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Parade of Homes shows off some of Summit's most unique homes each year.

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The Work

Participating in Parade of Homes is a prestigious affair for anyone in the industry, but it's also a time-consuming and occasionally nerve-wracking process, getting the house perfect before the public comes to view.

Denise Williams Roberts, owner of Lilli's Lighting and Décor in Frisco, has been part of Parade of Homes since 2004. She works with builders to design and furnish empty rooms in the houses, to make them more appealing and livable to prospective buyers, and also to show off her skills.

"We want to choose things that fit the personality of the house," she said, so her designs and stagings will vary from property to property. This year she worked on two different houses — 113 Mumford Place and 7 Spencer Court, both in Breckenridge.

In addition to working closely with the builders, Williams Roberts' favorite part of the Parade of Homes is the event itself.

"I actually love being at the house and being able to talk to people that are walking through and just talking about what the design trends are and showing them the house," she said. "A lot of people are there for ideas. They may have an upcoming home or they may be in an existing home where they want to update a little bit and just see where trends are going."

This year is the first year that the folks at Allen-Guerra Architecture have entered a house into the parade, according to project manager Tim Sabo. They have three houses — 220 Cottonwood Circle, 65 Penn Lode and 106 N. Gold Flake Terrace, all in Breckenridge.

"It's pretty exciting," Sabo said. "We're really proud of the product and we're excited to show what we feel is the next trend."

While two of the houses were custom-built for clients, the Penn Lode house was designed exclusively by Allen-Guerra, as a project to stretch their creative muscles.

"Amongst all the homes that are in there, it shows the diversity of what we can do," Sabo said.

Among the interesting aspects of the Penn Lode house is a spiral staircase that Allen-Guerra commissioned from an artist in Switzerland. It shipped whole, in one piece, and had to be installed by crane.

"It's a really cool feature," Sabo said.

Community Connection

The Parade of Homes event also serves as a fundraiser for The Summit Foundation, a local nonprofit that acts as an umbrella organization for nonprofits in Summit and surrounding counties.

All ticket proceeds go to the Foundation. Last year, more than \$30,000 was raised.

"I think it's a fabulous thing that the builders' association does in conjunction with the community," said Williams Roberts.

BELOW, TOP: 1735 Golden Eagle Road, Silverthorne. Photo by Medlmax, Inc., Kaleb Giltman. BOTTOM: 29 Stoney Trail, Keystone. Photo courtesy Pinnacle Mountain Homes.



ABOVE: 65 Penn Lode, Breckenridge. Photo by Geoff Lelen.

