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Letter from the President

In my 12 years of involvement with NARI Atlanta, I have never seen such commitment and dedication from so many volunteers. NARI Atlanta is growing by leaps and bounds!

Membership increased to nearly 300 members, the fourth-largest chapter in the country. We have produced more certified remodelers and lead carpenters (CR's and CLC's) than any other chapter. We have been on the forefront of state licensing, and are offering educational workshops on how to comply with the new regulations.

This year we moved our monthly meetings from the hotel ballroom environment to exciting venues, such as our tabletop show at Villa Christina, our annual family day at the 57th Fighter Group, a successful Student Night, and our upcoming CotY Awards banquet at Anthony's. We have launched a new website with a members-only area for events and special announcements. Our outreach committee is growing steadily, and is now working on a recycling program that will reshape the way we design, construct and deconstruct our projects.

Our committees are thriving. All meet regularly and some have over a dozen members. The marketing committee has grown our directory to a professional booklet with a distribution of 100,000. The education committee offers informative monthly roundtables. Ethics has created a dispute-resolution forum. That alone is reason enough for a homeowner to hire a NARI contractor over a non-NARI member.

My tenure as NARI Atlanta president is coming to a close in December. I want to thank all of you for allowing me to serve as your president. I am delighted to see so many talented people coming together, giving their time and energy to make this a successful year.



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2006 NARI Meeting Calendar

- Nov. 14 **Monthly Membership Meeting**
5:30-8 p.m.
Villa Christina,
4000 Summit Blvd., Atlanta, GA 30319
Focus: Recycling
Speaker: TBA
- Nov. 17 **Builder Licensing Update & Workshop**
in partnership with GAHBA
1-3 p.m.
The Housing Center
1484 Brockton Road, Tucker, GA 30084
Focus: Licensing Application Assistance
- Nov. 28 **Strategic Planning Meeting**
(In place of Board Meeting)
Time: TBA - all day
Location: TBA
- Dec. 12 **CotY Awards Banquet**
(In place of Monthly Membership Meeting)
Time: TBA
Location: Anthony's,
3109 Piedmont Road NE,
Atlanta, GA 30305

For additional information on regular meetings and October events, visit our website calendar at www.nariatlanta.org/calendar.html, contact director@nariatlanta.org, or call (404) 706-1632.

Annual Gala Banquet and CotY Awards Ceremony Dec 12th

Anthony's Restaurant, the historic Southern plantation on Piedmont Road, just south of Peachtree, is the location for our 2007 Annual Gala Banquet and CotY Awards ceremony on Dec. 12.

We will enjoy cocktails and hors d'oeuvres just outside the front verandah, under an exquisitely holiday decorated tent (heated if necessary). An elegant dinner will await us inside, followed by the annual CotY awards ceremony. We are planning on an emcee who will provide entertainment as the awards are presented and possibly a band to play during dinner and afterwards.

The cost this year has been REDUCED to \$55 per person. What an opportunity to reward your employees by inviting them to join you as we celebrate this year! Invitations will be mailed soon, so mark your calendar! Consider becoming a sponsor!

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NARI SPOTLIGHT



Jill Weber
Kitchen Connections LLC

After becoming a member of NARI last January, Jill Weber jumped in with both feet! Not only does she attend monthly meetings regularly, but she has also earned her CR in her first year as a NARI member. "I tell people that I earned my CR for fun. In reality I have always loved the construction industry," she says. "I feel like a 'ptg in Georgia mud' on the jobsite. Preparing and becoming a NARI certified remodeler has helped me understand and design around the unique challenges of the remodel projects I work on," says Weber.

Jill is the owner of **Kitchen Connections LLC**, a design and shopping service for cabinetry. But, she says that her job only begins with the design and cabinetry. "I ensure that my designs are implemented correctly by staying on board with project management from start to finish.

Since starting her company in 2002, Jill has won numerous awards, including the 2005 Atlanta Homes & Lifestyles "Kitchen of the Year" and the Design with Decora Best Kitchen Design 2004 National and South Region. She has also collaborated with another NARI member, Distinctive Remodeling Solutions, which earned both companies the honor of Atlanta Homebuilders' Association Gold Awards for a Kitchen 2004 \$30,000 and Up and 2005 Region II Contractor of the Year \$60,001-\$100,000.

In addition to NARI, Jill is also the president of the Georgia chapter of the National Kitchen and Bath Association and the Westye Independent Designers Forum. In the future, she would love to see NKBA and NARI work more closely together and is working on joint meetings for the organizations.

You can contact Jill directly at 770-650-0632 or jilidw@bellsouth.net.

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