

From the President



Diane Ausavich, CR

All of the members and staff of the Milwaukee/NARI Home Improvement Council, Inc. are excited about a number of activities that will take place in the next few weeks.

The feature event is the 11th Annual Spring Home Improvement Showcase...A Tour of Remodeled Homes, which will provide you the opportunity to view 12 recently completed remodeling and home improvement projects, including renovation to bathrooms, kitchens, lower levels, whole house remodels, and additions. Visit www.milwaukee-nari.org for complete event information, and use the \$2 Off coupon in this issue and plan to spend the day getting ideas on what you can do in your own home.

We have four more FREE consumer seminars coming up

at the Milwaukee/NARI office, plus the 5th Annual Milwaukee/NARI Foundation Rummage Sale, which serves as a fundraiser to provide students pursuing a career in the home improvement and remodeling industry support to do so. This year's Rummage Sale will be held at Milwaukee Millwork, 11712 W. Dixon Street, to provide a more convenient shopping experience.

All these opportunities will allow you to gain insight from experienced professionals who can help make your home more efficient and beautiful.

If you have questions that you'd like answered relating to your home or ideas to include in NARI News, please e-mail info@milwaukee-nari.org.

"Explore Remodeling's Finest" at Spring Home Improvement Showcase

Southeastern Wisconsin residents will have an opportunity to "Explore Remodeling's Finest" at the 11th Annual Milwaukee/NARI Spring Home Improvement Showcase...A Tour of Remodeled Homes, Saturday, May 1 - Sunday, May 2, from 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. daily.

The Spring Showcase is produced by the Milwaukee/NARI Home Improvement Council, Inc., and sponsored by Weather-Tek Design Center and Marvin Windows. The event will allow attendees to view 12 recently completed remodeling and home improvement projects from Milwaukee/NARI contractors at homes throughout southeastern Wisconsin.

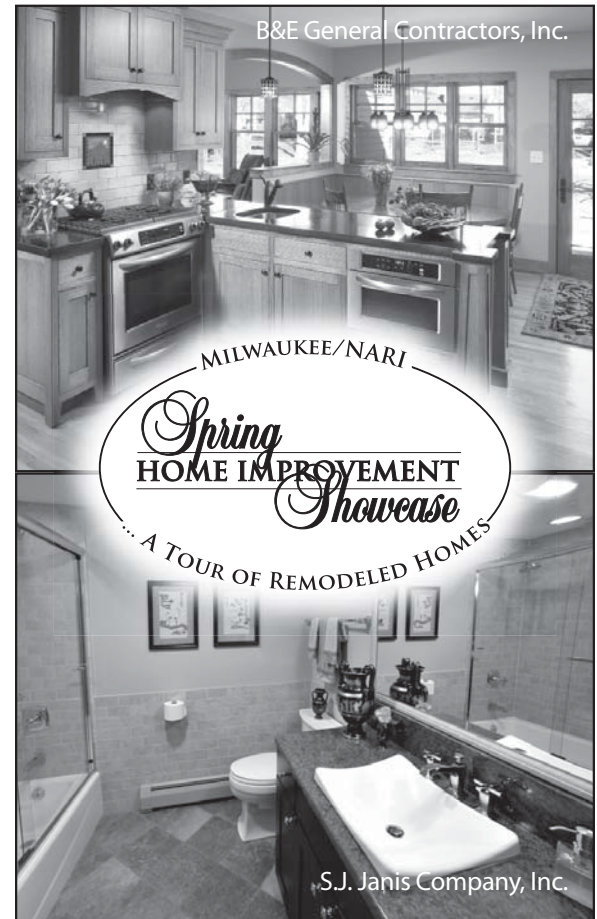
The Showcase will feature the following renovation projects:

- B & E General Contractors, Inc.: Whole House Remodel and Addition - 910 E. Calumet Road - Fox Point
- Barenz Builders, Inc.: Whole House Remodel - 4509 Deer Park Road - Oconomowoc
- Callen Design Group, a division of Callen Construction, Inc.: Kitchen Remodel - 2442 N. Harding Boulevard - Wauwatosa
- Cream City Construction, Inc.: Lower Level - 642 East Lake View Avenue - Whitefish Bay
- Froze' Design-Build, Inc.: Kitchen, Family Room, Mudroom, and Master Suite Addition - 4320 N. Woodburn Street - Shorewood
- J&J Contractors LLC: Interior Remodel - 6030 Doyle Street - Greendale
- Nehmey Construction, Inc.: Whole House Remodel - 19020 Quail Hollow Drive - Brookfield
- The OAR Group Inc.: Two-Story Addition - Kitchen, Mudroom, and Master Suite - 1505 N. Fairhaven Boulevard - Elm Grove
- Refined Renovations, LLC: Kitchen and Family Room Remodel, Mudroom and Screenroom Addition - 18240 San Lucas Court - Brookfield
- S.J. Janis Company, Inc.: Kitchen, Bathroom, and Family Room Remodel - 1245 Indianwood Drive - Brookfield
- Salzer's Building & Remodeling Co., Inc.: Whole House Remodel - 7108 W. Bluemound Road - Wauwatosa
- Ware Design LLC: Whole House Remodel - 1913 Hillside Court - Delafield

