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Gold Nugget Awards/The Cottage Company

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The Cottage Company® Earns Coveted Gold Nugget Grand Award Honors

Seattle, WA, 13 June 2025 — Judges for the Pacific Coast Builders Conference 2025 Gold Nugget Awards have named The Cottage Company as the **Grand Award** winner in two categories in its annual competition, which honors architectural design and planning excellence and drew nearly 700 entries from throughout the United States and internationally. The Cottage Company earned its **Grand Award** honors for development of **Thornton Creek Commons**, located in Northeast Seattle WA., which was honored for **“Best Single Family Detached Home Under 2000 Square Feet,”** and **“Best Infill Solution.”**

The homes in Thornton Creek Commons are clustered on a 2 ½ AC property within a North East Seattle neighborhood, demonstrating how moderate density fits comfortably into an existing Single-Family neighborhood.



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Formerly the site of St. George Episcopal Church, the community is 3 blocks to farmers' market, post office, library, grocery, bakery, banks, buses and walk to Link Light rail stop.

The homes cluster on 1 acre of the property, and includes an additional 1 ½ acres of green space bordering Thornton Creek as a private park, including wooded and open space, an off-leash dog park, fire pit, gardens and access to Thornton Creek.

The nine detached Single Family homes, constructed in 2024, include three floor plans ranging from 1583 – 2365 square feet. Plans in the gated community provide single-level living, support work from home, and provide multi-generational options. Six of the nine homes feature 'flex' spaces with private entry, bath, laundry, kitchenette & enable multi-generational livability.

Prior to building the homes, the 1959-era St. George Church was 'deconstructed,' diverting 90% of the building material for reuse/recycle in the 9 homes. Recovered lumber was reused in framing; paneling was milled into ¾ inch tongue and groove solid wood flooring; and the hand split cedar siding was cleaned and reused as siding for the detached garages. Relics including stone benches & plaques and mature plantings were used in the gardens.

Heritage trees envelope the homes, creating a rich private oasis. The Built Green 5-Star all-electric homes perform at minimum 30% savings compared to a new home built to rigorous Washington State codes, include a Level II EV charger, and are Net Zero possible.

Developed by The Cottage Company, and designed by Charles Wenzlau, Wenzlau Architects, these striking, high-design homes advance The Cottage Company's philosophy of



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'better, rather than bigger', close in, walkable pocket neighborhoods, community focused living, and offer innovative, high efficiency, simple and sustainable designs.

Please visit The Cottage Company's website at www.cottagecompany.com for photos and additional details on this award-winning project.

"Gold Nugget Award winners reflect our industry's best, brightest and most innovative architects, planners and builder/developers," said Judging Chairman and Gold Nugget ceremonies administrator Lisa Parrish."

Now in its' 62nd year, Gold Nugget Awards is the largest and most prestigious competition of its kind in the nation. It honors design and planning achievements in community and home design, green-built housing, site planning, commercial, retail, mixed-use development and specialty housing categories. Winners this year were chosen from nearly 700 entries from around the world. The Gold Nugget Awards recognize those who improve our communities through exceptional concepts in design, planning and development.

Since its inception, in 1996, The Cottage Company has been nationally recognized as a leader by providing new models for sustainable living and smart housing choices — without giving up an ounce of style. The Cottage Company pioneered sustainable communities where homes are more than houses and neighborhoods are more than zip codes.

Co-Founder and owner of The Cottage Company, Linda Pruitt explains "we strive to be good stewards of the earth, as well as creating homes that are crafted with character & charm. Our high-quality communities of compact, energy-efficient single-family homes in pocket



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neighborhoods are unique & powerful because they are created by related layers of privacy and connectivity. Intrinsic within that undertaking is connecting with people and environment in a simple, life-sustaining way. And, our over-riding theme is to create new housing choices that offer beautiful places where people choose to live their lives.”



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2025 Grand Award, Best Single Family Detached Home Under 2000 Square Feet
and
2025 Grand Award, Best Infill Solution



Thornton Creek Commons, Seattle WA

Developer: The Cottage Company

Builder: The Cottage Company

Architect/Designer: Charles Wenzlau

Geotech: Nelson Geotechnical Engineers


Civil Engineering: Core Design Inc.

Landscape Design: City Garden Services

Interior Design: The Cottage Company

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