

Mike Doddridge

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Remodeler of the Year

The 2007 HBA of Northern Colorado's Remodeler of the Year has been in the business since he was sixteen years old. Mike Doddridge, owner of Doddridge construction, worried that he might sound cliché when he said that what he liked best about his job was "turning people's dreams or ideals into reality," but it's doubtful that his customers would begrudge him the sentiment. Carol, for whom Doddridge is currently doing a large-scale remodel, was effusive in her praise, calling the 20-year Fort Collins resident "patient, talented, and creative." She described the people Doddridge works with as "artisans; people who are thoughtful and respectful."

Mike Doddridge received a degree in construction management from CSU after moving here from Ohio — "a great place to be from," he said.

He's been involved in the HBA for three years, seeing membership in the group as an opportunity to grow and to belong to an organization whose members all subscribe to the same high professional and ethical standards.

Doddridge is the incoming Vice Chair of the Remodelers Council, and looks forward to the opportunity to continue to promote education and network within the council and HBA. He emphasized the importance of staying ahead of the curve, knowing what's new in construction as soon as technologies and concepts are released, so that the customers would be aware of all possibilities and options.

Doddridge himself takes full advantage of the educational opportunities provided by the HBA. At the time of this interview, he had just finished the HBA's Certified Aging in Place Specialist (CAPS) course, which is affiliated with AARP and helps people adjust their living arrangements as they age so that they can



spend as many years as possible in their homes.

Working with customers from design to completion is part of Doddridge's philosophy. He pointed out that he is "dealing with the single most important investment people are going to make in their lifetime, typically, and you need to treat it with the respect it deserves." Doddridge's way of achieving that goal is through personal contact and high professional and ethical standards.

"There's more to being a professional than a big truck and a tool belt," Doddridge said. <<