

MVNARI has two educational programs set for August

NARI members in the Dayton area have the opportunity to participate in two professional education events in August.

Countertops, and the various ma-

August Events

Quarterly Educational Breakfast

Date & Time

7:30 a.m., Tuesday, August 14

Location

Holiday Inn & Suites Dayton South

Program

“Let’s Talk Countertops”

Guest Speakers

David Lewandowski, *Cambria*
Heather Goodwin, *Dark Star Marble & Granite*

Ashley Wolfe, *Counter Advice, Inc.*

Cost

\$10 for certified individuals
\$20 for other NARI members

August Member Social Event

Dayton Dragons vs Ft. Wayne Wizards

Date & Time

7:00 p.m., Monday, August 20

Location

Dragons Lair at Fifth/Third Field

August Lunch Meeting

Date & Time

11:00 a.m., Tuesday, August 28

Location

Holiday Inn & Suites Dayton South
Dryden Road at I-75 exit 50A

Program

“The Well Organized Home”

Guest Speaker

Gayle Covington Fowler
BusyLife Solutions

Cost

\$25 for NARI members
\$30 for non-members

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terials used to fabricate them, are the subjects of the Miami Valley NARI August Quarterly Educational Breakfast on Tuesday, August 14.

Guest speakers for the morning training session are David Lewandowski, of Cambria; Heather Goodwin, of Dark Stark Marble & Granite; and Ashley Wolfe, of Counter Advice Inc. In addition to discussing the properties of countertop materials the panel will explain fabrication and installation processes for countertops.

Cambria is the only United States producer of natural quartz surfaces for countertops. Dark Star Marble & Granite fabricates and installs natural stone countertops and has showrooms in Dayton and Cincinnati (Blue Ash). Counter Advice Inc., a Dayton firm founded in 1999, specializes in solid surface fabrication and also provides quartz, granite, soapstone, postform and custom laminate materials.

The quarterly breakfast meeting will be at 7:30 am, Tuesday, August 14, at the Holiday Inn and Suites, Dryden Road at I-75 exit 50A. The cost of the breakfast is \$10 for certified professionals, \$20 for other NARI members, and \$30 for non-members.

For both homeowners and business owners getting their physical environment organized is often a daunting challenge. The home is your client’s fortress, their comfort zone, their domain of downtime. But if it’s a mess, those warm fuzzy feelings about home fly out the window. This month NARI members will learn how to plan and build

home organization systems from shoe racks to spice racks.

The Miami Valley NARI lunch meeting on Tuesday, August 28, will feature a lively, informative presentation that will show you practical solutions to creating functional living, work, and storage space for your clients.

The guest speaker will be Gayle Covington Fowler, BusyLife Solutions. Gayle has more than 15 years experience as a professional organizer. She has been applauded for her practical yet winning systems that solve everyday organizational issues.

With her unique blend of organizational skills and family values, she delivers a stirring message with practical tips for creating space for your clients. Gayle will assist you in taking control of the homeowner’s surroundings. She will deliver inspiring techniques to organize your clients’ homes and help you learn the basic principles of creating a sense of order. She will demonstrate how to do so with a non-judgmental and supportive approach and always maintain a sense of humor to make the process motivational and fun!

The lunch meeting will be at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, August 28, at the Holiday Inn and Suites Dayton South, Dryden Road at I-75 exit 50A. The cost of lunch is \$25 for NARI members and \$30 for non-members.

To make reservations for the breakfast and lunch meetings call the Miami Valley NARI office at 937-222-6274. Or register by e-mail to info@naridayton.org.

It's time for NARI to take the lead on state registration

by Tim Garrison, CR, CKD

Home Towne Construction

The headline of the March 2004 *Miami Valley Remodeler* read "Contractor Registration still unsettled as March ends." Little did we think that 3 ½ years later we would still not have a contractor registration program in Ohio. The fact that the 2004 registration bill never became law is a credit to the hard work of not only Miami Valley NARI but the team effort put forth by all chapters around the state. We successfully fought numerous contractor unfriendly provisions of the bill, and fortunately for all of us within the remodeling industry, we won, but for how long? ? ? ?

