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Remodelers Receive Awards for Outstanding Design and Craftsmanship

2006 Remodeling Award of Excellence Competition

(Baltimore, Maryland) – November 8, 2006 - The Remodelers™ Council of the Home Builders Association of Maryland (HBAM) announced the winners of its 16th annual Remodeling Award of Excellence competition on Thursday, November 9th at the Maryland Golf and Country Club in Bel Air, MD. This program serves to recognize excellence in remodeling design and craftsmanship, to create a greater public interest in the remodeling industry and to recognize outstanding contributions by individuals and companies in the remodeling industry.

Award winners were announced for the following categories: Kitchen Remodeling, Bathroom Remodeling, Residential Remodeling, Historic Restoration, Additions, Alterations, Commercial Remodeling, Outdoor Living and Specialty Details. In addition, the Remodeler of the Year and Remodeling Associate of the Year were also announced.

An evaluation team that consisted of remodeling contractors from outside the Baltimore Metropolitan area rated all entries. The criteria used to judge the entries included: quality of construction, degree of difficulty, value and cost effectiveness, unique and creative design approach and sensitivity to existing structure. WINNER IMAGES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST.

2006 REMODELING COUNCIL AWARD OF EXCELLENCE WINNERS



2006 Remodeler of the Year – John Martindale, Brothers Services
2006 Remodeling Associate of the Year – Nicole Bliss, Susquehanna Bank

Additions with Bedrooms \$125,000 & Under

Award of Excellence Winner

Company: Lynch Construction, Inc.
Churchville, MD
Project: Glenwood Master Bedroom
Building Designer: Donald Lynch, Jr.
Lead Carpenter: Donald Lynch, III
Interior Designer: Danielle Fleischer

The homeowners of this project needed more space in their master bedroom, plus an upstairs home office and better access to an existing second story porch deck with a Jacuzzi. They opted for a design that used the air space over the garage to create a completely new master bedroom. The new room included his and hers closets, cathedral-style ceiling, room for a sitting area, and a natural gas fireplace. