

# Chamber Set For 96th Annual Dinner And Building Awards

**A**t the end of the calendar year, the Queens Chamber of Commerce always holds one of their signature events, and this year is no different, as they will honor 20 honorees at the 96th Annual Dinner and Building Awards.

This year's festivities, which will take place on December 3 at Terrace on the Park, will honor winners for their outstanding contributions to the Queens community and helping make the borough a beautiful place. Building owners, architects and contractors will all receive awards from the Chamber.

The Chamber's Building Awards Committee reviewed entries from numerous applicants and selected winners in New Construction, Rehab and Green categories. After reviewing all of the applications, the Chamber committee selected winners in the respective categories, and all of the honorees will receive a plaque and recognition during the Building Awards ceremony.

In addition to the building award winners, the Chamber will also present a lifetime achievement award to Vincent Riso – Principal at The Briarwood Organization, a family-owned real estate group that develops, builds and manages property throughout Queens, Brooklyn, Manhattan and the Bronx.

Riso's chief responsibility is spearheading new residential and commercial development, but he is involved in all facets of the company's operations. He works closely with Briarwood's three other principals: Raymond Riso, Howard Goodman and James Riso. Founded by Vincent's grandfather, Briarwood has been a trusted devel-



**Vincent Riso**

oper and general contractor of new homes, cooperatives, condominiums, apartments and commercial properties since 1912.

Over the years, Vincent and Briarwood have embraced public and non-profit initiatives and partnerships to create affordable housing where it is most desperately needed developing more than 2,500 low-and moderate-income homes. With a Briarwood career spanning more than 50 years, Vincent is instrumental in maintaining the company's stellar record of accomplishment of successful developments that are embraced in their respective communities.

During his career, Vincent has been involved in numerous civic and charitable causes and has received many accolades for his service to the various communities he has worked in. Vincent has also dedicated his time to serving countless professional boards and organizations, including the New York State Association for Affordable Housing, the Queens and Bronx Building Association (founding member and past president), the New York City Building Commissioner's Industry Cabinet, the Department of Environmental Protection's Advisory Cabinet, and the Citizens Housing and Planning Council.

HSBC Bank is the premiere sponsor of the 96th Annual Dinner and Building Awards, which begins with a cocktail reception at 6 p.m. and dinner follows at 7 p.m. Tickets for this year's event are \$150, and all guests will also be treated music by Music Flex. For more information or to make a reservation, please call the Chamber at 718-898-8500.



**Award Winner: New Construction: Multi Family Low Rise (up to 3 stories) Arverne-by-the-Sea, the Dunes & Breakers Neighborhood.**



**Award Winner: Rehabilitations: Public Building Queens Theatre in the Park**

## AWARD WINNERS

**New Const. Multi Family Low Rise (up to 3 stories)**  
**Building Name:** Arverne-by-the-Sea, the Dunes & Breakers Neighborhood  
**Name of owner:** Brendon Perlee, c/o Benjamin Development Company  
**Architect/engineer firm:** Ehrenkrantz Eckstut & Kuhn Architects  
**Builder/contractor firm:** Rockaway Beach Blvd. Construction Company

**2 Categories, New Const. Office. Interiors Office**  
**Building name:** Two Court Square  
**Name of owner:** Citigroup  
**Architect/engineer firm:** Kohn Pedersen Fox  
**Builder/contractor firm:** Turner Construction

**N.C. Green**  
**Building name:** The Center at Maple Grove Cemetery  
**Name of owner:** Maple Grove Cemetery Association (Linda Mayo-Perez, CEO)  
**Architect/engineer firm:** Peter Gisolfi Associates  
**Builder/contractor firm:** Marco Martelli Associates

**N.C. Single Resid. 1 Family detached over**  
**Building name:** Musso Residence  
**Name of owner:** Joseph Musso  
**Architect/engineer firm:** JLS Designs  
**Builder/contractor firm:** Statewide

**New Construction, Multi Family, High rise**  
**Building name:** 4 or More Stories Condominiums  
**Name of owner:** Vincent Aliperti  
**Architect/engineer firm:** Gino Longo  
**Builder/contractor firm:** GVA LLC

**N.C. Commercial**  
**Building name:** Plaza at Little Neck Hills  
**Name of owner:** Plaza at Little Neck Hills  
**Architect/engineer firm:** Frank Petruso, Architect  
**Builder/contractor firm:** O'Sullivan Builders & Developers

**3 Categories, Interior Industrial, NC Landscape, NC Industrial**  
**Building name:** The New York Times  
**Name of owner:** The New York Times  
**Architect/engineer firm:** Dario Designs  
**Builder/contractor firm:** Turner Construction Company

**NC Single Residence (1 Family detached up to 3000 sq. feet)**  
**Building name:** Linda Chen Residence  
**Name of owner:** Linda Chen  
**Architect/engineer firm:** John C. Chen  
**Architect, PLLC Builder/contractor firm:** Anzen Construction Corp.

