

Two members win five Contractor of the Year Awards Ohio Valley NARI recognizes professional accomplishments at Evening of Excellence

Two Ohio Valley NARI members received a total of five local Contractor of the Year Awards at the 2003 OVNARI Evening of Excellence dinner on November 13.

Neal's Remodeling earned CotY recognition



Murphy Home Improvements earned a Residential Specialty CotY for restoring this 113-year-old home to its Victorian grandeur.

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What: January OVNARI Dinner Meeting

When: Monday, January 12

Where: Holiday Inn I-275 North
Hauck Rd., near Rt. 42 & I-275

Time: 6:30 p.m.

RSVP: Ohio Valley NARI at 800-498-6274

Cost: \$25 members/\$30 nonmembers



This distinctive wood and stone wet bar was part of a CotY winning Residential Interior project by Neal's Remodeling.

for projects in the Residential Interior, Residential Bath \$25,000 and Over, and Residential Kitchen \$60,000 and Over categories. Murphy Home Improvement received awards in the Residential Specialty and Residential Exterior categories.

In the award-winning Residential Interior project Neal's finished the 1,980 square foot lower level of a home with a home theater, a full bar, two bedrooms, a full bath, an exercise room, and a storage room. The home is situated on a golf course adjacent to a lake. Part of the challenge of the project was designing fenestration to take full advantage of the views and provide access to a walkout patio.

Murphy's Home Improvement completed a roofing and siding project and earned a CotY

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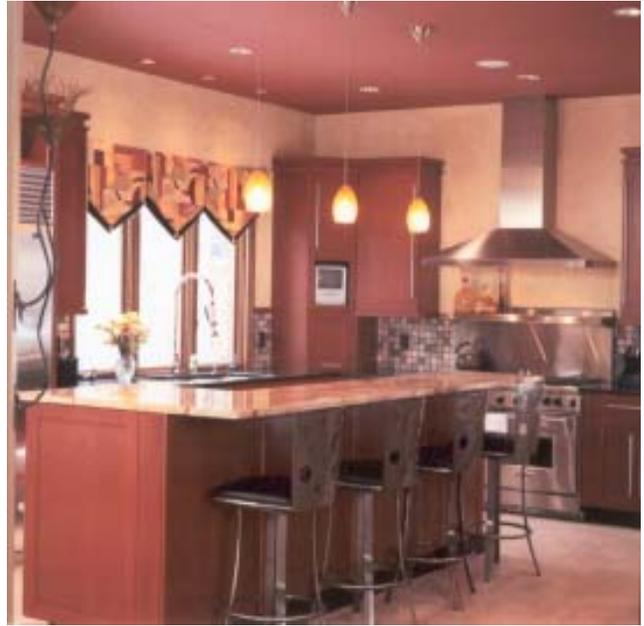
CotY awards presented to two OVNARI members *(continued from page 1)*

award in the Residential Specialty category in the process. Roofing and siding jobs are pretty common, but this project was far from ordinary. The home was 113-years-old, and the objective was to restore it with modern materials while keeping essentially the same appearance it had when the last nail was driven in 1890. That required careful selection of materials and colors, and attention to all the intricate details of Victorian architecture.

The clients asked Neal's Remodeling to rebuild a master bathroom to correct an awkward floor plan and change the stark, modern décor to a warmer, more traditional look. The finished project received a CotY award in the Residential Bath \$25,000 and Over category. Eliminating a rarely-used whirlpool tub opened space to permit installation of a large walk-in steam shower with plenty of room for a dressing area with a bench. Natural wood cabinets



A walk-in shower and steam shower replaced a little-used whirlpool tub in this bathroom remodel that earned a CotY award for Neal's Remodeling.



Neal's Remodeling combined a separate dining room and kitchen into this CotY-winning project in the Residential Kitchen \$60,000 and Over category.

and earth tone fixtures, vanity tops, and floor and wall coverings, and an enlarged window brought the warmth the home owners were seeking to the formerly cold, utilitarian room.

