

Lochwood-Lozier Elegant Homes Building homes deserving of 'It's a Lochwood-Lozier'

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66 t's a Lochwood-Lozier." The value of this statement isn't lost on Eastside Puget Sound home buyers. It's taken Jon Lozier and Pat Lochwood many years to develop the internal organization and systems for "It's a Lochwood-Lozier" to symbolize quality and value in a home.

"We have endeavored to associate our name with long-lasting quality and value," says Jon Lozier, President of Lochwood-Lozier Elegant Homes. Jon has been a second generation home builder for 37 years in the Puget Sound Eastside area. "For many of our customers, their upcoming home purchase represents their third or fourth home and many anticipate it to be their most discerning choice. These home buyers look for that 'something special' and they find it in our homes,



One of the goals of Lochwood-Lozier is to build homes that are recognized as "memorably extraordinary." Photo by Michael Seidl Photography.





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because we put it there."

Todd Lozier joined the Lochwood-Lozier management team after graduating in 1992 from the University of Washington's School of Architecture, Business Construction Program. Todd has worked his way up the proverbial "ladder" of responsibilities at Lochwood-Lozier and has achieved the position of Operations Manager. The highly respected **Business Construction Program at** the University of Washington has recognized Todd for his leadership and his introduction of the Program to active membership in the Master Builders Association of King and Snohomish Counties.

As Todd explains, "The 'something special' that home buyers are looking for are noticeable throughout the homes we build. We don't use materials that will just get by' and See Page 18



Lochwood-Lozier offers design flexibility in traditional and contemporary designs. Pat Lochwood says many home buyers have unusual requirements and need a home builder with the experience of accommodating specific needs. Photo by Imaging Northwest.

According to Jon Lozier, "Building Lochwood-Lozier homes is about providing home buyers with confidence they can take to the bank." Photo by Imaging Northwest.



DuPont Makes Tyvek® Even Better No Holes in Success Story or Product By Rob Horstmann, Tyvek® Specialist, Auburn, WA

Some companies might tend to sit back and enjoy their success after developing a brand-new product category and marketing it until it achieves phenomenal consumer recognition, acceptance and respect.

Scientists at DuPont, however, believe that continual product improvement should be the goal. The result is

FEATURED BUILDER PROFILE

Company Name Lochwood-Lozier Elegant Homes

Principals Jon Lozier, Pat Lochwood, Todd Lozier

Product Category Custom, Mid-to-High Spec, Remodeling

Active In Eastside to Mill Creek

Favorite Architectural Firm 4D Architects, Inc.; contact Ben Mulder

Favorite Building Product Wood windows and skylights

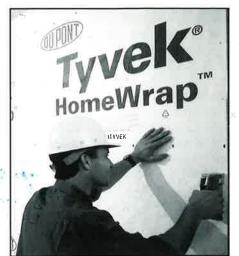
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craftspeople that we can't trust for consistent, quality workmanship. Our homes exceed industry standards and building codes in many ways. Our millwork is far above the norm. We use only proven quality building materials in our homes. Many of our subcontractors and suppliers have worked with us for over 13 years. Our primary goals are customer satisfaction and building homes that offer long-term, strong resale value."

Pat Lochwood stresses that Lochwood-Lozier Elegant Homes focuses on the customer from the beginning. "Our company is very detail oriented. We have a team of professionals in the office who realize their primary duty is to make the home buying process understandably easy and enjoyable. Custom home buyers particularly can feel overwhelmed by the perceived enormity of the decision making necessary to have a custom home built. It's our job to simplify that process into a completely manageable sequence of timed decisions."

The professional staff assembled at Lochwood-Lozier is an integral component for the company's success. Roger Korthuis, Corporate CPA/CFO, is an "essential management team member" according to Jon Lozier, who is involved with finance acquisitions, contracts, budgets and cost controls. The financial skills Korthuis brings to Lochwood-Lozier are the result of his experience working in a public accounting firm and from previously owning his own home building company. Also on staff are an inhouse architect, estimators, project managers and a full time Customer Service Manager who is an experienced remodeler and has also previously been a home builder.

Other keys to the company's success are their internal systems. The primary design requirement of these systems while they were being developed was that they have to help ensure that the customer's home is delivered to the client the way they want it, when they want it, at the agreed upon price.

Jon Lozier explains that the company is after an effect that buyers can feel when they enter a Lochwood-Lozier home. "When someone enters one of our homes, I want them to say 'I feel like I'm at home here, I could live here, this is what I want.' Creating that feeling and emotion of lifestyle is what building a Lochwood-Lozier is all about." Adds Pat Lochwood, "There are many quality homes in the

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The stated primary goals of Lochwood-Lozier are customer satisfaction and enduring strong resale value. Photo by Imaging Northwest.



User-friendly features built into Lochwood-Lozier homes will carry the owners into the 21st century. Photo by Michael Seidl Photography.





"Home buyers are looking for that 'something special' and they find it in Lochwood-Lozier homes because we put it there," states Jon Lozier, Photo by John Gussman Photography.

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marketplace but we want to build homes that buyers recognize as being memorably extraordinary."

Lochwood-Lozier builds homes in King and Snohomish counties including the hi-tech corridor stretching from Issaquah to Woodinville. Many of their homes can be found in some of the area's most desirable neighborhoods including Lake of the Woods, Montreux, Lakemont, Gunshy Ridge and Hollywood Hills. They've also built view homes on lakes Sammamish and Washington. Many of these homes were custom built. Lochwood-Lozier also builds presale and spec homes.

Whether the home is a presale or a custom, Lochwood-Lozier works with their customers to offer flexibility in home designs to meet individual needs. "Unusual requirements of a home are the result of a number of factors," Pat Lochwood explains. "Consideration for elderly parents that may be needing to live-in now or in the future, accommodations for cultural customs and traditions, a hobby that has special requirements, dual careers that require dual home offices or storage needs, live-in child care providers, all require a home building company with the expertise and experience of accommodating special and specific needs. To get buyers excited about their future home, we ask the right questions."

In addition to being proactive regarding the possible future needs of their customers, Lochwood-Lozier is also proactive when it comes to the reasons for customer call-backs. "Customer call-backs create stress and anxiety for homeowners," Jon Lozier states. "Over the years we've changed many materials and surface treatments to help eliminate many of the reasons for call-backs. We are constantly reviewing ways to improve the product to avoid future problems for our homeowners."

Peers of Lochwood-Lozier Elegant Homes have repeatedly selected the company's product over similar homes. The company has entered homes in three Seattle Street of Dreams annual shows winning several awards including "Best of Show". They've also been selected to build one of the Poncho shows in the prestigious Summit neighborhood. The walls of the offices at Lochwood-Lozier are lined with Gold and Silver Mame awards and include the Mame's Annual "Best Builder of the Year" Trophy. Their prizes also include the National Mame award for marketing excellence. "We enjoy competing with what we do, and when we compete, we often win," states Pat Lochwood.

"Building Lochwood-Lozier homes is about providing home buyers with confidence they can take to the bank," states Jon Lozier. "It's about reputation, consistency, craftsmanship, amenities and a place for happy family memories to happen. We strive to build homes that separate us from everything else on the market. It's about ensuring that 'It's a Lochwood-Lozier' means as much to our customers as it does to us."

Builder/Architect is proud to feature as its July Builder of the Month, Lochwood-Lozier Elegant Homes, a company whose name should remain synonymous with value into the next century. B/A