Spring Home Improvement Showcase admission is \$6 in advance, and \$8 at the door of the projects. Starting Monday, April 19, through Friday, April 30, at 4:30 p.m., advance tickets can be purchased at the Milwaukee/NARI Home Improvement Council office, 11815 W. Dearborn Ave., in Wauwatosa and at Weather-Tek Design Center, 3485 N. 127th St. in Brookfield.

Attendees that bring two, non-perishable food items to the door of the first project they visit will receive a \$2 admission discount, with the food items to be donated to Feeding America Eastern Wisconsin (formerly America's Second Harvest of Wisconsin).

For complete information on the Milwaukee/NARI Spring Home Improvement Showcase, including detailed project descriptions, project photos, and advance ticket outlets, visit www.milwaukee-nari.org or call 414-771-4071.



\$2⁰⁰ Off



Saturday, May 1 - Sunday, May 2

Present this coupon at the first Spring Showcase project you visit and get \$2 Off admission. Not good with other offers.

Milwaukee/NARI Foundation to Host Fundraising Rummage Sale



The Milwaukee/NARI Foundation, the educational and charitable arm of the Milwaukee/NARI Home Improvement Council, Inc., will host its fifth annual "Home Improvement Rummage Sale" in the parking lot of Milwaukee/NARI member Milwaukee Millwork, 11712 W. Dixon Street, in Milwaukee on Friday, April 23, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

It is anticipated that the following materials, along with other merchandise, will be available for sale to the public:

- Appliances
- Bathroom and Ceiling Tiles
- Cabinets
- Lumber
- Hardscaping Materials
- Decking Materials
- Trim
- Windows
- Interior and Exterior Doors
- Furniture
- Lighting Fixtures
- Sinks
- Insulation
- Toilets
- Flooring
- Plumbing Fixtures and Supplies
- Roof Shingles

The sales support efforts to reduce the construction and demolition (C&D) materials that are filling landfills, while also assisting the Milwaukee/NARI Foundation's efforts to provide financial and educational support to students pursuing a career in the home improvement and remodeling industry.

Any person that makes a purchase will receive two tickets for the 2010 Spring Home Improvement Showcase...A Tour of Remodeled Homes scheduled for Saturday, May 1 – Sunday, May 2. In addition, attendees will receive the 2010 Milwaukee/NARI Membership Directory and the association's Remodeling Guide.

For more information, call 414-771-4071 or e-mail info@milwaukeevari.org.



NARI UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

Please mark the following events on your calendar:

Wednesday, April 21*: Lawn & Garden

Friday, April 23: 5th Annual Milwaukee/NARI Foundation Rummage Sale – Milwaukee Millwork, 11712 W. Dixon Street

Saturday, May 1 - Sunday, May 2: 11th Annual Spring Home Improvement Showcase – A Tour of Remodeled Homes

Wednesday, May 12*: How to select a contractor based on project type

Wednesday, May 19*: Emergency Preparedness

Wednesday, June 9*: Lead Paint Rule Changes

Friday, September 17 - Sunday, September 19*: 20th Annual Fall Home & Remodeling Show at the Wisconsin Exposition Center at State Fair Park

*All consumer seminars/panel discussions will be held in the Ron Ziglinski, CR Education Center at the Milwaukee/NARI office in Wauwatosa from 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Attendees will receive free tickets for upcoming Milwaukee/NARI consumer shows, plus light refreshments will be served.

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Lawn & Garden Seminar Offered

For the 11th consecutive year, Milwaukee/NARI will sponsor a free Lawn and Garden Seminar.

The event will be held Wednesday, April 21, in the Ron Ziglinski, CR Education Center in the Milwaukee/NARI office, 11815 W. Dearborn Ave., Wauwatosa, from 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. It will include a question and answer session.

