

Today, in the Winter Garden of Theatre Estonia, the winners of Kodukiri magazine's home competition, Home of the Year, were presented with their prizes. A building in Tallinn's Nõmme district that dates back to the late Art Nouveau period and has now been transformed into a comfortable home again by Sirje Agan and Uku Liive, following years of being without a proper owner, was declared the winner of the competition.

The project values home decoration and period design, but it also adds modern conveniences and detail. "The family even took some courses at the Estonian Academy of Arts to ensure proper renovation of the house," Ms Pajula said.

According to one of the members of the Home of the Year panel of judges, interior designer of K-rauta, Merike Hirvoja, the winning home has given a place of honour to dignified historical details: elegant Art Nouveau furniture, parquet floors with herringbone pattern, original stoves and glazed doors. Patterns that are repeated on both the wallpaper and curtains were also mentioned as an interesting detail by the interior designer.

The most beautiful garden of the year was created by Lilian and Mart Maastik in Karala village, Saaremaa, by blending together a farm yard patterned with flowers and the juniper-rich natural landscape of the island.

This was the 19th competition organised by Kodukiri magazine. This year, approximately 60 homes and gardens located all over Estonia took part in the competitions. The prizes for the most beautiful homes were presented to the winners by Mrs Ieva Ilves. The tradition of the Spouse of the President of the Republic presenting the awards began during the term of office of President Rützel.

In presenting the awards, Mrs Ilves recalled, with pride and pleasure, that Estonia is also her home now and stated that the creation of a good and safe home is very important for all of us.

"We must also remember and support those without a home who have found themselves in difficulties and need the support of their fellow citizens," she added.

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