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The Sacramento Habitat home featured as our May cover story was handed over to new owner Francesca Flores on April 24. Just a few weeks following the dedication ceremony, the final LEED point total came in: A whopping 94 points! Just 80 were needed for Platinum certification.

Despite achieving the highest level of LEED certification, the newly-certified home does not contain any wood building components made with FSC certified products.

SBCA member Homewood Truss (Loomis, CA) designed and built the roof trusses for the job. Design manager Bryan Wagner said his group is designing more and more raised heel trusses for organizations like Habitat—a sign that green building is evolving. Marketing manager Corey Magleby worked closely with building designer Norm Scheel, SE, LEED AP HOMES. Magleby said, “Norm brings great technical ability and is on the forefront of the green building revolution.”

The education process on high efficiency homes won't stop with a green certification on their résumés. Habitat and Scheel plan to monitor the Platinum home for at least a year. “We'll be comparing it to another [Habitat home] that didn't have all the advanced framing we used in this one, comparing utility bills, and conducting infrared camera energy analysis,” said Scheel. **SBC**



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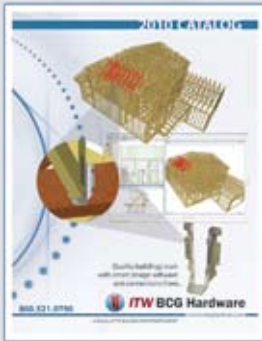
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