

Blount County

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**Here's
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Mural Art
decorates Blount

**Women
Build
assists
community**

**Hear the Voices
from a
company town**

**River
Sullivan**
Young author visits
another world

CONSTRUCTION Couture

Benefits Blount County Habitat for Humanity's Women Build.

Blount County Habitat for Humanity held its annual Women Build luncheon in June with a special theme: Construction Couture. The event showcased fashion designs from eight teams from throughout the community who competed to win the coveted "Golden Stiletto," but this was not your typical fashion show. The designs were inspired by the construction industry, and all entries were created using materials you'd normally find on a construction site — insulation, drop cloths, aluminum flashing, wire, backsplash tiles, tape, fiberglass, sheet metal, shingle materials, house keys, plastic washers and more. Designs were required to be constructed with at least 50 percent home-building materials.

Judges were Blount County Mayor Ed Mitchell, Register of Deeds Phyllis Crisp and Daily Times Publisher Carl Esposito. A crowd of about 300 voted on the People's Choice Award by contributing money for their top pick.

The competing teams included Epic Nine Marketing, Maryville Rotary Club, Designs by Pinkie, Blount Partnership, Newell Brands, M Squared/Fowler and Hall Group, Premier Solutions International and ICC International. Brian Tuggle emceed.

The winner of the Golden Stiletto was Designs by Pinkie, designer Pinkie Mistry. The People's Choice Award went to Maryville Rotary Club.

Blount County Habitat for Humanity plans a Women Build every other year, the most recent in 2017. Women from various businesses are encouraged to sign up and take part in the building process, although men are welcome, too. The main reason for having a Women Build is to encourage women to become volunteers, especially those who may feel intimidated surrounded by a more experienced crew of men.

Each year, the Women Build Luncheon helps Blount County Habitat for Humanity raise funds for construction of the biannually constructed Women Build home as well as to celebrate the homeowners and participants of past builds. Funds raised at the inaugural Construction Couture will be used in the 2019 Women Build.

According to the website at www.blounthabitat.org, Blount County Habitat for Humanity is part of a global, nonprofit housing organization operated on Christian principles that seeks to put God's love into action by building homes, communities and hope. Blount County Habitat for Humanity is dedicated to eliminating substandard housing locally and worldwide through constructing, rehabilitating and preserving homes; by advocating for fair and just housing policies; and by providing training and access to resources to help families improve their shelter conditions. Blount County Habitat for Humanity (BCHF) was recognized and accepted as an affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International, an ecumenical Christian housing ministry, in September 1992.

To learn more, including how to sign up for the 2019 Women Build, visit the website or the Facebook page.



Rachel Sturgis (left) and Dawn White move porch flooring down to the porch at the 2017 Habitat for Humanity Women Build.

Non-profit Spotlight

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1. Kelly Weatherly-Sinclair models a dress made by Premier Solutions International. It was constructed using fiberglass, Gorilla glue, sheet metal and aluminum sheeting.
2. Kristin Scott represented Epic Nine. They used shingle materials, plastic barrier, insulation felt and even bubble wrap.
3. Winona Dubberley wears a design by Newell Brand. Her gown consisted of roofing material, wire, drop cloths and tile.
4. Tracy Queen models for ICC International. Her outfit contained a builder's permit, house key necklace and 1,000 plastic washers, said designer Krista DeSocio. The copper belt was fastened with a padlock.
5. Nate West also represented Newell Brand. His armor was made from aluminum flashing, wire, backsplash tiles and tape.
6. Gary McNalley models an outfit by M Squared Construction. They opted to use male models for their designs made 100 percent from construction materials, even though they only had to use 50 percent of home-building materials.
7. Mike Brown and Christine Clanton with Maryville Rotary Club were inspired by John Mellencamp's "Little Pink Houses." The club's two models used everything from drop cloths to paint brushes to create the look that won them the People's Choice Award.
8. Tammi Ford was the model for Blount Partnership's design. They used drop cloths and also backsplash tiles for the geometric design.
9. Morgan LaDuke, Pinkie Mistry of Designs by Pinkie and Lauren Morris were declared the overall winner of the Golden Stiletto.