

NARI Certifications



The NARI Certification program is designed to establish professional standards for the remodeling industry and to improve the products and services to customers. Certification provides special recognition to those contractors who, by fulfilling prescribed requirements of performance and conduct, have demonstrated a high level of competency and ethical standards in the remodeling industry.

documented and evaluated by the national NARI Certification Board. The Certified Remodeler (CR) or Certified Remodeler Associate (CRA) is awarded to those individuals who have served the home improvement industry for a minimum of five years, upheld the standards of the NARI Code of Ethics, and have demonstrated competence in the basic areas of remodeling.

CR (Certified Remodeler) is for general construction work, both residential and/or commercial.

CRA (Certified Remodeler Associate) is for all other specialty trades.

CLC (Certified Lead Carpenter) is designed exclusively for lead carpenters who are skilled and knowledgeable in the technical, hands-on aspects of their work, and who have demonstrated skill and knowledge in project management, supervision and customer service.

CKBR (Certified Kitchen and Bath Remodeler) is for individuals who specialize in kitchen and bath remodels. These remodelers show an ongoing dedication to continuous education, complete and pass a comprehensive qualification matrix and pass a 400-question exam.

The Chapter's 2009 CotY Awards

Those receiving the CR/CRA status are required to complete and pass an extensive written examination. In addition, the participants' past records of training, education, experience and accomplishments are

Those receiving the



Patrick Chrustinsky, CJ NARI VP & CotY Program Chair

CotY Award Recipients Recognized at CJ NARI Ceremony

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Anticipation and excitement were the order of the evening, yet camaraderie prevailed. Lots of happy, smiling faces, eager to accept an



Mark Cushing, CR, M.J. Cushing & Assoc. (Lebanon, NJ) receives his CotY.



Kelley Evans, Aurora Kitchens & Interiors receives her CotY.



George Jamin, Fox Lumber; John and Joanne Bohnel; Ben Strober, The Standard Group; Mark and Elizabeth Fisher

award graciously or ready to offer congratulatory support to a fellow award winner were everywhere. One by one, each of the exquisitely crafted wooden and glass awards was presented to the industry's elite. The fine craftsmanship of each symbolized the same work ethic of each recipient of the annual Contractor of the Year (CotY) Award. On this particular night, the outstanding work of a handful of Central New Jersey contractors was recognized by the Central New Jersey chapter of the National Association of the Remodeling Industry (NARI).

The annual Contractor of the Year awards ceremony, held on January 16 at the Stanton Ridge Golf and Country Club, Whitehouse Station, was attended by many of the industry's elite. Ten projects from 2008 competed in 12 categories that include residential kitchens, baths, overall interior work, additions, exterior work, entire homes, historical renovation and restoration, plus theater and media rooms. The CJ NARI competition affords area builders and remodelers an opportunity to showcase their best work and earn the distinction among their peers of being the best in Central New Jersey at achieving the goals of their projects and satisfying their clients.

Here's how the strict and tedious judging process works. Senior members of the Bucks-Mont (PA) Chapter of NARI sort through project entries. The evaluation process remains anonymous. Each entry is judged and awarded from one to ten points, based on functionality, problem solving, aesthetics, craftsmanship, innovation, proper use of safety measures, the degree to which the clients' needs were met, the degree of difficulty and entry presentation. For example, entries for Historic Renovation/Restoration can earn up to an additional 20 points for duplicating original uses of materials and proper methods of their application. This process requires a minimum score to win or earn a meritorious award, and there can be a winner and/or a meritorious project per category, or none, depending on the scores.

Nevertheless, happiness and goodwill prevailed, as this year's 2009 CotY Award Winners proudly accepted their awards, beaming with success and a gleam in their eye that told onlookers they were already anticipating next year's entry.



NJ State Assemblyman Peter J. Biondi's keynote speech



Rob Faucett, CR, 2009 Chapter President



Jim Megna, CR, 2009 CJ NARI Chairman



Rob Faucett, CR, R. Faucett Construction, Inc. (Flemington, NJ) receives his CotY.



Lisa Bryhn, Suzanne Davis, Melissa Seibold, Canterbury Design



Wayne Baruch, CR, The Artisans Group (Hillsborough, NJ) receives his CotY.



Patrick Chrustinsky, Tom Davis, Dennis Fojtlin, CR; Wayne Baruch, CR

2009 Central Jersey CotY Award Winners



Mark Glidden, Stone-Glidden (Doylestown, PA) receives his CotY.



M.J. Cushing Clients and Lisa Cushing



Amy Weiss, *HOUSE & HOME* Magazine; Patrick and Roma Chrustinsky

Kitchens \$30,000 – \$60,000

Aurora Kitchens & Interiors
Kolbe Clark and Kelley Evans
Hillsborough, NJ

Kitchens \$60,000 – \$100,000

Kitchens Direct, Inc.
Ron Tobia
Hillsborough, NJ

Bath Over \$60,000

Bryhn Construction, Inc.
Roy Bryhn, CR
Flemington, NJ

Entire Home Over \$1,000,000

M.J. Cushing & Associates, Inc.
Mark Joseph Cushing, CR
Lebanon, NJ

Historic Renovation and Restoration

R. Faucett Construction, Inc.
Robert Faucett, CR
Flemington, NJ

Addition Over \$250,000

K & D Contractors
Kenneth J. Dahler
Clinton, NJ

Interior Over \$100,000

Bryhn Construction, Inc.
Roy Bryhn, CR
Flemington, NJ
and
Perfect Connections, Inc.
Patrick Chrustinsky
Branchburg, NJ

Interior Under \$100,000

Houghton Contracting, LLC
Gary D. Houghton
Hamilton, NJ

Home Theater Over \$150,000

Stone-Glidden
Mark Glidden
Doylestown, PA

Exterior Specialty

K & D Contractors
Kenneth J. Dahler
Clinton, NJ

Meritorious Winners

Kitchens \$30,000 – \$60,000

Houghton Contracting, LLC
Gary D. Houghton
Hamilton, NJ

Kitchens \$60,000 – \$100,000

Aurora Kitchens & Interiors
Kolbe Clark and Kelley Evans
Hillsborough, NJ

Bath \$30,000 – \$60,000

M. J. Cushing & Assoc. Inc.
Mark Joseph Cushing, CR
Lebanon, NJ

Addition Under \$100,000

M. J. Cushing & Assoc. Inc.
Mark Joseph Cushing, CR
Lebanon, NJ

Interior Under \$100,000

The Artisans Group, LLC
Wayne Baruch, CR
Hillsborough, NJ

The Central Jersey Chapter of NARI is a not-for-profit trade association committed to the service of the professional remodeling industry; representing professional remodeling contractors, product manufacturers, distributors, wholesalers, trade and consumer publications, utilities and lending institutions. In addition to representing the Industry, NARI is a staunch ally of the nation's homeowners.



Lisa Bryhn, Melissa Seibold, Canterbury Design; Scott Seibold, Morristown Lumber; Roy Bryhn, CR, and Lainie Sleppin, PPW Distributors.



Bill Harrington and Sue Harrington mingle with attendees.



Jarret Farrell, Raritan Valley Insurance Services; Evelyn Shallow, Interior Motifs; Stephen Kowalski, LIMN Architects Somerville; Chris Pfefferle, Sun National Bank



Patrick and Roma Chrustinsky, John and Joanne Bohnel



Rob Faucett, CR, CJ NARI Pres. with one of our sponsors for the evening, Opdyke Lumber (Mary Masters and Jack Opdyke, President.)



Wayne and Lisa Baruch, Glenn and Grace May