

## OVNARI members win a total of six local CotY awards

More entries, more awards, more winners in 2005 contest!

It was a vintage season for Contractor of the Year awards in the Cincinnati area with three members of Ohio Valley NARI winning CotY recognition in six different categories.

Neal's Design & Remodel won awards in the Residential Bath \$30,000 and Over, Residential Kitchen \$60,000 and Over, and Residential Addition \$100,000 to \$250,000 categories. Kessler Construction earned CotY honors in the Residential Kitchen \$30,000 to \$50,000 category. Murphy Home Improvement won the Residential Interior and Residential Exterior awards.

The Neal's award-winning bath project involved combining a small master bath and a tiny adjacent office into a spacious new bath with a unique décor blending elegant Old World fixtures and contemporary elements.

An inconvenient, black and white '70s-mod kitchen was the starting point for the winning CotY entry in the Residential Kitchen \$60,000 and Over category. The job required bringing the décor into the 21<sup>st</sup> century and removing walls to open the space and improve functionality.



*Kessler Construction built this award-winning kitchen in the \$30,000 to \$60,000 category.*



*The CotY-winning Residential Exterior project by Murphy Home Improvement transformed this 1930s cottage.*

When a home is located adjacent to a signature hole on one of the area's most beautiful golf courses it just makes sense for the living areas to offer sweeping views of the outside. The dinette and hearth room of the residence Neal's remodeled to earn the CotY

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*This kitchen earned CotY honors in the Residential Kitchen \$60,000 and Over category for Neal's Design & Remodel.*

## Three members of Ohio Valley NARI pass Certified Kitchen & Bath Remodeler exam

Ten NARI member from southwest Ohio, including three members of Ohio Valley NARI, have become some of the first individuals in the nation to earn the NARI Certified Kitchen and Bath Remodeler (CKBR) credential.

Members of Ohio Valley NARI who completed the program and passed the CKBR examination are Don Patten, CR, CKBR, Don Patten Remodeling, Ltd.; Larry Kessler, CKBR, Kessler Construction Services, LLC; Ed Kramer, CR, CKBR, CabitDesign, Inc.

Miami Valley NARI members who earned their CKBR credential are Jeffrey M. Roberts, CKBR, A & J Industries Inc.; Bob Malchow, CR, CKBR, Malchow Building & Remodeling Inc.; Erich L. Eggers II, CKBR, Remodeling Designs, Inc.; Bill Bilbrey, CR, CKBR; W.E. Bilbrey & Sons; John Bordenkircher, CKBR, Kitchen Solvers; Carrie Bordenkircher, CKBR, Kitchen Solvers; and Peter Price, CR, CKBR, Stillwater Builders Co.

Kip Bohachek, CR, led the 10-week preparation program that started in late summer. Classes were held at the NARI office in downtown Dayton.

The Certified Kitchen and Bath Remodeler program is the newest of NARI's professional certification programs. CKBRs have demonstrated professional qualifications necessary to provide remodeling services specific to kitchens and bathrooms. To become a Certified Kitchen and Bath Remodeler, candidates

must possess skills and knowledge focused on the requirement of materials, layout, and installation of kitchens and bathrooms.

NARI certification is a challenging process, requiring extensive knowledge of the industry and a commitment to professional conduct. Even highly experienced and skilled remodelers find the screening and testing process formidable.

## Ohio Valley NARI announces two great meetings to kickoff the 2005 chapter activity schedule

Ohio Valley NARI will hit the ground running to start the new year with two blockbuster meetings already set for the first months of 2005.

The January dinner meeting will feature formal presentation of the 2005 Contractor of the Year awards reported on page one of this newsletter. We expect the award winners to take a couple minutes to describe the exceptional projects that earned CotY recognition for them.

We'll also have a special guest at the January meeting. Jim Turner, NARI Region IV vice president and president of NARI of Central Ohio, will be on hand to give a personal report on the latest developments at the national level of NARI.

The meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, January 13, at the Holiday Inn I-275 North.

Mold, rot, and decay are current hot topics in the building business and the root cause of all of them is the same—moisture. Moisture will be the subject of an expanded educational program at the February OVNARI meeting.

Brent Rice, Tyvek product specialist with Parksite Plunkett-Webster, will present a mini-seminar on moisture control strategies. NARI members may remember that Brent gave a very informative demonstration of window flashing techniques at a meeting hosted by Pella several years ago. His February presentation will include fenestration flashing, and many other aspects of moisture control.

Given the importance of the subject this is one NARI meeting you won't want to miss. Bring your crew and your subs too. The meeting will be on the evening of Thursday, February 10, at the Holiday Inn I-275 North. Put the date and location of this very important meeting in your PDA now.



## Coming Events

Event:	January Dinner Meeting
Date & Time:	January 13, 6:30 p.m.
Program:	CotY Awards presentation & Report from NARI National by Jim Turner, Region IV VP
Location:	Holiday Inn I-275 North
Cost:	\$25 for NARI members

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award for a Residential Addition \$100,000 to \$250,000 were just the opposite. The addition opened and brightened the hearth room-dinette area, brought the natural beauty of the golf course into the home, and accomplished this while maintaining architectural integrity with the existing building.

Kessler Construction remodeled a kitchen and pantry area in a farmhouse built in 1870 and won the CotY award in the Residential Kitchen \$30,000 to \$60,000 category. Project objectives were to add cabinet and counter space, improve functionality, and provide a new eating area. The project required removing bearing walls, relocating mechanicals, and removing an unused brick chimney.

The homeowners said they wanted a media room with theatre-style seating, an exercise room, a card room, a bar, and “something



*Unique design elements in this bathroom earned the CotY award in the Residential Bath Over \$30,000 category for Neal's Design & Remodel.*



*This addition, which won the Residential Addition \$100,000 to \$250,000 CotY award for Neal's Design and Remodel, let the owners enjoy views of the golf course adjacent to their home.*

different” when Murphy Home Improvement remodeled lower level of their residence. The project won the Residential Interior CotY award. The “something different” Murphy built was an old-style telephone booth.

A quaint cottage home from the 1930s with little “curb appeal” was the starting point for the project that brought the CotY award in the Residential Exterior category to Murphy Home Improvement. The work involved residing the home, installing a new dimensional roof system, constructing a redesigned front gable exterior, updating the windows, and building a new more open and inviting front porch.

The CotY winners will receive their awards at the January meeting, to be held on Thursday, January 13, at the Holiday Inn I-275 North.



*This winning Residential Interior remodel by Murphy Home Improvement features, among other things, a replica of an old-time telephone booth.*



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## Ohio Valley NARI board asks members for information and advice on chapter activities

One of the toughest jobs for the officers, directors, and staff of business associations—like NARI—is figuring out exactly what the members expect the organization to do for them.

Sometimes people or companies join associations because they think it looks good for them to be a member. That's a good reason, but if that's the only reason you pay your NARI membership dues every year you're missing out on a wealth of other returns on that investment.

### 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.

Norb Boh, CR, president of Ohio Valley NARI for 2005, and the other officers and directors want to know more about what you want from the association. At the same time, they want to verify and, where necessary, update the membership records. With this edition of the newsletter you will find a survey form. It's very short, simple, and easy to complete. Please fill it out and return it to the NARI office.

Frankly, surveys like this don't usually have a very good return rate, but we hope that Ohio Valley NARI members will be the exception to that rule. The elected and volunteer leaders of the chapter spend several hours every month attending to NARI business. Please take a few minutes to help them do their work for NARI as you want it done.

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