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## Local designer wins award for second time

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A local designer has proven his skills for the second year in a row.

Jason Arnott, owner of Earth Environments, was the second-place winner of the sixth-annual Detroit Home Design Awards for his playhouse/outdoor building designs. The award was announced at a gala on March 14 held at the Somerset Collection in Troy.

"I'm really glad about it," he said. "It's nice to do nice work and be recognized for it, and to have judges comment on it and review it, it's a great privilege.

This was the second time Arnott received an award for a design submission, snagging first place in the same category last year. This year's project was a 670 square-foot poolhouse he designed for a homeowner in Oakland Township that included a walk-in bathroom, a 50-inch TV, a sitting area, a mechanical room and a pizza oven.

"This was the largest project of my life," the Romeo native said. "The guy spent \$200,000 on less than 700 square feet."

The projects are reviewed by a panel of judges from around the country. For winning, Arnott received a plaque and had his project featured in the spring issue of Detroit Home magazine.

Arnott is a member of the Romeo Downtown Development Authority (DDA) and the Romeo Historical Society. He played a role in designing the plans for "Taylor Park," which would change the one-way alleyway between the BP gas station and Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow into a pedestrian-only park.

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