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IMPROVEMENT
SMART HOME IMPROVEMENT STARTS HERE

“Best of 2016”
Winners

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Contest

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After hundreds of nominations and thousands of votes, you have chosen this year's best!

COMMUNITY

Best Blog: Design

In Honor of Design

Style, design, family, beauty, travel and a few things in between are what fuel the pages of In Honor of Design. Anna Liesemeyer's creative ideas, enhanced with gorgeous photography, will inspire the inner designer in you! InHonorOfDesign.com

Best Blog: DIY

Dogs Don't Eat Pizza

Karen Cooper, a self-described “recovering lawyer,” traded in her power suits for power tools and she blogs about all things DIY. She gives her humorous take on design and space planning, repurposing and upcycling items for your home, decorating on a budget, paint and color, and storage and organization. DogsDontEatPizza.com

Best Blog: Garden

Red Dirt Ramblings

Follow the award-winning and entertaining advice by the author of “The 20-30 Something Garden Guide: A No-Fuss, Down and Dirty, Gardening 101 for Anyone Who Wants to Grow Stuff,” Dee Nash, on her garden blog. RedDirtRamblings.com

Best Community Garden

Smyrna Community Garden

This bountiful community garden, located at the new North Cooper Lake Park, has 95 plots of various sizes. Don't have room in your yard for a food garden?

Rent a plot on an annual basis. “We are a community of people who like to get dirty and grow food. Join us!” Facebook.com/KeepSmyrnaBeautiful

Best Cooking School or Class

The Cook's Warehouse

The first Cook's Warehouse opened in Midtown in 1995. Now, with three locations in the Atlanta area, they offer great cooking supplies and 800 cooking classes in everything from wine pairings to international cuisine to desserts. CooksWarehouse.com

Best Farmers Market

Marietta Square Farmers Market

With an average of 65 vendors each week, customers have lots of choices year-round—including fruits and vegetables rarely available from the grocery store. Also find fruits and vegetables, flower arrangements, local honey, herbal soaps, whole-grain breads and preserves, plants and culinary herbs. MariettaSquareFarmersMarket.com



Best Garden Tour

Atlanta Botanical Garden

The Garden features dozens of art installations, including sculptures and water features, amongst the enormous outdoor and indoor plant collections.

Docent-led guided tours are available to groups and self-guided tours take you to the Outdoor Gardens, the Fuqua Conservatory or the Children's Garden. AtlantaBG.org

Best Home Show

The Atlanta Home Show/SEMCO Productions

Three times a year, around 300 home-improvement and outdoor-living companies gather to give Atlantans good advice and great deals. With celebrity appearances, cooking demos and a beer garden, there's something for everyone! AtlantaHomeShow.com



Tad Munroe and Kellie Sellers,
Atlanta Home Show, Best Home Show

atlantahomeimprovement.com

Best Home Tour

NARI Atlanta Tour of Remodeled Homes

Atlanta's National Association of the Remodeling Industry (NARI) Chapter hosts an annual tour of remodeled homes that gives you remodeling-inspo (that's slang for INSPIRATION), displaying the newest trends in interior design and introducing you to some of Atlanta's star remodelers. AtlantaRemodelingTour.com



Photo courtesy of NARI Tour of Remodeled Homes.

Best Mortgage Lending Company

Equity Prime Mortgage

Equity Prime Mortgage is committed to the family, and nothing brings a family together more than their home. They provide a variety of mortgage products to meet all your specific lending needs. You can start your loan journey with Equity—they are an approved Fannie Mae & Freddie Mac seller/servicer. Visit them online by logging on EquityPrime.com. NMLS 21116



Eddy Perez,
Equity Prime Mortgage,
Best Mortgage Company

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Best Residential Real Estate Company—ITP

Harry Norman, REALTORS®

As the oldest and largest residential real-estate firm in Atlanta, Harry Norman is comprised of over 1,100 real-estate professionals and 13 sales offices and is able to expose its properties to millions of potential buyers. HarryNorman.com

Best Residential Real Estate Company—OTP

The WOW Team at Keller Williams First Atlanta

With a business based 98 percent on referrals, the WOW team's reputation for helping homeowners successfully buy, sell or potentially renovate their houses speaks for itself. BestHomesOfNorthAtlanta.com

