

REAL ESTATE

Award-Winning Projects

These contractors make it look easy.

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Several area home improvement contractors received Contractor of the Year awards presented by the National Association of the Remodeling Industry (NARI) Washington, D.C. Chapter.

Contractors from the region vie for the awards on an annual basis. Judging is based on problem solving, functionality, aesthetics, craftsmanship, innovation, degree of difficulty and entry presentation.

For more information on the region's NARI contractors, go to: www.narimetrodc.org.

Here are a few of the award-winning projects:



Residential Kitchen Under \$30,000

Michael Nash Custom Kitchens & Homes, Inc. received the Grand Award for redoing this kitchen in Reston, all for less than \$30,000. The project, guided by the owner's desire for more open space and easier access to the garage, added cherry cabinetry, recessed lighting, granite counters, and a reconfigured garage access. The firm, based in Fairfax, swept this category, also receiving the Finalist Award and the Merit Award with two addition projects. The company also received a Merit Award in the Residential Kitchen \$30,000- \$60,000, a Merit Award in the Entire House under \$250,000 category and a Grand Award in Residential Addition under \$100,000 category.



Residential Interior Over \$100,000

Fisher Group, LLC received a Grand Award for a complete interior makeover of this home in Great Falls. To create more space, the wall between the kitchen and the dining room was removed. New skylights were added to better showcase Asian art and crafts. In addition, the entire kitchen was redesigned.



Entire House Over \$1 Million

Bowa Builders, Inc. received a Grand Award for the complete renovation of this home in Bethesda, Md. The project included a new gourmet kitchen, sunroom, piano room, theater and exercise room. Exterior stone work and landscaping doubled usable outdoor space.

Residential Exterior Over \$100,000

Sun Design Remodeling Specialists, Inc. received a Grand Award for recreating this backyard exterior in Reston. The project includes a spacious new deck, a screened-in porch with a glass coffered ceiling and a built-in grill area.