experience that I always look forward to," Jodi remarks. Another specialty treatment that has become synonymous with the Bolgiano brand are their reclaimed antique doors. These 125+ year old treasures grace the homes of many of their clients as one of their most popular custom design elements. Jodi adds, "Our antique doors are not just for old world style homes. They are equally beautiful and eye-catching

in a traditional or even modern style home."

The Bolgianos routinely build homes across all architectural genres including transitional, French country, Tuscan, Hays Town, and traditional. "This project was particularly gratifying because it gave us an opportunity to showcase yet another facet of our capabilities," remarks Clifton. Transitional design elements have been growing in popularity for several years now according to Jodi. Many of her interior design & decorating clients



The grand entrance welcomes guest with a subtle nonetheless impressive 3-element tile floor set in a monochromatic quatrefoil array. The striking stainless steel horizontal balustrade is perfectly paired with brushed aluminum mosaic tiles adorning the risers. Photos by Doug Dugas.com



are drawn to the clean, straight lines, and lighter, softer color palates which made their 2014 Acadian Home Builders Association Parade Home a perfect fit to incorporate those types of characteristics. Jodi believes that site orientation and maximizing great view opportunities are important considerations for any new construction plan. Smaller lot sizes have become the new standard these days which necessitates efficient, creative use of smaller outdoor living spaces. Jodi believes that can be a good thing. “It’s actually fortuitous in that limited outdoor space forces more intimate arrangement between indoor and outdoor areas,” she further comments. In the case of the 2014 builder parade home, it made sense to create a continuum between the outdoor living area and the pool courtyard by doing several things. First, dolphin grey peacock pavers were used to floor the outdoor living area and to deck & cope the pool. Secondly, 9-ft. tall, metal framed, glass doors span the 22-ft. opening between house and courtyard. These bi-parting glass doors fold left and right to afford access to all but 18” of the entire opening. Visually, it feels and functions like one area. But

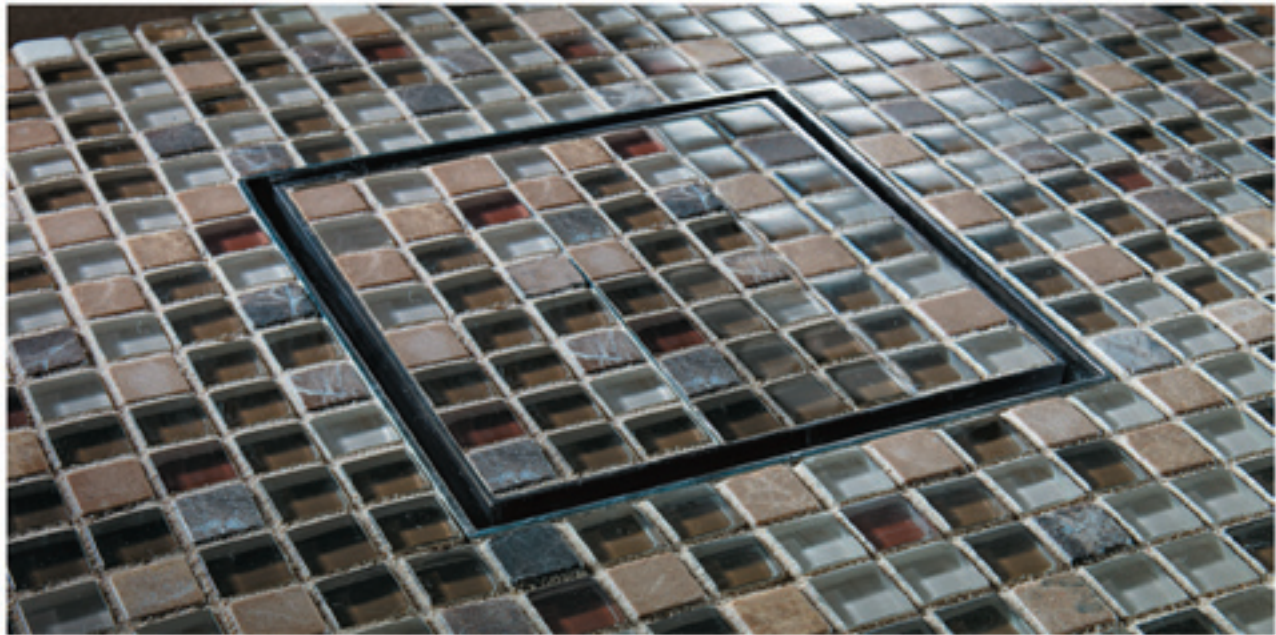
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California Faucets StyleDrain® Tile Wins *Interior Design Best of Year 2013 Award*

Groundbreaking shower drain singled out for design that allows inlay of any tile or stone to seamlessly integrate with the floor



StyleDrain Tile showing mosaic tile inlay

(Huntington Beach, CA, December 16, 2013)

California Faucets StyleDrain® Tile was named **Best of Year 2013** winner by *Interior Design* magazine.

