

OVNARI Evening of Excellence held at Montgomery Inn Contractor of the Year awards and service certificates presented at January event

The late fall snowstorm that spoiled plans for the Ohio Valley NARI Evening of Excellence as originally scheduled on December 8 didn't curb enthusiasm for the event when it was finally held on January 18. In fact, more people attended the January meeting than had signed up for the original December date.

The 40+ people who came to the original Montgomery Inn for the dinner were rewarded with the usual great Montgomery Inn food, a fascinating show by magician Scott Meyer, lots of fun and fellowship, and a challenge issued by CotY winners Tom Murphy and Neal Hendy, Jr., CR.

Presentation of five local Contractor of the Year awards to three OVNARI members was the highlight of the evening. A joint entry by Murphy Home Improvement and Distinctive



Scott Meyer and his lovely assistant Nancy Kessler awed the audience with amazing feats of magic.

Home Restorations won the award in the Residential Specialty category. Tudor Morse, CR, and his Distinctive Home Restorations team constructed an addition to a small Newtown home. Murphy Home Improvement subsequently sided the enlarged house with lap and half round shape siding to give the home the early 1900s look the owners wanted.

Neal's Design & Remodel won awards for Residential Bath over \$25,000, Residential Kitchen Over \$60,000, Residential Addition \$100,000 to \$250,000, and Residential Interior projects.

The kitchen project involved creating more open space and a contemporary look. The award-winning bath remodel was essentially an upgrade in which ordinary features and

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What: February Dinner Meeting

Program: Siding Industry Update
Legislative/Regulatory Issues

When: Thursday, February 9

Where: Marsh Building Products
10078 East Kemper Road

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Cost: Hosted by Marsh

RSVP: Ohio Valley NARI at 800-498-6274

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fixtures were replaced with luxury features and fixtures, including slate floors, granite vanity and counter tops, and top-end Kohler fixtures.

Neal's CotY winning addition was a two-story extension of a lakeside home that included a three-level deck, a new study, and an enlarged guest room. The Residential Interior project involved rebuilding the lower level of a home in the style of an old world wine cellar.



Tudor Morse, CR, left, Distinctive Home Restorations, and Tom Murphy, Murphy Home Improvement, shared team entry CotY honors in the Residential Specialty category.

The challenge issued by the winners was: "Next year give us more CotY competition."

Neal said that looking around the room he saw many contractor he knew had done projects just as impressive as his four award-winning jobs. He urged other members to



Neal Hendy, Jr., CR, left, Neal's Design Remodel, displays one of the four CotY awards he received from Ohio Valley NARI President Norb Boh, CR, at the Evening of Excellence.

enter the competition for the 2007 awards.

Awards for service to Ohio Valley NARI in 2005 were also presented to the chapter's elected and volunteer leaders. Greg Fischer, CR, received a certificate of appreciation for his service as chairman of the board. Norb Boh, CR, received a certificate of appreciation for serving as Ohio Valley NARI president. Fred Cernetisch and Glen Hollon received awards for serving as directors.

Matt Bliemeister was recognized as OVNARI secretary for the 2005 term, for his assistance in organizing and promoting the golf tournament, and, along with Julie Bliemeister, for organizing the 2005 Vendor Showcase. Steve McCord, CR, received certificates for serving as chapter treasurer and for conducting the CKBR program training classes, with the assistance of the chapter's three Certified Kitchen & Bath Remodelers.

Larry Kessler, CKBR, was recognized as a director of the chapter and for producing the first Ohio Valley NARI Membership Directory. Jeff McCoy received award certificates as vice president and for chairing the golf tournament.

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Neal's Design Remodel wins two NARI Region IV Contractor of the Year awards

Ohio remodelers have won a total of 17 Regional Contractor of the Year awards. Two of the awards went to Ohio Valley NARI member Neal's Design Remodel.

Neal's won regional awards in the Residential Kitchen \$60,001 to \$100,000 and the Residential Interior Over \$100,000 categories. Both projects also received local CotY awards, which were presented at the Evening of Excellence on January 18.

Miami Valley NARI led all chapters in NARI Region IV with four members of the Dayton chapter receiving a total of six regional awards. Greater Dayton Building & Remodeling, an Oberer Thompson Company, won awards in the Residential Addition \$100,000 to \$250,000, Commercial Interior, and Commercial Specialty categories. Ahern Home Improvement won the regional CotY in the



The fireplace is next to a wall-size projection home theatre screen in this Residential Interior remodel that brought a regional Contractor of the Year award to Neal's Design Remodel.

Ohio Valley NARI elects officers and directors for 2006

Jeff McCoy, Exteriors Unlimited, will serve as Ohio Valley NARI president for 2006.

Other chapter officers are Larry Kessler, CKBR, Kessler Construction Services, vice president; Phil Wirtz, Phillip Wirtz Hardwood Floors, secretary; and Matt Bliemeister, Nationwide Floor & Window Coverings, treasurer.

Brett Howard, Pella Windows of Cincinnati; Ed Kramer, CR, Cabit Design; and Steve Zimmer, CR, Steve Zimmer Remodeling, are chapter directors.



Neal's Design Remodel incorporated unusual curves and angles in this kitchen, which won a regional CotY in the Residential Kitchen \$60,001 to \$100,000 category.

Entire House Under \$250,000 category. Remodeling Designs won the Residential Bath Under \$30,000 CotY. Hurst Total Home received the regional award for a Residential Addition Under \$100,000.

Members of NARI of Central Ohio won five regional awards. Two at-large Ohio members won three awards, and one award went to a member of Tri-County (Akron) NARI.

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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Coming Events

February Dinner Meeting

February 9, 6:30 p.m.

Marsh Building Products

10078 East Kemper Road

Loveland

A Siding Industry Update

Legislative & Regulatory Update

March Dinner Meeting

March 9, 6:30 p.m.

Holiday Inn I-275 North

Ohio NARI Chapters State Registration Plan

New Lead Paint Requirements Proposed

April Meeting

April 20

(Scheduled one week later than usual
due to Holy Week and Passover)

Hosted by Pella

Time, location, and topics TBD

Baseball Outing

June 30

Great American Ball Park - Redlegs Landing

Marsh will host February meeting

If you didn't attend the Evening of Excellence dinner in January, you still have a chance to enjoy Montgomery Inn food at the February meeting. Marsh Building Products, which will be hosting the meeting at the Loveland location, plans to serve a catered buffet from Montgomery Inn.

In addition to Montgomery Inn food for the second month in a row the meeting will include an informative report on the current state of the siding industry and the outlook for this important area of the remodeling business.

There will also be brief updates on two continuing matters of concern to remodelers. New regulations that treat lead-containing paints almost like asbestos have been proposed, and the statewide remodeler registration issue is almost certain to resurface in the legislature this year.

These important subjects will be covered in detail at the March meeting. Legislative Chair Larry Kessler, CKBR, will present some introductory information in preparation for detailed discussion next month.

The meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, February 9, at Marsh Building Products, 10078 East Kemper Road. Please call the NARI office at 1-800-498-6274 to make reservations for the meeting