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ROUNDTABLE



Find out about fresh new home design trends and influences this fall from home builders and landscape architects creating the most gorgeous residential living spaces. Copy by Jay McManemon. Photos by Evan Sigmund.

# ROBERT DAVIE AND ASSOCIATES LANDSCAPING INC.

ROBERT DAVIE, OWNER



ROBERT DAVIE AND ASSOCIATES LANDSCAPING INC. specializes in innovative landscape design of commercial and residential properties in the Greater Sarasota area. For more than 35 years, Robert Davie and his team have transformed landscapes into creative works of aesthetic, sustainable design— bringing harmony, balance and tranquility to the landscape and architecture as well. “We do the very best we can to produce the best results in terms of giving customers what they want while respecting the nature around them,” said Davie. Davie grew up in Florida and developed a passion for horticulture as an adolescent. It wasn’t until 1976, however, that he decided to turn his love for landscaping into a full-time endeavor. “I’ve always respected nature and that’s why I got into this business,” he said. “I dearly love flowers, plants and trees and I couldn’t imagine doing anything else.” Robert Davie and Associates Landscaping Inc. received Landscape Contractor Magazine’s Best of the Best Theme Project award in 2010 for its New Orleans-inspired design for an Old Forest Lakes residence in Sarasota. “This award meant a great deal to me,” said Davie. “It shows that a collaboration between a client who has a dream, and a designer who listens to them, can produce a project worthy of this award. Whether we design a pool, patio, landscape, or lighting we’re looking for ways to provide great design that highlights the strong points of the architecture.” Additionally, CNBC featured Robert Davie and Associates in an article on home renovations and labeled him as a trendsetter for landscape lighting. Ballard Design International selected three of Robert Davie’s local projects for its Spring/Summer 2013 catalog shoot. Residential properties selected for the photo shoot included Lido Key, Old Forest Lakes and Cherokee Park were all featured as the setting for the outdoor furniture issue. In the early 80’s, Robert Davie’s landscape advertising was simple, conveying a concept that is more than just a trend today, his ad’s read “Think Green”, 30 years ahead of the curve. Green that sustains itself and green that appreciates over time has always been a governing philosophy of his landscape projects. If a landscape grows more beautiful over time it appreciates, instead of a project that has to be ripped out after a couple of years. Creating a beautiful balance between the architecture and landscape is a driving force and underlying goal translating into a more attractive project.

## YODER HOMES

DENNY YODER, OWNER



**WHAT IS YOUR COMPANY'S MISSION AND HOW DO YOU ACCOMPLISH IT?** Transplanting from Indiana to Sarasota in 2005, contractor Denny Yoder quickly discovered the impact of his family name within the community. "We are repeatedly receiving calls from people because the Yoder name is one associated with superior workmanship, value and integrity. We have worked hard to deliver those standards by assembling an exceptional team of experienced craftsmen committed to creating a quality product on-time and within budget." Yoder Homes & Remodeling's mission is to build long lasting relationships with the clients it serves well beyond project completion. "A custom home or remodeling project is often viewed as a daunting ordeal. Everyone here at Yoder Homes & Remodeling is dedicated to making the process as stress-free as possible. We offer the resources to bring your dreams to life with an in-house cabinet line and designer, as well as a selections coordinator to help you with the many crucial decisions along the way. In addition, we utilize an online tool that helps you track your project from schedule to selections to total costs. Our goal is to provide you with an end product that will meet all of your needs and be a source of joy for many years to come." As one of the area's premier custom home and remodeling experts, Yoder Homes & Remodeling attributes the company's continued growth and success to its customer-centered approach. "Much of our business comes from word-of-mouth referrals by previous homeowners. We view that as the highest of compliments and affirmation that we are living up to the family name."

Combining his 30-year background in the home-building business with a degree in mechanical engineering, Denny Yoder brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise to his role as President of Yoder Homes & Remodeling ([www.yoder-homes.com](http://www.yoder-homes.com)). Since its conception in 2005, this well-respected new home and remodeling firm has experienced considerable growth in spite of an economic downturn. To date, the Yoder Homes & Remodeling team has grown and employs over 26 highly skilled professionals devoted to the company's high ethical and quality standards. In December, the company moved to its new offices and Dura Supreme Cabinetry showroom at 500 N. Central Avenue in the Rosemary District of Sarasota.