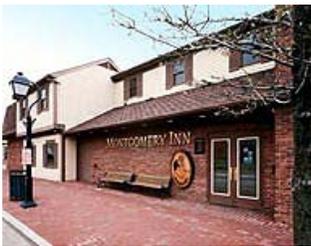


## OVNARI Evening of Excellence to be held December 14

Event will feature food, awards, and a return appearance by Magician Scott Meyer

Ohio Valley NARI will wrap up the chapter's activity calendar for 2006 with the annual Evening of Excellence dinner at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, December 14. With luck on



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

our side this year's event may not be snowed out!

The Evening of Excellence is the traditional end of the chapter's business year. The event will feature presentation of the 2007 CotY awards, awards for

service to Ohio Valley NARI, election of officers and directors for 2007, and a magic show. Other than this, the evening's agenda will focus on fun, fellowship, and eating



*Magician Scott Meyer will make a return appearance (or maybe a disappearance) at the Evening of Excellence dinner.*

### Call NARI to R.S.V.P.

**What:** Evening of Excellence Dinner

**Program:** CotY & Service Awards  
The Magic of Scott Meyer

**When:** Thursday, December 14

**Where:** Montgomery Inn  
9440 Montgomery Road

**Time:** 6:30 p.m.

**Cost:** \$45 per person

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

"America's Greatest Ribs" (except, of course, for those who prefer fish).

Magician Scott Meyer will be making an encore performance at the dinner. Scott was a big hit at the last Evening of Excellence, so he will be back again to do some more amazing things for the NARI audience.

The Montgomery Inn restaurants are still independent and family-owned, as they have

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## John Hester updates OVNARI members on latest building code changes

Building codes are exciting things! They must be, because an overflow crowd of Ohio Valley NARI members and guests filled the meeting room on November 8 to hear John Hester, PE, CBO, Cincinnati's chief plan examiner, report on the major changes in the 2006 Residential Code of Ohio, which became the standard residential building code throughout the state on May 27.

Important as the technical changes in the 2006 code are, the real significance of the latest revision of the state's residential code is that when the code went into effect the patchwork of differing and sometimes conflicting code requirements that has existed in Ohio for decades ended. In 2005 the legislature gave local jurisdictions two choices for residential building regulation, adopt the RCO without technical variations from the model code or have no residential code.

John told the NARI group that the 2006 RCO applies to construction, alteration, movement, enlargement, replacement, repair, equipment, use and occupancy, and the location of every residential building or structure, as well as attachments and accessory structures.

There are a few exceptions. Manufactured homes are regulated nationally by the Department of Housing and Urban Development under the so-called HUD Code. Other exceptions include multiple single-family dwelling structures more than three stories, residential structures when each dwelling unit

does not have an independent means of egress, residential buildings of mixed-use, and the structural requirements of a residential structure over three stories in height, which are all regulated by the Ohio Building Code.

In the limited time available John tried to cover code provisions of special relevance to remodelers. One of those provisions is the definition of "minor repair," which is a job that has limited impact on access, safety and



*John Hester, PE, CBO, Cincinnati's plan examiner supervisor, spoke to a large group of Ohio Valley NARI members at the November meeting.*

health; has no effect on walls or structural elements, and does not include replacement of appliances. Also of obvious interest to remodelers is deletion of the section on replacement windows that permitted "non-compliance" in regard to emergency escape and rescue openings.

John's interest, of course, focuses on plans and he discussed the plan requirements (no more pencil drawings on paper napkins) of the new code. Plans must include a drawing index, a site plan for flood hazards including proposed grades, elevations, etc., floor plans and cross section, an exterior envelope description, a structural elements description, fire ratings (where required), and a mechanical, electrical and plumbing system description.

John's presentation also touched on requirements for structural elements, fire wall requirements for multiple dwellings, and the energy conservation provisions of the code.

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## Contractor of the Year judges evaluate entries from Cincinnati and Dayton chapters

At the last Evening of Excellence multiple Contractor of the Year award winners Neal Hendy, Jr., CR, and Tom Murphy issued a challenge. They said they knew there were many remodelers in the room who had completed projects just as good as their award-winning jobs during the year. They challenged other Ohio Valley NARI members to enter their best projects of 2006 in the CotY awards program.

Several NARI members accepted the challenge. More individual contractors submitted more total entries for 2007 CotY awards than ever before in the chapter's history. Judging of the 2006 entries has been completed, with results to be announced at the Evening of Excellence dinner on December 14.

Judges for the 2007 Ohio Valley NARI Contractor of the Year Awards were Alexandria Sale, Allied ASID, an interior designer with Closson's, a Cincinnati interior design and furnishings firm; Michael Battaglia, AIA, Michael J. Battaglia Residential Design, a residential architectural firm located in Kettering; and Robert Malchow, CR, Malchow Building & Remodeling, West Carrollton, chairman of the Miami Valley NARI Awards Committee. Ohio Valley NARI member Steve Zimmer, CR, joined the judging panel to assess entries in the Miami Valley NARI local CotY program.

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 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?

Each project attribute receives a numeric



*The CotY award judging panel was, left to right, Steve Zimmer, CR, who evaluated Miami Valley NARI entries, Michael J. Battaglia, AIA; Bob Malchow, CR., who judged Ohio Valley NARI entries, and Alexandria Sale, Allied ASID.*

“grade” from one (highest) to five (lowest). Judges’ individual scores for each of the criteria are averaged to obtain the judge’s composite score for each project. Then the composite scores of each judge are averaged to determine the comparative rank of each project. As in golf, the low score wins.

### **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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### Evening of Excellence *(Continued from page 1)*

been 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.



*“Ribs King” Ted Gregory personally cooked Montgomery Inn signature barbecue sauce for many years.*

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 a fish entree. 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 back 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](mailto:info@naricincinnati.org) to make reservations for the Evening of Excellence.

### Get your RCO book at the ICC member price

As everyone who attended the November meeting knows, Ohio has a new residential building code that applies in every jurisdiction that elects to have a residential code.



Contractors can throw out the shelf full of different code books for every community where they work and replace them with a single copy of the 2006 Residential Code of Ohio.

Ohio Valley NARI members can obtain a copy of the 2006 RCO at the International Code Council member price of \$76.40 (including tax) by contacting the OVNARI office at 800-498-6274 or returning the order form to NARI by mail to 136 S. Keowee St., Dayton, OH 45402, or FAX to 937-222-5794.



\_\_\_\_\_ will attend the  
2006 Ohio Valley NARJ Evening of Excellence dinner  
on December 14. Guests accompanying me at the dinner will be

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\_\_\_\_\_ regrets that due to a previous  
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