

Two Ohio Valley NARI members win regional CotY awards NARI members in Cincinnati and Dayton win 11 Region IV awards

Southwest Ohio fared very well in the 2009 Regional Contractor of the Year Awards competition with two Ohio Valley NARI members receiving a total of six awards and five Miami Valley NARI members each winning a NARI Region IV award.

Neal's Design & Remodel received regional awards in the Residential Kitchen Over \$100,000, Residential Bath \$30,000 to \$60,000, and Residential Exterior \$100,000 and Over categories, and shared the regional CotY in the Residential Specialty category with Hurst Total Home, a Miami Valley NARI member.

Kessler Construction Services received regional CotY recognition in the Residential Kitchen \$30,000 to \$60,000 and Home Theater & Media Room Under \$150,000 categories.

The Kessler kitchen project that won



This unique lagoon-style pool is part of an extensive outdoor environment project that won regional CotY honors for Neal's Design & Remodel in the Residential Exterior Specialty category.

regional CotY recognition involved rebuilding a crowded, inefficient kitchen in a 70-year-old house to create a more open, barrier-free environment that permitted easy flow of traffic between the kitchen and the dining area.

Kessler remodeled a billiard room that already had a projection television system into a regional CotY-winning home theater and entertaining area by designing and building a custom wood enclosure for the electronic components and constructing a built-in serving buffet.

Neal's regional award-winning Residential Specialty project involved creating an outdoor retreat with a unique lagoon-type swimming pool, a bridge separating the deep and the shallow ends of the pool, a custom-built hot tub, and a stone step pathway leading

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Breakfast Meeting

What: Continental Breakfast
Program: NARI Benefits & How to Use Them
When: Thursday, March 12
Where: Holiday Inn I-275 North
Hoch Road at I-275 exit 46
Time: 8:00 am
Cost: Hosted by Ohio Valley NARI
for NARI members & guests
RSVP: Ohio Valley NARI at 800-498-6274

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down the sloping site to an outdoor living area with a central fire pit.

The regional CotY-winning over \$100,000 kitchen project by Neal's required extensive changes including removing walls, moving the sink and a window, and relocating the refrigerator.

An outdoor living and entertaining area with a TV area large enough for 50, a kitchen and beverage center, and a covered fire pit sitting area were among the elements of the regional CotY winning Residential Exterior Over \$100,000 project by Neal's Design & Remodel.

Neal's earned regional CotY honors in the Residential Bath \$30,000 to \$60,000 category by rebuilding a 1970s era bath to



This outdoor living area brought the Region IV Contractor of the Year award in the Residential Exterior Over \$100,000 category to Neal's Design & Remodel.



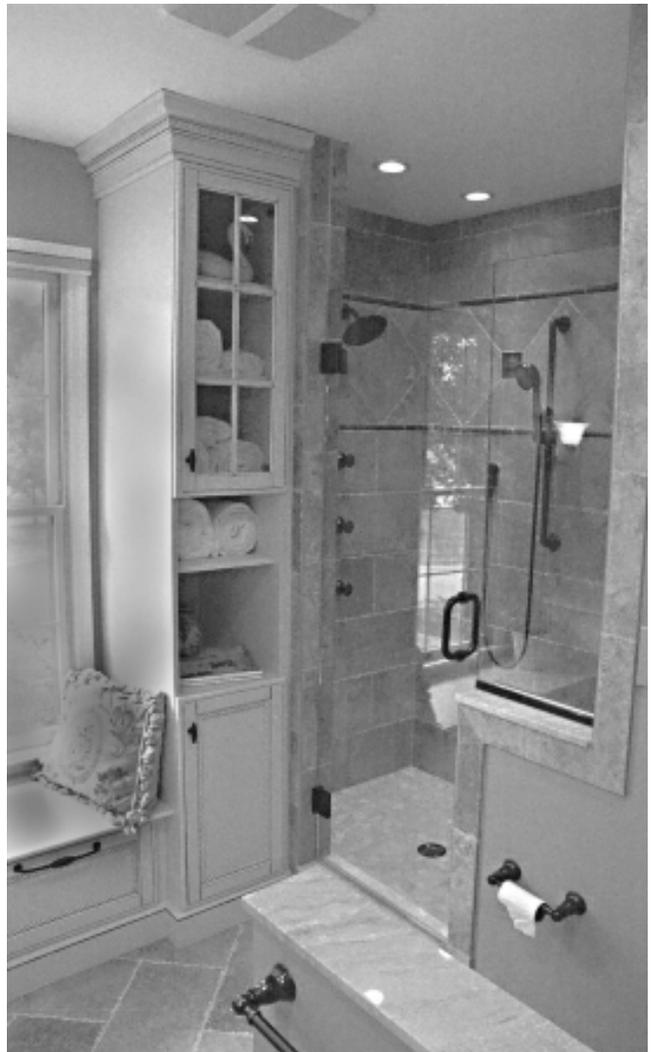
Attractive built-in enclosures for speakers and electronic components made the large screen less dominant in this media room that won the regional CotY award in the Home Theater/ Media Room Under \$150,000 category.

