

Two OVNARI members win regional CotY awards

Total of seven national contest awards go to southwest Ohio remodelers

Two Ohio Valley NARI members were named as regional winners in the 2007 National Contractor of the Year Award competition conducted NARI.

Chapter members receiving regional CotY honors were Kessler Construction Services, in the Residential Exterior \$100,000 and Over category, and Neal's Design & Remodel, in the Residential Interior Specialty category.

The regional award-winning project by Kessler Construction Services involved constructing a covered porch addition that included a screened area at the rear of a Queen Anne style home built in 1910. The addition had to fit seamlessly with the home's architectural style and take advantage of spectacular river views afforded by the property.

Neal's Design & Remodel removed a bearing wall and a walk-in pantry to create an open line of sight between a kitchen and a



After Neal's Design & Remodel opened the access between the dining room and the family room in this home both rooms looked larger and Neal's had completed a regional CotY-winning Residential Interior Specialty project.

family room, making both areas seem larger without adding to the square footage of the home. The final result and the elegance of the solution Neal's found to deal with the bearing wall problem was judged as the best Residen-

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Call NARI to R.S.V.P.

What: Half Day of Professional Education

Program: Managing Damaging Moisture & Windows for Remodeling

When: Thursday, February 8

Where: Pella Windows & Doors
7697 Innovation Way, Mason

Time: 8:00 a.m. to noon

Cost: Hosted by Pella & DuPont Tyvek

RSVP: Ohio Valley NARI at 800-498-6274



Residents enjoy river views from this porch addition that brought a Residential Exterior Specialty regional CotY to Kessler Construction Services.

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tial Interior Specialty project in the region.

NARI members from seven regions around the country vie for CotY Awards on an annual basis. All regional winners are eligible for National CotY Awards, which will be announced at the NARI Evening of ExcellenceSM banquet on March 24 in Austin, Texas.

Judging for the regional awards took place at the NARI national headquarters in Des Plaines, Illinois, in early January. Judging was based on problem-solving, functionality, aesthetics, craftsmanship, and innovation, degree of difficulty of the project, and entry presentation.

Members of Miami Valley NARI won five regional CotY awards, bringing a total of seven regional CotYs to southwest Ohio.



The porch addition that won a regional CotY award in the Residential Exterior Over \$100,000 category for Kessler Construction Services fit seamlessly with the architectural style of the 1910 home.



Eliminating a walk-in pantry and a brick wall created a wide open kitchen-dining room-family room area.

Workshop will cover windows & moisture

The February Ohio Valley NARI meeting will be a half day educational program at the Pella Windows & Doors showroom in Mason.

The information-packed morning will include a moisture management presentation by John Richardson, CRA, Parksite Plunkett-Webster, and a windows and window installation presentation by Pella. Attendees will earn two hours of CEU credit that can be applied to NARI recertification requirements or other professional certification programs.

Ohio Valley NARI, DuPont Tyvek, and Pella are cooperating to present the training program, which starts at 8:00 a.m., Thursday, February 8, at Pella Windows & Doors, 7697 Innovation Way, Mason. The sponsors will provide food and beverages.

Sessions are open to NARI members and non-members. Seating is limited so advance reservations are necessary. Call the Ohio Valley NARI office at 800-498-6274 or send e-mail to info@naricincinnati.org to register.



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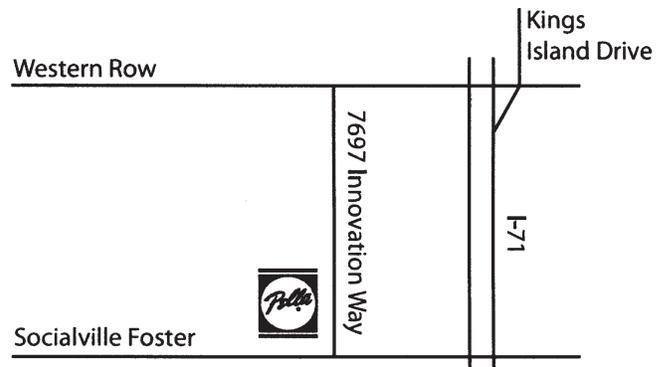
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Here's how to get there!

Ohio Department of Health publishes regulations for public places smoking ban

by Bob Dunlevey
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The Ohio Department of Health has published proposed smoking regulations, which more fully explain Ohio's new No-Smoking law, how it works, and how ODH intends to enforce the law. These regulations probably will become effective in early April and enforcement will then begin. But, actually, the law became effective December 7, 2006, and is being obeyed by most.

