

OVNARI Evening of Excellence rescheduled for January 18

Awards dinner postponed due to snowstorm that brought SW Ohio to a standstill

It was a Winter Wonderland when Ohio Valley NARI members started for the Montgomery Inn and the Evening of Excellence dinner on December 8. A few intrepid individuals—about six or eight, we understand—actually got there. The rest figured they would be fortunate just to get home, and that's where they headed.

As a result of the worst driving conditions seen in southwest Ohio in many years the 2005 Evening of Excellence has been rescheduled for Wednesday, January 18, 2006. Yes, the day and date are correct. It was selected to avoid travel conflicts on the regular second Thursday date and with the Miami Valley NARI awards party on Thursday, January 19.

Other than that, everything else is the same. The event will still be at the original Montgomery Inn. It will still feature presentation of the 2006 CotY awards, awards for service to Ohio

Valley NARI, election of officers and directors for 2005, and a magic show. (By the way, we now know for certain that Scott Meyer is a great magician. He actually got to the Montgomery Inn on December 8.)

The menu for the evening is ribs, a ribs and chicken combination, or northern Pacific halibut (grilled or blackened, your choice). The cost is \$45 per person or \$85 per couple.

Call the OVNARI office at 800-498-6274 or send e-mail to info@naricincinnati.org to make reservations for the Evening of Excellence.



Murphy Home Improvement won the Residential Specialty CotY award for this siding project

Five projects win local CotY awards

Two Ohio Valley NARI members have won a total of five local Contractor of the Year awards, which will be presented at the rescheduled Evening of Excellence dinner on January 18.

Neal's Design & Remodel won awards in the Residential Bath \$25,000 and Over, Residential Kitchen \$60,000 and Over, Residential Addition \$100,000 to \$250,000, and

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Call NARI to R.S.V.P.

What: Evening of Excellence Dinner

Program: CotY & Service Awards
Professional Magician

When: Wednesday, January 18

Where: Montgomery Inn
9440 Montgomery Road

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Cost: \$45 per person

RSVP: Ohio Valley NARI at 800-498-6274

Contractor of the Year awards *(Continued from page 1)*

Residential Interior categories. Murphy Home Improvement won the Residential Specialty—Siding award.

The CotY-winning Residential Specialty project by Murphy Home Improvement included an addition as well as total residing of the original home. The designer and the home owners wanted to add architectural interest to an initially undistinguished home by replicating an early 1900s exterior. This appearance was created by using white half round shape siding as trim in combination with blue vinyl siding. Installing the same shape siding to trim dormers on the addition artfully tied the addition to the original structure.

The Neal's award-winning residential bath project involved creating a luxurious, comfortable bath within a relatively modest size area. Additional space was added by incorporating closet space into the bath area.



Neal's Design & Remodel won the CotY award in the Bath Over \$25,000 category for this elegant master bath.

Features of the remodeled bath included a multi-colored slate floor, granite vanity tops, under-mounted sinks, and faux finishes.

A very ordinary 20-year-old kitchen was the starting point for the winning CotY entry by Neal's Design & Remodel in the Residential Kitchen \$60,000 and Over category. The home owners wanted more open space and



Unusual use of curves and angles make this CotY-winning Residential Kitchen Over \$60,000 remodel by Neal's Design & Remodel distinctive.

a contemporary appearance without major architectural changes. Removal of a wall separating the original kitchen and the dining room created the open appearance. Shaker-inspired cabinetry and unusual use of angles and curves produced a unique and functional kitchen design.

A two-story addition to a lakeside home that added a study and expanded the guest



A two-story addition to a lakeside home earned CotY honors in the Residential Addition \$100,000 to \$250,000 category for Neal's Design & Remodel.

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Old world wine cellars were the inspiration for the design of this extensive remodel that won the CotY award in the Residential Interior category for Neal's Design & Remodel.

room brought the CotY award in the Residential Addition \$100,000 to \$250,000 category. Special amenities of the project include a lower-level finished storage area, a guest room walk-in closet, and liberal use of windows to afford views of the lake.

The home owners wanted to remake the lower level of their home as an entertainment and recreation area that reflected their interest in wine. The project, which brought the local CotY award in the Residential Interior category to Neal's Design & Remodel, featured extensive use of cultured stone, cherry cabinetry and woodwork, a black granite bar top, and a home theater area with a see-through fireplace.

Judges for the 2006 Contractor of the Year awards were James Cummings, Home Section writer for *The Dayton Daily News*; Professor Eric Dunn, Sinclair Community College; and Jeff Hurst, CR, a member of Miami Valley NARI.

This year for the first time CotY entries from four Ohio NARI chapters, Ohio Valley NARI, Miami Valley NARI, Tri-County NARI (Akron), and NARI of East Central Ohio (Cleveland and Canton), were judged together by the same panel of judges.

Steve McCord, Ohio Valley NARI, was the contractor judge for entries from Miami Valley NARI. Jeff Miller, CR, CLC, Miami Valley NARI, judged entries from Tri-County NARI and NARI of East Central Ohio.

NAHB Research Center publishes new green building guide for builders and remodelers

"Green (or 'sustainable') Building" is going mainstream, and most people would agree that this trend is good. At the same time policy makers are increasingly mandating specific green building techniques through regulation and legislation, and most contractors probably classify such mandates as "bad" to the extent that they limit choices and flexibility and increase costs.

One widely-known green building rating system is the U.S. Green Building Council's "Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design" (LEED) system, which some jurisdictions are actually considering adopting as code. Few people dispute the effectiveness of LEED as a tool for commissioning buildings that are environmentally-friendly and energy-efficient. Many, however, question the cost-benefit ratio of the fairly expensive LEED standards.

As an alternative to LEED, the NAHB

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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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Green building guidelines *(Continued from page 3)*

Research Center has developed a set of voluntary guidelines builders and remodelers can use to implement green building practices at non-prohibitive prices.

The guidelines are designed to move environmentally friendly building concepts further into the mainstream marketplace. They cover six primary areas. One of them, Lot Preparation and Design, has minimal impact on remodelers, but the other five affect all segments of the residential construction market:

Resource Efficiency. Certain framing techniques and home designs can effectively optimize the use of building materials. Also discussed are construction waste management concepts and how certain materials can increase a home's durability and decrease maintenance needs.

Energy Efficiency. Information in this section helps builders and remodelers create an energy-efficient and environmentally sound building envelope and incorporate energy-efficient mechanical systems, appliances and lighting to reduce long-term utility costs and increase comfort. The section requires compliance with the 2003 International Energy Conservation Code and use of ACCA (Air Conditioning Con-

tractors of America) manuals to size HVAC equipment and third-party plan review to verify compliance with the section.

Water Efficiency/Conservation. Although the relative importance of water availability and usage varies from region to region, the concern with adequate water supply is becoming more widespread geographically. Employing line items from this section of the guidelines for indoor and outdoor water use can reduce water consumption and utility bills in any location.

Occupancy Comfort and Indoor Environmental Quality. This section of the guidelines indicates how to effectively manage moisture, ventilation and other issues to create a comfortable indoor living environment.

Operation, Maintenance and Home Owner Education. Line items in this section show contractors how best to educate home owners about operating and maintaining their home.

Each section explains how builders and remodelers can incorporate green building concepts in their projects. The free guidelines can be viewed and downloaded from www.nahbrc.org/greenguidelines.