The second CotY award-winning project by Murphy's Home Improvement also involved a home dating from the 19th century. In this case, however, the home was architecturally nondescript, and the exterior needed major repairs.



Murphy Home Improvement built a new porch and installed new siding and a new roof to give this 113-year-old house a distinctive new look and won a CotY for their effort.

The job included removing a badly-deteriorated front porch, constructing a new smaller front porch, replacing windows, and installing a new roof and siding. Upon completion of work the house was visually appealing and once again clad with a sound exterior.

After deciding they were going to live in their home for the foreseeable future the home owners decided to invest nearly \$100,000 to make their kitchen, dining room, and great room more livable. The project by Neal's Remodeling earned CotY recognition in the Kitchen \$60,000 and Over category. The new design called for removing a wall to incorporate the former dining room into a kitchen-dining space that flows into the great room. Since the wall to be removed was load bearing, the design had to seamlessly incorporate a column to support the vaulted great room ceiling. Large new windows created a brighter, more spacious-appearing great room area.

Judges for the Ohio Valley NARI CotY awards were Jeff Hurst, CR, a member of Miami Valley NARI; James Cummings, *Dayton Daily News* Home Section writer; and Al Wahle, AIA, professor of architecture, Sinclair Community College.

OVNARI elects officers and directors

Members of Ohio Valley NARI who attended the association's annual meeting, which was held during the Evening of Excellence dinner, chose some new faces and some familiar names to lead the chapter in 2004.

Elected to director positions were Norb Boh, CR; Glen Hollon, and Jeff McCoy. All are newcomers to the board. Steve Zimmer, CR, and Steve McCord, CR, who have previously served as chapter directors and officers, returned to the OVNARI board as secretary and treasurer, respectively.

Matt Bliemeister, who has served as a director for the past year, was elected vice president. Greg Fischer, CR, will advance from vice president to president for 2004. Ed Kramer, CR, the chapter's president in 2003 becomes chairman of the board for 2004.



Past president receives parting gift

It's become an Ohio Valley NARI tradition for the newly-elected president to present the outgoing president with an item that relates to his specialty. For kitchen cabinet designer-builder Ed Kramer, CR, (left) 2004 president Greg Fischer, CR, chose an antique glass kitchen canister and filled it with candy.

NARI recognizes member service

With the election of new officers and directors at the Ohio Valley NARI Annual Meeting in November three chapter members retired, at least temporarily, from elected leadership positions.

Don Patten, CR, who has served on the board of directors for several years, most recently as president and then chairman of the board, received recognition for his work on behalf of the chapter at the Evening of Excellence.

Also honored at the meeting for their service to NARI were Tudor Morse, CR, the chapter's treasurer for 2003, and Fred Cernetisch, who has served as a director. Business and personal commitments prevented Tudor and Fred from accepting officer or director positions in 2004, but both indicated an interest in returning to leadership positions when their situations permit.

Two appointed chapter leaders received recognition for work on behalf on NARI. Neil

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Winter received a certificate of appreciation for his effort in planning, organizing, and conducting the Ohio Valley NARI Golf Tournament. Julie Bliemeister was recognized for her work in organizing NARI's participation in the Kitchen and Bath Show. The board also expressed its appreciation to Julie for her efforts in promoting the Vendor Showcase night.

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.

Next OVNARI meeting will be held on Monday, January 12, 2004

The next meeting of Ohio Valley NARI will be held at 6:30 p.m., Monday, January 12, at the Holiday Inn I-275 North. The meeting date was changed from the usual second Thursday to accommodate the schedule of guest speaker John Hester, Hamilton County chief plan examiner.

As usual, John will report on code changes that affect remodelers and alert members to the common problems his department finds when reviewing plans. Put this date on your calendar and in your PDA and plan to join other OVNARI members at the Holiday Inn next month for another informative evening with John Hester.



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