

## Universal design mini-seminar planned for February Ferguson showroom will be site of afternoon and evening programs

Universal design is a new paradigm incorporating a number of basic concepts, including “barrier-free (or accessible) design” and “assistive technology.” The objective is a living environment that is user friendly for the entire population, regardless of age, size, sex, or physical condition.

Universal design is a broad-spectrum solution for everyone, not just people with disabilities, and it incorporates aesthetics as well as functionality.

### Mini-Seminar & Dinner Meeting

**What:** Educational seminar and dinner meeting program

**Program:** Principles of Universal Design

**When:** Thursday, January 12

**Where:** Ferguson Showroom  
9440 Montgomery Road

**Time:** 2:30 pm Seminar check-in  
3:00 pm Seminar program  
5:30 pm Buffet dinner  
6:00 pm Showroom talk

**Cost:** Seminar fee \$50 for NARI and NKBA members

Dinner & showroom talk  
hosted by Ferguson

**RSVP:** Ohio Valley NARI at 800-498-6274



*This bath with such features as a roll-in shower and wheelchair-accessible vanity brought the Miami Valley NARI local CotY award in the Universal Design category to Malchow Building & Remodeling, West Carrollton.*

As life expectancy rises and modern medicine has increased the survival rate of those with significant injuries, illnesses and birth defects, there is a growing interest in universal design. No industry is more impacted by universal design than the building business. The NARI Contractor of the Year Awards program and awards programs of other construction industry associations now have entire categories devoted to universal design.

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## Mini-seminar *(Continued from page 1)*

Ohio Valley NARI members can get an introduction to the essential elements of universal and “aging-in-place” design at a two-hour mini-seminar on Thursday, February 12, at the Ferguson Kitchen & Bath Showroom, 11860 Mosteller Rd., Sharonville.

Patricia Nunan, CKBR, CKD, CAPS, a nationally-known authority on universal and aging-in-place design, will be the featured speaker. Patricia is the CEO and owner of Lifestyles Design, Perkiomenville, Pennsylvania. She has extensive experience in home design and construction management, with a specialty in designing and specifying handicapped accessible homes, kitchens, baths, and appliances. This background makes her a much sought-after speaker on the subject of Universal & Aging-In-Place Design.

Patricia started her construction business career over 15 years ago as a drafter/designer for upscale gourmet grocery stores that incorporated kitchens, dining areas and accessible facilities for customers. She continued her design career with an architectural firm that specializes in designing senior centers, YMCAs and facilities for those with special needs. Before opening her own business she was a Production Supervisor for a Big 50 construction company.

She is a member of the Bucks-Mont Chapter of NARI, and a nationally-known practitioner and presenter in the field of aging-in-place design and universal design.

This mini-seminar will provide the latest infor-



*Universal design features can be incorporated in projects without detracting from the aesthetics. Ramps, like this one in an addition designed by OVNARI seminar speaker Patricia Nunan, work for everyone and create an attractive exterior.*

mation on aging-in-place design and universal design so that remodeling efforts for your clients will meet their needs over the long term. Best practices for aging-in-place design and universal design will be addressed. At the end of the day you'll be prepared for your next project with information about exterior features, overall floor plans, hallways, entry, thresholds, interior doors, windows, garages and carports, faucets, kitchens, laundries, bathrooms, stairways, lifts and elevators, ramps, storage, electrical, lighting, safety and security, flooring, and more!

The program will be from 3:00 pm until 5:00 pm, with check-in available at 2:30 pm. A buffet dinner, hosted by Ferguson Enterprises, will be served at 5:30 pm.

The cost of the mini-seminar is \$50 for NARI and NKBA members. Payment may be made in advance by credit card by calling the Ohio Valley NARI office at 800-498-6274 or on site by cash, check, or credit card.

Can't take two hours at the end of the business day to attend the entire mini-seminar? After dinner on February 12 Patricia will give a showroom talk on universal design. This talk will include discussion of fixtures incorporating universal design features.

To reserve your space at the seminar call the Ohio Valley NARI office at 800-498-6274 or return the registration form to OVNARI by mail, FAX, or e-mail.

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## Ohio Valley NARI meets at Building Value in January.

Ohio Valley NARI members got an introduction to the increasingly popular option of planned deconstruction to preserve still-useful building materials when Building Value hosted the January chapter meeting at their Gilbert Avenue recovered building materials store.

Building Value Director Jerry Janszen explained that in most cases it costs little or no more to preserve materials by having a Building Value crew handle the deconstruction phase of a project. Cabinets, plumbing fixtures, and lighting are some of the most valuable salvageable items, but even framing lumber that is still in good condition can be recovered.

Materials recovered by Building Value are sold to the public at affordable prices, prolonging their useful life and keeping them out of landfills and avoiding high tipping fees. Contractors who use Building Value for necessary deconstruction before a remodel or who donate materials they salvage during a project realize a number of benefits for themselves and the community.

In addition to its light deconstruction services and reusable building materials center, Building Value also does product reconstruction from recycled materials. The enterprise



*Jerry Janszen, director of Building Value, gave a brief presentation on the activities of the organization.*

teaches skills in growing industries; it generates revenue to support other Work Resource Center programs; and it provides job-training opportunities for people who

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### Such a deal!

#### Discounts available to Ohio Valley NARI Members

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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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## Companies that work in Kentucky need Kentucky worker's comp

If you ever travel south of the river to do business—as several Ohio Valley NARI members do—you should know that the



State of Kentucky has begun enforcing a law requiring any employer performing work in the state to have a Kentucky

Worker's Compensation policy. Failure to do so could result in a substantial fine.

Your Ohio Bureau of Worker's Compensation policy doesn't cover you in Kentucky. This applies to every employer with one or more employees. There are no special exceptions for family member employees or part-time employees. Only sole proprietors, without employees, are exempt.

NARI members who perform any work in Kentucky should contact their insurance agency or worker's comp carrier to determine what they need to work legally—and without undue legal exposure—in Kentucky.

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need work experience.

In addition to learning about the work of Building Value NARI members enjoyed a salad and pizza buffet dinner provided by Building Value.

Scott Beard, Building Value acquisitions manager, is vice president of Ohio Valley NARI. Members interested in learning more about services available to remodelers through Building Value can contact Scott for information.



## Coming Events

### February Meeting

Thursday, February 12

"Aging-in-Place / University Design"

A mini-workshop/seminar

& dinner meeting

by Patricia Nunan, CKBR, CKD, CAPS

3:00 pm seminar

5:30 pm dinner & showroom talk

Ferguson Kitchen & Bath Showroom