The award, presented at Frank Gehry's IAC Building in New York City on December 5, recognized StyleDrain Tile with first place distinction in the bath product accessories and hardware category. The latest, most innovative addition to the company's award-winning StyleDrain series was honored for outstanding design. The design allows the inlay of any tile or stone to match surrounding shower flooring, thus creating the illusion of water vanishing into the floor.

StyleDrain Tile took top honors in its category at the 8th annual *Interior Design* Best of Year awards

amid the stiffest competition in the history of the event. After finalists were chosen by 62,000 qualified design community members, the honorees were selected by *Interior Design* Editor-in-Chief Cindy Allen and a jury of design leaders from over 1,800 project and product submissions.

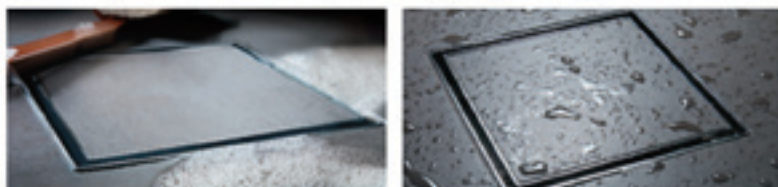
"StyleDrain Tile is the latest in the evolution of our StyleDrain series, which feature beautiful, decorative grids," states California Faucets President and CEO Jeff Silverstein. Silverstein explains the company originally created the decorative shower drain category after recognizing the need within the industry to offer consumers an alternative to standard, utilitarian drains for their decorative baths. "StyleDrain Tile gives designers a



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Top: StyleDrain Tile with Blackened (PVD) frame and basket weave tile inlay; Left: StyleDrain Tile showing slate tile inlay; Right: StyleDrain Tile showing slate tile inlay (wet)

creative edge by giving them the option to install a drain with a clean, minimalist appearance that harmoniously blends in with any tiled, decorative shower environment. It's as if there's no drain at all."

StyleDrain Tile's barely detectible, all-brass tile frame is uniquely available in multiple decorative finishes, which subtly accents the periphery of any tile or stone. Artisan tile frame finishes include Polished Chrome, Polished Brass (PVD), Polished Nickel (PVD), Stainless Satin Nickel (PVD), and Blackened (PVD).

Adaptable to most mainstream drain bodies, installation of StyleDrain Tile is easy, and it is compatible with all waterproofing methods. StyleDrain Tile drains up to ten gallons of water per minute, while providing a smooth, foot-friendly surface with no sharp edges. As with all California Faucets products, StyleDrain Tile proudly carries the **Made in CA** designation.

The inner frame of the drain, which holds the tile inlay provided by the designer or consumer, measures $5 \frac{5}{32}$ square inches. The outer frame measures $5 \frac{15}{16}$ square inches. The square shape of the StyleDrain Tile frame makes for easier tile installation, and reduces its cost, compared with traditional round drains. Price range is from \$397 to \$589, depending on tile frame finish.

About California Faucets

Founded in 1988, **California Faucets** has established itself as an industry leader through its elegant, superior quality decorative fittings. The **Made in CA**-recognized company has since grown a reputation for innovation. Within the shower system category, its groundbreaking **StyleTherm**[®] thermostatic shower has brought affordable thermostatic technology to the mainstream consumer. **StyleDrain**[®], the industry's first decorative shower drain, and the international award winning **CeraLine**[®] linear shower drain have revolutionized the shower drain category. Offering the ultimate in flexibility, **Custom Faucetry**[®] continues to grow with dozens of designs and decorative finishes that mix and match. Thousands of custom designs are made possible through the company's user-friendly online tool, the **Virtual Faucets Creator**[®]. For more information about California Faucets, call 800-822-8855 or visit californiafaucets.com

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Clifton points out that the versatility to choose when to open up and let the outdoors in and vice versa is what makes the space convenient and unique.

The high level of detail in this home is obvious to anyone who enters it. White-washed distressed oak floors, Italian marble tile, hand-strung oyster shell custom chandelier, exposed truss beams, hand troweled Italian plaster, antique mirror glass kitchen cabinet doors, translucent marble slab countertops, and arabesque glass tile wall and backsplash treatments are just some of the interior architectural features incorporated in this home. Yes, the Bolgianos are top notch builders. No argument there. But their decorating prowess is equally impressive. Clifton quips, “If Jodi were to ever stop decorating, I’ll have to go find another job!” He is quick to credit Jodi as the creative driving

force behind their success. Jodi is no ordinary decorator. Clifton describes her as a builder who decorates or decorator who builds if you prefer. One look at the incredible window treatments, the artwork, the furniture & décor, the custom beds (yes, Jodi creates not only the bed-ING but also THE beds), and it’s easy to understand the Bolgiano WOW factor. People actually use that term when they call and ask for a meeting to talk about a project reports Clifton. “When I ask what the client is looking for, they sometimes simply reply,” “I want the WOW factor I got when I walked into your home,” he further explains. That’s usually when I call out to Jodi, “Telephone, it’s for you, hun!”

