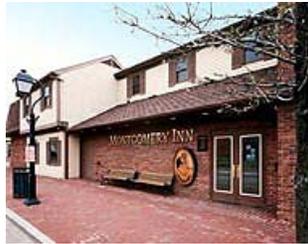


OVNARI Evening of Excellence to be held December 8

Awards dinner returning to "original" Montgomery Inn location in 2005

Ohio Valley NARI will wrap up the chapter's activity calendar for 2005 with the annual Evening of Excellence dinner at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, December 8. This year's dinner will move back to the "original" Montgomery Inn location at 9440 Montgomery Road.

The Evening of Excellence is the traditional end of the chapter's business year. The event will 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. Other than this, the evening's agenda will be limited to fun, fellowship, and eating "America's Greatest Ribs" (except, of course, for those who prefer fish).



The Montgomery Inn has been a Cincinnati area tradition since 1951.

The Montgomery Inns (there are now three of them in greater Cincinnati) have been independent and family-owned since 1951 when Ted "The Ribs King" Gregory bought a restaurant in Montgomery, renamed it The Montgomery Inn, and created the country's greatest rib restaurant.

In addition to Ohio Valley NARI members, other distinguished guests who have dined on Montgomery Inn food include Presidents Ford, Reagan, Bush ("The First"), and Clinton, such sports and entertainment celebrities as Elizabeth Taylor, Tom Selleck, Elton John, Pete Rose, Sparky Anderson, Johnny Bench, Andre Agassi, Arnold Palmer, Mark McGwire, Bill Cosby, Britney Spears, and Bob Hope, and astronauts Neil Armstrong and John Glenn (both of whom went on to do a few other notable things after returning to earth).

The menu for the evening will be 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.

For the few who may not know, the Montgomery Inn is located on Montgomery Road in downtown Montgomery. The main entrance, however is on the west side of the building away from Montgomery Road. Valet parking is available.

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

Call NARI to R.S.V.P.

What: Evening of Excellence Dinner

Program: CotY & Service Awards
Professional Magician

When: Thursday, December 8

Where: Montgomery Inn
9440 Montgomery Road

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Cost: \$45 per person

RSVP: Ohio Valley NARI at 800-498-6274

John Hester updates OVNARI members on latest building code changes

John Hester, PE, CBO, plan examiner supervisor with the Hamilton County Department of Building Inspections, updated Ohio Valley NARI members on the latest building code developments and discussed the most common plan mistakes at the November OVNARI meeting.

John pointed out that the Ohio legislature has passed a bill establishing a standard residential building code throughout the state. In mid-2006 all jurisdictions in Ohio will either adopt the 2004 Residential Code of Ohio or they will have no residential code. This will eliminate the problem of contractors having to follow different, and occasionally conflicting, technical code requirements in neighboring communities.

After explaining a few of the significant differences between the 2004 RCO and the current codes in most Cincinnati area jurisdictions John discussed some of the most common mistakes that hold up plan approvals in Hamilton County. These mistakes include incomplete material specifications, structural inadequacies, incomplete detailing, and incomplete or inaccurate application forms. According to John the most problem-prone projects are converting a garage into living space, screen porch additions on wood decks, roofs, additions on non-standard foundations, and additions without proper wall bracing.

According to John the most common field inspection problems that delay projects include lack of approved plans on the site,



John Hester, PE, CBO, Hamilton County's plan examiner supervisor, spoke to a small but enthusiastic group of Ohio Valley NARI members at the November meeting.

deviations from the approved plans, sealed truss drawings and layout sheets not available, back ordered windows and doors.

John advises against scheduling rough plumbing, rough electric, and framing inspections the same day and suggests that contractors accompany inspectors during inspections.

NAHB seeking Green Building entries

NARI members who have submitted local or national Contractor of the Year Award entries may also be interested entering the National Association of Home Builders 2006 National Green Building Awards program. The awards, which recognize significant contributions to the principles of residential green building, will be presented at the Green Building Conference, March 12-14 in Albuquerque, NM

Green Building Award categories of special interest to remodelers include Green Marketing Program, for sales and marketing campaigns that emphasize green building products and practices, and Project of the Year-Remodeling, for improving existing homes with green techniques. Information is available at the NAHB Web site, www.nahb.org/greenbuildingawards.

