

October Builder Blend – Valenti Ford



Members enjoyed a beautiful fall evening at Valenti Ford in Mystic. The Valenti Family had a number of vendors in attendance that provide resources for business people who need work vehicles. One of the highlights showcased the SpaceKap cap for pickup trucks that transforms it into a walk-in work vehicle. This is especially important when vans were in short supply this fall. Also on display was the new electric Ford F-150.

November Builder Blend – Tidewater Lighting & Design

Carla Snowden and her team at Tidewater Lighting & Design opened their doors to the HBRA members. The Tidewater team educated members about choosing the right color of light for different tasks and purposes. They also showcased their design resources and how the right lighting can enhance any space.



Mystic River Building Company Hosts Stonington HBI Students



Stonington High School HBI students participated in a field trip to Westerly, RI job site to learn about all the trades involved in a home renovation project. Nort Wheeler of Mystic River Building Company spent the day identifying and describing the different contractors involved in a remodeling project. The students also got the chance to learn about a variety of tools. The HBI curriculum was recently approved by the Department of Labor with the encouragement of the HBRA. If any members would like to host students on a job site to explore careers in construction, please contact the HBRA.

HBRA of Eastern Connecticut Gala and Annual Awards



L-R Remodeler of the Year Ev Hyde, Associate of the Year Lisa Gencarelli, Volunteer of the Year Josh Greco, Builder Of the Year Patrick Caulkins

In early December the HBRA of Eastern Connecticut held their annual Gala and annual awards for the first time since 2019. The Gala was held at the Mashantucket Pequot Museum which included musical interludes by the Cedric Mayfield Trio and the NAHB 2nd Vice Chairman, Carl Harris who emceed the event and installed Nort Wheeler as HBRA Eastern CT President.

We are proud to announce our annual award winners.

Builder Of the Year: Patrick Caulkins

Associate of the Year: Lisa Gencarelli

Remodeler of the Year: Everett Hyde

Volunteer of the Year: Josh Greco