Beauty and comfort are important in every home but technology is playing an increasingly important role in terms of client interest as well



these days. Yesterday’s approach was to pre-wire a house with CAT5 for telephone and coax cable for TV. Today’s homes have become much more sophisticated—partly to remote locate unsightly equipment and cable





Bi-parting metal framed glass doors offer free flow between the indoor outdoor kitchen and pool area. The aqua blue trellis allows abundant ambient light to enter the room while blocking radiant heat. Photo by Doug Dugas.com

“We always strive to add our own signature touches....”



bundles for more appealing visual aesthetics and, moreover, to allow audio, video, and internet systems to be networked and perform at much higher levels of functionality. This home is fully automated. That is, any system that is on an electrical circuit, high or low voltage, can be controlled manually or with automated programming either locally (inside the home) or remotely from virtually anywhere in the world, or at least anywhere with internet access (Hallelujah, now I can turn off my closet light from CC's and Starbucks!). Forgot to close the garage door on your way out this morning? No problem! Spontaneous urge while having dinner at Ruffino's to hit the hot tub when you get home? Don't risk falling asleep waiting for the water to heat up when

you get home. Hit the spa button on your smart phone just as they're serving you dessert, and the agua will be perfecto as you arrive home and slip into your speedo...or whatever! The point is...home automation technology can be a wonderful thing. Stick your big toe in the water or jump in head first. The water is fine!

Whether it's building or decorating, it's always hands on for this dynamic duo. "Never trust a builder that doesn't have muddy shoes," teases Clifton. Similarly, Jodi is often spotted on the jobsite with Italian plaster dried between her fingers. "She sure cleans up nice though," dotes an admiring husband! Jodi & Clifton attribute their enthusiasm for the business to a genuine passion and enjoyment of building and decorating

beautiful, unique, high quality custom homes. The Bolgianos started their business less than ten years ago but they execute with the ability and confidence as if it were a lifetime pursuit. When it comes to high level execution build and decorate projects, they have become one of the most sought after teams in Lafayette.

"We live in a great community, and are fortunate to participate in such a robust new home market. We hope to be building, decorating, and innovating for many years to come," concludes Jodi.

Jodi & Clifton can be reached via the following respective email addresses:
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Antique doors with crystal knobs are an inviting entrance to the room. Hand laid mother of pearl mosaic glistens in the light behind and surrounding the tub. Beautiful marble floors and soft pastel walls meld in soft hues. Photo by Doug Dugas.com



NAHB Now Accepting Applications for 2015 Best of 50+ Housing Awards




The National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) 50+ Housing Council is now accepting applications for the 2015 Best of 50+ Housing Awards, which honor excellence in building, design, marketing and lifestyle of housing for boomers. A panel of industry professionals will judge entries in 45 award categories, including “Best 50+ Detached Home,” “Best 50+ Affordable Rental Community,” “Best 50+ Recognition of Sustainable Features” and “Best 50+ Lifestyle Program,” among others.

Project Awards (Built) categories are automatically nominated for the Best 50+ Community of the Year Award—the NAHB Best of 50+ Housing Awards’ top honor. This award recognizes the community


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AHBA Visits the Capitol



Mac & Kay Gibson speak with Representative Simone Champagne.



Representative Stephen Ortego poses with AHBA members.

On May 6, AHBA members participated in the Louisiana Home Builders Association's annual Legislative Day. They joined other chapters from around the state to speak with senators and representatives and to lobby in support of pro-housing bills, including HB 1048, a vital piece of legislation affecting the state's plumbing code. The group filled the capitol lobby with red shirts showing solidarity and strength in numbers. Afterwards, the home builders held a crawfish boil at Hilton Capitol Center with several legislators in attendance.



Representative Stuart Bishop is also a member of AHBA with Baldwin Redi-Mix.



Senator Page Cortez discusses HB 1048 with AHBA representatives.

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“The Best of 50+ Housing Awards are this industry’s most influential national awards,” said Steve Bomberger, chairman of NAHB’s 50+ Housing Council and president of Benchmark Builders Inc. in Wilmington, Del. “The awards not only recognize the best of the country’s top builders and developers in the 50+ housing sector, but also show the public the

newest and most innovative housing trends for mature buyers and renters.”

All builders, developers, marketers and designers of 50+ housing are invited to enter this prestigious awards competition. The winners will be announced on Jan. 21, 2015, during the NAHB International Builders’ Show in Las Vegas.

Information on entry applications, payment and all other materials can be found at www.nahb.org/50PlusAwardsInfo. For additional information, contact Lynn Basso at lbasso@nahb.org or 800-368-5242 x8130.



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