



Don Ferrier, president of Ferrier Builders, Inc. and Ferrier Custom Homes, represents the third generation of the Ferrier family in the quality construction business. Don followed in the footsteps of his grandfather Alexander Ferrier, a stonemason/general contractor who emigrated from Scotland to work on the Texas capitol, and his father Otho Ferrier who constructed bridges all over the state of Texas as Ferrier Brothers Bridge Company, which Don later to become a partner of.

A graduate of the University of the Ozarks, Don constructed his first super energy-efficient home in 1982 as an earth-sheltered home and then began Ferrier Builders in 1984. His background of concrete construction helped him transition into earth-sheltered home construction.

Since 1984 Don has built all types of buildings, but his focus has been energy efficient construction with SIPs (Structural Insulated Panels). In 2005, Ferrier Builders, Inc. started building High Performance custom homes as Ferrier Custom Homes.

Don was presented the 2007 Builder Advocate of the Year award by the National Association of Home Builders at the 9th Annual Green Building Conference, and serves on the NAHB's Green Building Subcommittee Board. Ferrier Custom Homes is the 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2009 Energy Value Housing Award recipient for the construction of the most energy efficient elite homes in a hot climate by the National Association of Home Builders' Research Center, U. S. Department of Energy, and the National Renewable Energy Laboratory. Ferrier was also the first builder in Texas to build a home to achieve the LEED Platinum rating. Most recently, Don was one of 20 builders in the nation that "took the challenge" by walking on stage and receiving a certificate from Department of Energy's Secretary Bodman at the launch of the DOE's "Builders Challenge" and was a Rhoades Scholar Finalist.

Don's knowledge and experience in constructing High Performance homes (extremely energy efficient, comfortable, healthy and durable) makes him a leader in his field. Don was one of the founding members of Green Built North Texas, a voluntary partnership of local home builders, industry supporters, and sponsors committed to creating awareness and interest in the construction of higher-performance, lower-impact residential homes in North Central Texas. Don has been continually recognized by the National Association of Homebuilders (NAHB) and the US Green Building Council (USGBC) for his green methods and techniques. He has been noted by the NAHB one of their most popular speakers and has spoken on numerous occasions nationwide for the NAHB on Green Building. Don is a Certified Graduate Builder, and will soon begin teaching the NAHB's Certified Green Professional courses.