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A regional CotY award in the Residential Bath \$30,000 to \$60,000 category went to Neal's Design & Remodel for the master bath that featured this shower.



Neal's Design & Remodel won the regional CotY award in the Residential Kitchen Over \$100,000 category for integrating the food preparation area into an adjacent dining and living area.

create a spacious master bath with a walk-in closet and other convenience features.

Other regional CotY winners from the area were Miami Valley NARI members Urbietta Construction in the Residential Interior \$100,000 and Over category, Remodeling Designs in the Residential Bath Over \$60,000 category, Greater Dayton Building & Remodeling in the Commercial Specialty, A. E. Fickert & Sons in the Entire House category, and Hurst Total Home in the Residential Exterior Specialty category shared with Neal's Design & Remodel.

Judges for the 2009 National NARI Contractor of the Year Awards, which include

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Discounts available to Ohio Valley NARI Members

Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky Home Improvement Guide advertising rates discount contact Greg Smith (513) 615-9014

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This attractive kitchen by Kessler Construction Services won Region IV Contractor of the Year honors in the Residential Kitchen \$30,000 to \$60,000 category.

regional winners, were 15 industry professionals from several cities across the country. Judging was held at the NARI National Office in Des Plaines, Illinois.

All regional winners will be honored and the National CotY Winners will be announced at the Evening of Excellence, Saturday March 28, at the Sheraton Atlanta Downtown, Atlanta, Georgia.

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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Breakfast will focus on benefits

NARI membership carries a lot of benefits but all too few members take advantage of all the resources available to them that could more than pay for the total cost of membership.

In many cases that may be because members don't know about all NARI benefits offered at the national and local levels. On Thursday, March 12, NARI members and prospective members can get an in depth introduction to all the activities and services available through OVNARI and the national NARI organization at a breakfast event.

Officers and function chairs of OVNARI will give presentations on many of the most valuable membership resources that are available to NARI members and offer advice on how to use them to best advantage.

NARI certification? What is it? Why is it important? How do I get it?

Contractor of the Year awards? What do I have to do to win one? Why should I want to?

Ohio Valley NARI meetings? What are they all about? Why should I take time to attend? .

Come to breakfast and find out about these and many other NARI benefits and services..

The breakfast starts at 8:00 am, Thursday, March 12, at the Holiday Inn I-275 North, Hoch Road at I-275 exit 46. Call the OVNARI office at 800-498-4274 to RSVP for the breakfast.



Coming Events

March Breakfast Meeting

8:00 am, Thursday, March 12

"Your NARI Benefits: How to Find Them;
How to Use Them"

Holiday Inn I-275 North

Hauck Road at I-275 Exit 46

April Supplier Evening Meeting

6:30 pm, Thursday, April 9

"Lighting & Home Electronics"

Sponsored by Lutron

Location TBD

May Dinner Meeting

6:30 pm, Thursday, May 14

"Marketing on a Budget"

Holiday Inn I-275 North

Hauck Road at I-275 North

May Lunch Event

Thursday, May 28

"Effective Photography & Presentation
for Winning CotY Entries"

Location TBD