

# Giffin & Crane Lead Showhouse Construction To Finale

**E**XCAVATING, SHAPING AND INCORPORATING over 400 tons of sandstone into the finished CALM Showhouse was just one of the marvels accomplished by general contractors Giffin & Crane. Geoff Crane, President of Giffin & Crane led his hand picked team in a race to complete the 8,000 square foot Cima Vista home in one year. Crane attributes their success to planning and keeping "our eye on the critical path and meeting our construction milestones along the way."

The project, which was managed by Giffin & Crane's Lindsey Adams and supervised by John Carmichael, required on-site supervision of up to 120 workers. "It was a good feeling job," observed Crane. "People like to work in a cohesive atmosphere. This was definitely a team effort."

Crane's responsibility was to put the right people in place at the right time. Following their detailed construction plan, Crane relied on Lindsey Adams to

stay focused at least a month out, while on-site supervisor, John Carmichael concentrated on day to day issues. "With our office systems, staff and the experience we've acquired over the years, everyone was able to complete their jobs on time."

"I can't say enough about the great team of people and companies that took the architectural drawings created by Harrison Design Associates and made the CALM Showhouse come to life" remarked Crane. "I appreciate all that they did and for the opportunity I have now to thank them in print."



Geoff Crane and Lindsey Adams

Harrison Design Associates, according to Crane, brought a refreshing new look to the area. "I love the design. It's original and a welcome addition to our community."

Giffin and Crane Contractors, Inc., has been working in Santa Barbara County's high-end custom

residential construction and remodel market for the last 18 years.

Started by Bruce Giffin and Geoff Crane in the mid-80's, the company is dedicated to constantly improving their team, service and systems for the benefit of their clients.

Crane is a sixth generation Santa Barbaran, and appreciates the Santa Barbara lifestyle and temperate climate. "It's a great place to work. Last year we had only had six rain days that effected our schedule," Crane noted. "Good weather is a variable that helps us get projects like the CALM Showhouse completed on time. Santa Barbara is a beautiful place and I tell those seeking to build here that our codes are stringent, but serve to preserve why we all want to live here in the first place."

Crane appreciates the Arts and Crafts flavor of the 2004 CALM Showhouse.

"This is a larger home, but it doesn't feel that way. It is well oriented on the sight and takes every advantage of its views."

Geoff, who "loves building" appreciated the opportunity to be involved in this project and to work with



the interior design, architectural, and landscape design teams. "It was a team effort from start to finish."

