

"A house or an apartment is made into a home by the care and home atmosphere, inventiveness and broad mind of the people living there, as well as the way the family members support and take care of each other," told Evelin Ilves, patron of the Home of the Year competition, today in Tallinn Town Hall, in congratulating the winners of the competition.

Homes entered for this year's beautiful home competition, organised by magazine Kodukiri, were personal and warm stated Evelin Ilves, adding: "As time goes on, recycling, giving new life and attaching value to family heritage become more and more common. People are boldly matching together the old and the new, vintage and ultra modern, items made in Estonia and those brought from distant travels. All these elements are mixed and matched to make up unique assemblies that speak about people with a broad, open mind, and warm hearts. These are self-made homes, designed to ensure comfort and freedom, homes that maintain and nurture your energy. These homes will never be abandoned; these are the castles of our era."

The most beautiful home is located in Muraste, Harjumaa, where Evelin and Marko Tiirik renovated an old gardener's and bailiff's house for living, using many environmentally sound materials. The winner of the public Internet voting was the apartment of Marika Diževski and Margus Kalamees in Sikupilli, Tallinn – a home designed in romantic style.

This was the 16th Home of the Year competition, organised by home magazine Kodukiri.

Winners:

Home of the Year Award: **Evelin and Marko Tiirik** from Muraste

People's favourite: **Marika Diževski and Margus Kalamees** for an apartment in Tallinn

Award for the Home with the Best Ambience: **Liis Neemla and Kristo Kokk** from Kalamaja, Tallinn

Award for Stylish Home: **Kelli Saaren and Mart Roosimägi** from Kadriorg, Tallinn

Young Family's Home Award: **Lilian and Margus Nõlvak** from Anija

The Most Beautiful Kitchen Award: **Kerli Laubert and Marek Manni** from Kiisa

Award for the Most Attractive Textiles: **Kristiina Rea** from Nõmme, Tallinn

Award for the Best Colour Scheme: **Helene Vetik** from Tallinn

Smart Bathroom Award: **Kristiina Rea** from Nõmme, Tallinn

The Most Beautiful Garden awards: **Andres ja Helena Oselin** from Tallinn; **Maie Kesksaar** from Põlva county;

**Marge Kolla**

from Pärnu county.

Competition finalist certificates were awarded to **Sigrid and Vaido Absalon**, **Malle and Erik Kull** , **Iris Liib**

**Siplane and Erki Siplane**

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**Jekaterina and Vladimir Potanin**

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**Jake Rahnel**

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**Kätlyn Rohkla and Mark Lepik**

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**Eve Arpo**

(apartment designed in an environmentally sound style),

**Liina Lankei**

(most innovative small apartment),

**Ilona Litvinova and Andrei Gapejev**

(stylish home) and

**Helina Andruškevitšus and Janek Saljukov**

(adding value to stylish retro furniture).

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