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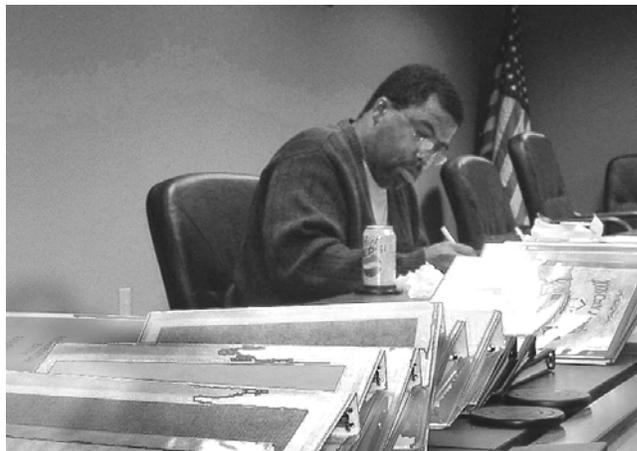
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Contractor of the Year judges evaluate entries from three NARI chapters in Ohio

Judging of the 2006 local Contractor of the Year awards has been completed, with results to be announced at the Evening of Excellence dinner on December 8.

This year the panel of judges evaluated entries from NARI of East Central Ohio and Miami Valley NARI, as well as Ohio Valley NARI. Judges for the entries from the three chapters were James Cummings, Home Section writer for *The Dayton Daily News*; Professor Eric Dunn, Sinclair Community College; Steve McCord, CR, CKBR, a member of Ohio Valley NARI, who judged Miami Valley NARI entries, and Jeff Hurst, CR, a member of Miami Valley NARI, the contractor judge for entries from Ohio Valley NARI and NARI of East Central Ohio members.

The judges assessed entries on six criteria. To what degrees were the expressed needs of the client met? To what degree does the project enhance the existing structure functionally? To what degree does the



James Cummings, Home Section writer for The Dayton Daily News, is shown with some of the 45 CotY entries from members of three NARI chapters.

project enhance the existing structure aesthetically? Is there any evidence of superior craftsmanship? Were innovative uses of materials and/or methods of construction used in the project? Did the contractor overcome difficult obstacles?

Members of the three chapters submitted a total of 45 CotY entries with 33 coming from members of Miami Valley NARI.



Steve McCord, CR, CKBR, a member of OVNARI, judged entries while proctoring the CKBR exam.

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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National NARI board votes to revise Code of Ethics and Standards and Practice Manual

At the October meeting of the NARI National Board of Directors in Baltimore chapter delegates voted to adopt several recommended revisions to the NARI Code of Ethics and the NARI Standards of Practice Manual for professional remodeling contractors.

The motion brought forward to the Board was the result of an extensive review of the documents by a task force of the Bylaws and Ethics Committee, which oversees the NARI Standards of Practice.

“The NARI Standards of Practice, along with the Code of Ethics address the fashion in which NARI members are expected to conduct business with their clients, subcontractors and peers,” said Larry Hayes, CR, CKBR of Namba, Idaho and a task force member. “They’ve been revised to ensure they are in compliance with federal and state requirements.”

Another reason for revising the code of ethics and the standards of practice manual was simply to make them easier to read and understand. However all the the principles that have been part of the code since it was adopted remain remain the same.

According to the NARI Bylaws and Ethics Committee, the revised documents provide a

significant improvement over previous documents because they’re easier to read, provide more clarity, and have been updated to current standards.

The NARI Code of Ethics and the Standards and Practices Manual are available to NARI members and the general public on the national NARI website at www.nari.org.



Five CKBR candidates complete preparation class

A group of five candidates have completed the Certified Kitchen and Bath Remodeler class sponsored by Ohio Valley NARI and have taken the CKBR examination. Test results are expected by the end of the year. Steve McCord, CR, CKBR, shown standing in the photo, assisted by other OVNARI CKBRs, directed the preparation class