The following Milwaukee/NARI members will make presentations:

- Patrick Devereux of Stone Oak Landscapes, Milwaukee: "Spring Landscape Clean Up and Maintenance"

- Larry Krawczyk of Lindenwood Lawn & Landscape Service, Oak Creek: "10 Tips to Improve Your Lawn"

- Daniel Norris of Stano Landscaping, Inc., Milwaukee: "Landscape Lighting"

- Bill Wandsnider of Wandsnider Landscape Architects, Menomonee Falls: "Paver Restoration for Walks & Patios – Bring the luster back to make them look like new"

In addition to a variety of Milwaukee/NARI resource materials, all attendees will receive a pair of tickets for the 11th annual Milwaukee/NARI Spring Home Improvement Showcase...A Tour of Remodeled Homes, to be held Sat., May 1 – Sun., May 2. Light refreshments will be served.

Space is limited, and reservations are required. Call the Milwaukee/NARI Home Improvement Council office at 414-771-4071 to reserve your space or send an e-mail to info@milwaukeeenari.org.



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Home Improvement Month Seminars Scheduled

In recognition of May as National Home Improvement Month, Milwaukee/NARI will sponsor two free seminars.

The first is Wednesday, May 12, on how to select a remodeling contractor based on the type of project that is to be completed.

The second seminar will be the following week, Wednesday, May 19, on Emergency Preparedness, with an explanation on what homeowners should have on hand in case of an emergency with their home and how to respond to

the situation.

Both events will be in the Ron Ziglinski, CR Education Center in the Milwaukee/NARI office, 11815 W. Dearborn Ave., Wauwatosa, from 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. They will include a question and answer session.

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10 Home Safety Tips

Potential dangers in and around the home are limitless, as everything from faulty wiring to home invasions to the air that is breathed can pose a threat to homeowners. Members of the Milwaukee/NARI Home Improvement Council, Inc., the area's leading home improvement and remodeling industry resource for more than 48 years, offer a list of 10 tips to get homeowners thinking about safety.

1. **Smoke Detectors:** Homeowners should change the batteries in their smoke detectors every six months. Other simple ways to improve fire safety in the home are to check dryer lint after every use, never leave candles or space heaters unattended, and stay alert in the kitchen when frying, grilling, or boiling food.

2. **Security Systems:** There are a variety of benefits to security systems, according to Susan Montie, CSP, CAPS, CCP of Advanced Communication Specialists in Waukesha. With a combination of door contacts and motion detectors, they can protect from intrusion, fire, and poisonous carbon monoxide levels. They can alert family members if children do not return home from school, protect gun cabinets and other storage areas, and can include digital video recorders.

3. **Intercom Systems:** Home intercoms and door access systems can include a camera and recording device at the front door, to see who has approached the home. "These systems have a pre-recorded greeting so children alone at home do not need to speak to individuals at the door," Montie said.

4. **Indoor Lighting Control:** Lighting control systems can ensure safety of passage with well-lit and well-planned switches and fixtures throughout the home. They also can make a strobe pattern of light to guide family members out of the home and to an exit in the case of fire.

5. **Outdoor Lighting Control:** Timed or motion sensitive lighting systems outdoors give homeowners well-lit paths into their homes. They also can be used to deter intruders, as they make it difficult for intruders to approach unseen and can create the appearance that someone is home.

6. **Senior Safety:** "Security products are specially designed for seniors to ensure safety," Montie said. "There is a broad range of mobile devices to help alert family members of a fall in the home, devices that track movement in the home, as well as call alerts from bathrooms, bedrooms, and more, which easily

alert for medical assistance."

7. **Radon Testing:** Radon is the leading cause of lung cancer in non-smokers and has been linked to certain types of Leukemia, according to Nick Kerzner, CR, CKBR of Kerzner Remodeling and Construction in Oconomowoc. "A radon test should be done every two years because conditions change in the earth beneath your home due to temperature changes, moisture content of the soil, and erosion," Kerzner said. "Radon testing and mitigation are relatively inexpensive."

8. **Child Proofing:** It may seem impossible to count all the dangers posed to children in the home. Some hazards homeowners should address in households with small children include blinds and curtain cords, medicines or household chemicals, electrical outlets and cords, windows out of which children can climb, home gyms, furniture that can tip, sharp corners, water hazards, and choking hazards.

9. **Air Quality:** Proper ventilation is vital, especially if a family member has asthma. Changing the air filter often can go a long way toward taking care of pollutants inside the home. In older homes where indoor air is already contaminated with dirt, homeowners can invest in a thorough duct cleaning. Installing a whole house dehumidifier can address moisture issues.

10. **Home Remodeling:** Sometimes it is necessary to remodel a home to make it safe. Milwaukee/NARI suggests that homeowners have a licensed inspector check their homes for hazards. Some problems to look for include unstable or missing railings, antiquated wiring, lead-based paint, sagging or loose roofing, cracks in the foundation, asbestos insulation, mold and mildew, cracked or unstable steps, creosote buildup in a fireplace, and an upper level or basement with a bedroom and only one exit (no egress window).



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