KBF Design Gallery Wins Silver in Qualified Remodeler's 2026 Master Design Awards

Maitland design-to-build firm honored nationally for "A Childhood Home, Reimagined," a Winter Park whole-home renovation in the Whole House category.



The great room of "A Childhood Home, Reimagined," KBF Design Gallery's Silver-winning Winter Park whole-home renovation in the 2026 Qualified Remodeler Master Design Awards

MAITLAND, FL, UNITED STATES, September 8, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- KBF Design Gallery, the Maitland-based design-to-build remodeling firm, has been named a Silver winner in the 48th annual Qualified Remodeler Master Design Awards. The award recognizes the firm's Winter Park whole-home renovation, entered as "A Childhood Home, Reimagined," in the Whole House $500,000-$1,000,000 category.

Sponsored by Qualified Remodeler magazine, the Master Design Awards is the premier national contest recognizing outstanding achievement in residential remodeling across 22 categories. Entries from remodeling firms across the country are judged on aesthetic appeal, construction techniques, handling of unusual situations, attention to detail, functionality of space and overall impression. The judges awarded the KBF project a perfect score for aesthetic appeal and a perfect score for construction and installation, and described it as "a beautiful project, well built" and a "stunning redesign, light and bright."

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A Childhood Home, Reimagined

The winning project was the homeowner's childhood home. She returned to the Winter Park property as an adult with two goals that could have pulled against each other: preserve

everything the house had meant to her family, and transform how it functions for the next chapter of life.

KBF reconfigured the original entry, dining room, living room and kitchen, which had functioned as four separate rooms, into a single light-filled great room anchored by a long white oak island. A spare bedroom was converted into a spa-like primary bathroom with a private entry from the primary bedroom, and the original primary bathroom was reimagined as a spacious walk-in closet, giving the home a true en-suite for the first time. A new covered and screened lanai extended the living space outdoors, and new windows, doors and a garage door refreshed the exterior. KBF's in-house interior design team furnished the completed home.

Behind the walls, the project also replaced the home's corroded cast iron sewer lines beneath the slab and installed a complete new HVAC system with all-new ductwork, work that speaks directly to the awards' "handling of unusual situations" criterion.



KBF Design Gallery is a Silver winner in the 48th annual Qualified Remodeler Master Design Awards, Whole House $500,000-$1,000,000 category

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"This award is so special to us because of what the house meant to the family who lives in it," said Ashley Sheaffer, Co-Principal of KBF Design Gallery. "Our client had to trust us with the home she grew up in before she could picture what it would become. Being recognized by a national jury for that project is a credit to her trust and to every member of our design and construction team."

"The Master Design Awards judge the whole project, including the work nobody sees in a photograph," said Adam Vellequette, Co-Principal of KBF Design Gallery. "A perfect score for construction from both judges tells us the discipline behind the finishes matters as much as the finishes themselves. We are grateful to Qualified Remodeler and proud of our team and trade partners."

The 2026 Master Design Award winners are featured in the September issue of Qualified Remodeler and at qualifiedremodeler.com. Before-and-after photographs of the project are available on the KBF Design Gallery blog at KBFDesignGallery.com.

About Qualified Remodeler

Founded in 1975, Qualified Remodeler magazine was the first magazine dedicated to serving the residential remodeling market. The magazine is published by SOLA Group, Inc., and serves an audience of more than 83,000 residential remodeling firms.

About KBF Design Gallery

KBF Design Gallery is a family-owned, award-winning design-to-build firm that has redesigned and remodeled thousands of homes in Central Florida. Offering comprehensive design-to-build services for kitchens, bathrooms, whole-home remodels and home additions, the firm's team approach and client-centric model set it apart from other design-to-build firms. KBF's showroom is located at 1295 South Orlando Avenue in Maitland, Florida, and is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. To learn more, visit KBFDesignGallery.com. Follow KBF on Instagram (@KBFDesignGallery) and Facebook (facebook.com/KBFDesign).

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