You need to act now to familiarize yourself with these regulations so they may be implemented completely in the spring. Your work rules, policies and handbooks should also be modified. Here are some of the bigger items.

■ While a proprietor or employer must prohibit smoking not only in their facilities but also in the areas under their control, which are "immediately adjacent" to points of ingress and egress, "immediately adjacent" remains undefined and is not measured by any specific number of feet from the door—contrary to what some have been publishing and what had been anticipated.

■ Proprietors must take "reasonable steps" to ensure tobacco smoke does not enter a prohibited area under their control through ownership of the property or through rights under a lease – reasonable steps include, at least, requesting the individual to stop smoking.

■ Business vehicles remain a prohibited place for smoking unless the vehicle is only occupied by the smoking driver. If the vehicle is registered by Ohio BMV and used by one or more non-smokers or the vehicle is part of a motor pool and shared by non-smokers it is a prohibited area. Signs must be firmly affixed to each passenger door window or dashboard or other visible area. Ashtrays in vehicles do not have to be removed under the general removal of receptacles law if they are not used for disposal of smoking materials, i.e., change holder.

■ Proprietors do not have to remove ashtrays from regulated areas if they are of historic or architectural value, were affixed to the property

prior to December 7, 2006 and are not used for disposal of smoking materials. In addition, a proprietor may provide ashtrays and receptacles for the purpose of individuals disposing of smoking materials prior to entering a place of employment or public place – but they must be far enough away to foreclose smoke entering a prohibited area.

■ Residents of private homes who employ service workers who perform intermittent work such as plumbing, electrical and remodeling are not considered to be in a place of employment and the residential exception to the smoking ban remains applicable. (The plumbers must have lobbied during the comment period to the Ohio Department of Health.)

■ No-smoking signs remain very specific in their requirements and must be posted at all points of transition from an area where smoking is not regulated to one that is. While it appears you cannot affix your company's telephone number to the signs to head off a

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The mission of Ohio Valley NARI is:

- ✓ To establish and maintain the association's firm commitment to developing and sustaining programs that expand and unite the remodeling industry as well as to ensure the industry's growth and security.
- ✓ To encourage ethical conduct, sound business practices, and professionalism in the remodeling industry.
- ✓ To present NARI as the recognized authority in the remodeling industry.

These missions are carried out by:

- ✓ Promoting the common business interests of those engaged in the industry.
- ✓ Sponsoring educational programs and activities for members.
- ✓ Enlightening consumers to the needs and advantages of home remodeling and maintenance, thereby improving the nation's housing inventory.
- ✓ Recommending legislative and regulatory action that safeguards and preserves the remodeling industry, and stimulates the marketplace.

Goals of chapter to accomplish mission:

- ✓ To provide education to enhance professional and personal competencies.
- ✓ To create and encourage networking.
- ✓ To develop and promote the profession.
- ✓ To serve as a resource center.
- ✓ To provide quality publications to members.
- ✓ To improve membership and membership participation.
- ✓ To improve consumer awareness.
- ✓ To remain proactive on current and pending legislation.



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complainant from calling the ODH, it is advisable to broadly publish your private number so you may be called first and avoid a fine.

■ An elaborate complaint, citation and hearing procedure that could be likened to unemployment compensation is established. If your business is a corporation you must be represented by an attorney.

■ Fine schedules for proprietors and employers violating the prohibitions are now defined: 1st violation – warning letter; 2nd – \$100; 3rd – \$500; 4th – \$1,000 and 5th – \$2,500.

■ Fines for smokers violating the law are: 1st – warning letter; 2nd and subsequent violations – \$100.

■ Additional fines can be levied for intentional misconduct and continuing violations carry per diem penalties.

You may review the proposed final regulations at www.odh.state.oh.us. Ensure compliance now by appointing someone in your organization to be your compliance officer. Don't forget to amend your work rules, policies and handbooks to regulate the conduct of your employees and guests. Visit the Library section of the website of Dunlevey, Mahan & Furry for more information – www.dmfdayton.com.



Coming Events

Educational Workshops

8:00 a.m.-noon, Thursday, February 8
Pella Windows & Doors
7697 Innovation Way
Mason

April Supplier Night

6:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 11
Ferguson Enterprises
11860 Mosteller Road
Sharonville

May Supplier Night

6:00 p.m., Thursday, May 10
Marsh Building Products
10078 East Kemper Road
Loveland

Baseball Outing

7:10 p.m., Saturday, June 9
Great American Ball Park - Redlegs Landing
Cleveland Indians vs. Reds

Golf Tournament

10:00 a.m., Thursday, August 9
Sharon Woods Golf Course
11355 Swing Road