

## Mantell-Hecathorn Builders "Personal Attention to Detail, One Home at a Time"™

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The team of Tara and Greg Mantell-Hecathorn have been designing and building unique custom homes for 38 years. Their son, Hunter, who started as a laborer in high school is now Vice-President of the business and his wife Miranda works in the office.

They arrived in Durango 7 years ago after building new homes in Fairbanks, AK for 13 years, and doing renovations, additions, kitchens and baths in Orinda, CA. In that time, they have earned a distinguished reputation for excellence, craftsmanship and service and are leaders in energy efficient building.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> party certified ENERGY STAR homes they specialize in have lower energy bills, require less maintenance and are built for generations. As of January 2012, Greg and Hunter were the first and only two builders in Colorado to become Master Certified Green Professionals. Greg and Hunter oversee the construction while Tara does the design work and runs the office.

Tara explains, "We do conventional homes, not straw bale or anything alternative. Our unique, high end custom homes can be small, but they are built to a higher standard. Our personal attention to every detail and commitment to continual, honest communication with our clients and level of integrity in every aspect has made our clients life-long friends."

The personal pride that they take on every job is evident and one of the keys to their success. They listen intently to the clients' wants, needs and desires and work hard to attain and maintain client satisfaction, always striving to be on-time and on-budget.



Photo: The Mantell-Hecathorn team

They donate time and resources to non-profits in the community, such as the Discovery Museum. Greg is the former President of the Home Builders Association and started the Sustainable Building Education Program that is now run by 4CORE.

In 2012, they won First Place in the Parade of Homes for both Peoples' Choice and Judges' Selection. Mantell-Hecathorn has also been nominated for the Green Business Leadership Award.

Learn more about their homes, philosophy and awards on their very impressive web site, [www.m-hbuilders.com](http://www.m-hbuilders.com).