For numerous reasons nearly all

current contractor registration legislation seems to be stalled, and not even on the radar screen of any of our elected state officials.

Anyone who knows me well knows I am one of the last people in the world who would ever ask for more government rules and regulations. However, I believe it is inevitable that at some point in the next several years Ohio will join the majority of the states in our country and pass some form of legislation. So do we as NARI sit on our hands and wait for someone in Columbus to re-introduce the 2004 bill, or a modified even worse version of it? Or do we take the proactive approach and start an aggressive statewide push to get a contractor and consumer friendly statewide registration bill introduced?

After discussions with our NARI government affairs liaisons in Columbus and Cincinnati, it is obvious that others around the Buckeye state feel the same as I do. We are in the plan-

ning stages of re-organizing a committee both locally and statewide to push for implementation of our own, user friendly statewide registration. As always, your comments and help on this issue would be appreciated.

MVNARI golf outing set for September 18

For the third year in a row the 2007 edition of the Miami Valley NARI Golf Tournament will return to the Beavercreek Golf Club on Tuesday, September 18, but there's one big change this year. The tournament will be an afternoon event with a 1:00 p.m. shotgun start, followed by a dinner buffet starting about 5:30 p.m.

The new time should make it easier for family members and others from NARI member companies to join the golfers for dinner in the afternoon.

Located on New Germany-Trebein Road, just east of North Fairfield Road, the Beavercreek club is unquestionably one of the finest municipal golf facilities in the region. The clubhouse stacks up quite well to the Dayton area's most exclusive private clubs. The rolling terrain course features a variety of hole styles. Some resemble traditional Scottish links courses, others feature woods and water.

At just \$75 per player the NARI outing is the summer's greatest social and recreation bargain. In spite of the change from a lunch to a dinner, the price is the same as last year. In addition to golf fees it includes a full buffet dinner featuring barbecue beef, chicken, corn-on-the-cob, potatoes, salad, and dessert. Non-golfers can join the group for dinner for just \$25.

Return the registration form to the NARI office by mail or FAX or register on line at www.naridayton.org.

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It's time to start planning ahead for your CotY entries

The greatest honor a remodeling contractor can receive for professional accomplishment is a local, regional, or national Contractor of the Year Award. But you can't get a CotY Award unless you enter your best projects in the contest. Now is the time to start preparing to do this. Don't wait until mid-October when the deadline is just a few weeks off and you find you don't have all the material you need to prepare your entries.

All Miami Valley NARI contractor members are eligible to compete for local and national CotY awards for projects completed from July 2006 through October 2007. (For national awards the range extends through November.) Winners at all levels are selected by an impartial panel of judges comprised of experts from within the industry and associated fields.

The deadline for receipt of local CotY entries at the Miami Valley NARI office is Friday, November 2. The local awards will be presented at the 2008 Awards Dinner in January.

The deadline for national entries to reach the NARI national office in Des Plaines, IL, is December 3. National entries must be in official CotY binders, which must be ordered from the national office. Order the binders with enough lead time for them to reach you and for you to return them to the national office by the December 3 deadline. No special binders are required for local awards entries.

Download local and national CotY materials in the Members Only section of the Miami Valley NARI web site www.naridayton.org.

CotY Award Categories

Residential Kitchen Under \$30,000
Residential Kitchen \$30,000 to \$60,000

Residential Kitchen \$60,001 to \$100,000
Residential Kitchen Over \$100,000
Residential Bath under \$30,000
Residential Bath \$30,000 to \$60,000
Residential Bath Over \$60,000

Residential Interior \$100,000 & Under
Residential Interior Over \$100,000

These categories include, but are not limited to, such projects as family or recreation room remodeling, attic or basement conversions, etc. Work must be done within the existing walls of the structure.



Residential Interior Specialty

This category includes, but is not limited to projects such as railings and columns; brick, stone and masonry work; tiling; air conditioning and heating; fireplaces; vestibules; insulation; kitchen hoods; glass block; wall finishes such as plaster; flooring; or home automation. The specialty must be specified on the entry form and in the descriptive text.