**NC Single Family. 1 or 2 attached**  
**Building name:** Shu Zhen/ Ke Wan/ Li Residence  
**Name of owner:** Shu Zhen/ Ke Wan/ Li  
**Architect/engineer firm:** John C. Chen Architect PLLC  
**Builder/contractor firm:** JCL Real Estate Corp

**2 Categories, Interiors P.B., NC Public Bldgs**  
**Building name:** Flushing Meadows Corona Park Natatorium and Ice Rink  
**Name of owner:** NYC Dept. of Parks and Recreation, NYC Economic Development Corporation.  
**Architect/engineer firm:** Handel Architects LLP in association with Kevin Horn & Andrew Goldman Architects, PC  
**Builder/contractor firm:** Bovis Lend Lease

**Rehab Health Related Facilities**  
**Building name:** New York Blood Center  
**Name of owner:** New York Blood Center  
**Architect/ engineer firm:** Ehrenkrantz Eckstut & Kuhn Architects  
**Builder/contractor firm:** Plaza Construction Corporation

**Rehab Industrial**  
**Building name:** Super-Tek Products, Inc.  
**Name of owner:** John Garuti Jr./ Sarah Associates  
**Architect/engineer firm:** Stoll & Stoll Architects  
**Builder/contractor firm:** Cook and Krupa, LLC

**Single Residence 1 Family detached. Rehab 1 Family detached over 3000 sq. feet**  
**Building name:** Russo Residence  
**Name of owner:** Mr. & Mrs. Angelo Russo  
**Architect/engineer firm:** Frank Petruso Architect  
**Builder/contractor firm:** Paliuras Contracting Corp.

**Rehab up to 3 stories. Low rise addition multi. Family**  
**Building name:** Whitestone Manor Condominiums  
**Name of owner:** 12th Avenue Associates, LLC  
**Architect/engineer firm:** Gerald Caliendo, Architect PC  
**Builder/contractor firm:** GKC Industries Inc.

**Rehab Public Buildings**  
**Building name:** Queens Theatre in the Park  
**Name of owner:** Queens Theatre in the Park  
**Architect/ engineer firm:** Caples Jefferson Architects  
**Builder/ contractor firm:** C&L Contracting Corporation

**Rehab 1 family detached up to 3000 sq. feet.**  
**Building name:** Ovidiu & Adriana Colea Res.  
**Name of owner:** Ovidiu & Adriana Colea  
**Architect/engineer firm:** John Carusone Architect PC  
**Builder/ contractor firm:** AB Design Building Corp.

**Rehab. Readaptive use, alteration or addition. Single Residence. 1 family detached over 3000 sq. feet.**  
**Building name:** Cloverdale Blvd.  
**Name of owner:** Dr. Kuma  
**Architect/engineer firm:** AIN D&D, Corp.  
**Builder/contractor firm:** Gwanggaetou Development Corp.

**Rehab readaptive use, altering mixed use. Residential Comm./ Industrial**  
**Building name:** The Classic at Kew Gardens  
**Name of owner:** Kamali Organization LLC  
**Architect/ engineer firm:** M. Studio PLLC  
**Builder/ contractor firm:** Kamali Organization LLC

**Interior Single Residence. 1 or 2 family attached.**  
**Building name:** Row House Renovation  
**Name of owner:** Gary Hentzi & Argie Collie  
**Architect/engineer firm:** Laura Heim Architect PLLC  
**Builder/contractor firm:** Ketco Construction

**Comm. Interiors**  
**Building name:** Very Well Café  
**Name of owner:** Mr. Sang Young Lee  
**Architect/engineer firm:** Nury Design Inc.  
**Builder/contractor firm:** Nextcom Construction Inc.