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The Village of Kettle Valley and its family of builders are celebrating after winning a total of 28 awards from the Canadian Home Builders' Association.

The neo-traditional community has just received word that it has collected three provincial Georgie awards on top of the 25 awards it received at this year's Silver Winners Thompson Okanagan Housing Awards (Tommie Awards) dinner.

The Village of Kettle Valley picked up silver Tommie Awards for its play structure, which was rebuilt after its destruction in the wildfire of

2003, as well as its print advertising, Web site and brochure.

The print advertisement, a spoof of the traditional Oscar nominations posters, was also awarded a Georgie in Vancouver.

Excite Homes, which operates out of Kettle Valley, collected 18 silver Tommie Awards.

Most notably, Excite Homes won Building Company of the Year (Large Volume) as well as nine silvers for its kitchens and master suites.

Its on-site drafting team, led by designer Terica Maloff,

created all of Excite's winning kitchens and master suites.

Pars Construction, another member of the family of Kettle Valley builders, received three silver Tommie awards, including Excellence in Single Family Detached Home 3,500 to 4,499 Square Feet, for its residence on Quilchena Drive in the Village of Kettle Valley.

Pars Constructions also won at the provincial level, collecting Georgies for Best Single Family Detached Home 2,000-2,999 Square Feet and Best Kitchen Over \$30,000.

"At the Village of Kettle Valley we are all very proud of what we have achieved. The Village and its family of builders have created a quality of life up here that it is tough to beat," said Mark Flett, marketing and communications manager.

"We have lots of exciting new projects that are coming online for 2005, including the completion of our first town-home development, and we are confident of achieving another landmark year.

All silver Tommie winners are automatic nominees for the gold Tommie Awards, the winners of which are

announced in January.

Last year, the Village of Kettle Valley won silver in eight categories and went on to win four gold Tommie Awards, including Best Community and Best Feature for the play structure that perished in the fire.

The Canadian Home Builders' Association is the voice of the residential construction industry in Canada, representing more than 6,500 member firms across the country.

Membership comprises new home builders, renovators, developers, trade contractors, building material

manufacturers and suppliers, lenders and other professionals in the housing sector.

The Tommie and Georgie Awards are annual competitions encompassing all aspects of the home building industry.

The Tommie Awards was created by the CHBA of Kelowna to encourage high calibre building solutions, while recognizing excellence in the Thompson Okanagan housing industry.

Similarly, the Georgie Awards was created by the CHBA of British Columbia to acknowledge excellence on a provincial level.