Residential Addition Under \$100,000
Residential Addition \$100,000 to \$250,000

Residential Addition Over \$250,000
These categories includes, but are not limited to, additions, add-a-levels, or attic build-outs, which increases livable space of the existing home. The project cannot change the exterior footprint or elevations of the existing residential structure in more than one location.

Residential Exterior Under \$100,000
Residential Exterior \$100,000 & Over
These categories include, but are not limited to, alterations to the exterior of a residential building such as porticos, porches, decks, glass or screen enclo-

tures, windows, dormers, and exterior resurfacings like siding, stucco, etc. which enhances the overall appearance of the exterior. The project cannot have added heated livable space to the home.

Residential Exterior Specialty

This category represents a special exterior element of a project. It includes, but is not limited to decks, columns, pagodas, trellises, arbors, fences and gates, patios and terraces, driveways, walkways, retaining walls, other masonry elements, fountains and water features, swimming pools and spas, outdoor lighting, and detached structures such as garages, pool houses, studios, guesthouses, sheds, gazebos, pavilions, etc. The specialty must be specified on the entry form and in the descriptive text.

Entire House Under \$250,000
Entire House \$250,000 to \$500,000
Entire House \$500,001 to \$1,000,000
Entire House Over \$1,000,000

These categories include projects that remodel a substantial portion of the entire house, inside and outside, or where multiple additions and/or style changes in footprint or elevation have been made in more than one location.

Residential Historical Renovation/Restoration

This category includes renovation/restoration of the interior and/or exterior of a residential structure, or addition to a residential structure, built prior to 1935.

Residential Universal Design

The residential universal design category will consider changes in residences that make them usable by people of all ages and physical capabilities. Projects can include, but are not limited to, accessible entrances, modified floor plans, barrier-free kitchens and baths, and use of "smart home" technology.

Commercial Interior

Remodeling performed within the existing walls of a previously occupied commercial space.

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CotY Awards

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Commercial Exterior

Remodeling performed on the exterior of an existing commercial structure.

Commercial Specialty

Includes, but is not limited to, such projects as cosmetic facelift; siding, roofing, insulation; window, door; railing, columns, brick, stone, masonry work; tiling; solar panels; air conditioning, heating; gutters and leaders, etc. Work must have been done to an existing commercial structure. The spe-

cialty must be included on the entry form and in the descriptive text to qualify.

Home Theater & Media Rooms Under \$150,000

Home Theater & Media Rooms \$150,000 and Over

A remodeled space within a house that serves as a home theater or media room that may include entertainment or game room areas. The space can be a remodel of an existing room, an addition or an attic conversion. The space must incorporate audio & video equipment and a designated viewing area.

As they review the entries, judges will consider such factors as:

- To what degree 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?

In the Historic Renovation/Restoration category judges also assess: were original uses of materials duplicated in the project, and were methods of application used to improve or enhance the original style of the structure?



Dinner cruise

Again this year weather for the Miami Valley NARI river dinner cruise on July 21 was absolutely perfect with comfortable temperatures, cloudless skies, and a brilliant half-moon illuminating the Ohio River once the sun set. An enthusiastic group of 30 owners and employees of Miami Valley NARI member companies, some shown above, were on board the Belle of Cincinnati to enjoy the scenery, the food, and, above all the good company of other Dayton area NARI members and guests.



Business on the Level Breakfast

"Let's Talk Countertops--Quartz, Granite, Corian"

7:30 am-9:00 am, August 14
Holiday Inn Dryden Road

August Member Social

Dayton Dragons Baseball
7:00 pm, August 20
Dragon's Lair, Fifth/Third Field

August Lunch Meeting

"Home Organization"
11:00 am-1:00 pm, August 28
Holiday Inn Dryden Road

Golf Outing

1:00 pm, September 18
Beavercreek Golf Club

September Member Open House

6:00 pm, September 25
Hot Spring Spa
3781 Dayton-Xenia Road

October Lunch Meeting

"The Residential Code of Ohio"
11:00 am-1:00 pm, October 23
Holiday Inn Dryden Road

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