Best Wine Club

uncorked

This shop is dedicated to bringing the best in beer, wine and cigars to Marietta; just take a look at their selection of over 1,000 imported and domestic wines and craft beers. UncorkedMarietta.com



BEST OF 2016 CONTEST WINNERS

DESIGN/DECOR

Best Bath Design Company

Designs by BSB

With 28 years of experience in the kitchen and bath industry, BSB offers expertise in product knowledge and challenging design solutions creativity crafted! Their experience assures you have a perfect advocate to help you love where you live. DesignsByBSB.com



Ryan and Kathy Heath,
The Fireplace Company,
Best Fireplace Company: Interior

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The Fireplace Company

The Fireplace Company offers almost every style of fireplace you can think of, as well as gas lights, grills and grill accessories. Peruse manufacturers' catalogs and order everything from this one-stop fireplace shop. Their showroom in Marietta offers an extensive collection of live fireplace displays and grills from all major manufacturers—stop by to speak with their experts! TheFireplaceCompany.com

Best Interior Design Company

J. Thomas Designs

Jenny Warner started her design career in 2001 with the opening of Highland Home and her design firm, J. Thomas Designs. Focusing on client-driven, custom designs, her imagination and creativity can be seen throughout the Southeast. Expanding a client's vision and turning their house into a home is the ultimate goal. JThomasDesigns.com

Jenny Warner,
J. Thomas Designs,
Best Interior Design Company

AtlantaHomeImprovement.com

Best Kitchen Design Company

Atlanta Design & Build

Don't let the idea of designing your dream kitchen intimidate you. Atlanta Design & Build can take an ordinary space and turn it into a highly functional, stylish kitchen with room for entertaining friends and family. Let them transform your culinary kingdom so you can unwind, relax and enjoy your kitchen. AtlantaDesignBuild.com

Best Lighting Company: Interior

Masterpiece Lighting

Masterpiece Lighting's certified lighting consultants help you choose from many of their distinctive lighting options, including an ever-expanding selection of transitional, contemporary and traditional lighting, home automation and lighting controls, architectural hardware, bath and kitchen fixtures, ceiling fans, home accessories and designer accent furniture. MasterpieceLighting.com

Best Lighting Company: Interior

Progressive Lighting

With state-of-the-art lighting stores in Atlanta, Roswell, Duluth, Kennesaw and Cumming, Progressive Lighting has been illuminating homes for over 50 years! They are also the largest chain of residential lighting showrooms in the Southeastern United States. ProgressiveLighting.com
"Lighting is such an important feature in decorating."—Rosemary G.

Best Mattress Company

Mattress Firm

If it seems like there's a Mattress Firm on every corner, that's because there almost is! With dozens of locations in the Atlanta area, this store has become the go-to spot for new mattresses. MattressFirm.com



Dele Contant,
Atlanta Design & Build,
Best Kitchen Design Company

Best Paint Store

Sherwin-Williams

Sherwin-Williams offers everything you need for your next painting project. From inspiration to paint, primers, stains, sealers, finishes and so much more. Sherwin-Williams.com

Best Painting Company: Interior

DeHuelbes Designs

For cabinet refinishing, DeHuelbes Designs master finishers will quickly make your cabinetry look and feel like fine furniture. They also provide interior painting, faux finishes, decorative painting, furniture refinishing and mural painting services. CabinetArtists.com

Best Place for Upholstery

Bjork Studio

Created and manufactured in Atlanta, Bjork Studio's clean-lined furniture and upholstery is handmade with special attention to detail. Shop their vintage collection for an authentic Scandinavian feel. BjorkStudio.com

Best Place to Shop for Accessories

Westside Market

Priced with value in mind, Westside Market's continuous collection of eclectic styles makes it a treasure trove for furniture, flooring, rugs, art and home accents. WestsideMarketATL.com

These fan faves also received lots of votes:

Best Interior Design Company
SunDog Design Studio

Best Lighting Company: Interior
Colonial Lighting

Best Paint Store
PPG Paints

Best Place for Upholstery
Artée Fabrics & Home