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## Wynne sets new green standard

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Competition is good, especially when it comes to green building. We all benefit from the construction of energy-efficient and sustainable houses.

A number of production home builders have been building ever-greener houses in the past decade. But among custom builders of ultra-green houses, the top competitors are MyGreenBuildings, headed by Steve Ellis and Grant Castilow, and Josh Wynne Construction.

Last month, MyGreenBuildings took the title of having built the greenest house in the state, according to the Florida Green Building Coalition. Its Siesta Key Zen remodeling project scored 234 points out of a possible 300 on Version 5 of the FGBC's Florida Green Home Designation Standard. That house also won a green-home award in the 2009 Parade of Homes design competition.

This week, Josh Wynne has set a new standard. The Coddling Cottage, which was featured on the Junior League's Holiday Tour of Homes in December, officially has become the first house in the state to earn LEED for Homes-Platinum version 1 certification from the United States Green Building Coalition; LEED stands for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design. Only one other house in the country has earned LEED for Homes-Platinum certification.

The two-building project, on Laurel Street west of Washington Boulevard in Sarasota, also has set new FGBC standards. The carriage house at the rear of the property scored 267 on FGBC's 300-point scale to rank No. 1 in the state. The main house, built for client Phil Carey, scored 237 to rank No. 2.

The Coddling Cottage, named for a former owner of the property who also was an environmentalist, also is certified by Energy Star, FPL's Build Smart program, the Florida Yards and Neighborhoods landscape program, and the National Wildlife Federation.

Dale Parks of Siebert Architects was the project architect. Drew Smith of Two Trails Inc. was the LEED and FGBC accrediting agent. Dennis Stroer of Calcs-Plus was the

energy rater and prepared the Energy Star certification as well as the Builder's Challenge entry. All green system designs and specifications were done by Wynne. The sustainable lawn and garden is by landscape architect Michael Gilkey.

Wynne reports that he generated several orders for green houses when the cottage was open for tours in December.

Clearly, the title "greenest house in the state" is something of a moving target. In 2006, John Lambie of Dwell Green held the title for a house he built in Warm Mineral Springs that scored 226 out of 300. MyGreenBuildings, which did a remodeling job on Goldenrod Street a couple of years ago that ranked as the FGBC's No. 2 in the state, has two projects going that could regain the No. 1 ranking for that company.

Builders like Wynne and Ellis/Castilow keep raising the bar.

Smith a finalist for award

Two Trails Inc. President Drew Smith has been named a finalist for a green building award from the National Association of Home Builders.

The awards honor home builders, remodelers, home builders' associations and other organizations that advance green building through design and construction, education and advocacy.

Smith was nominated in the Advocate of the Year category for promoting awareness of green building locally and nationally.

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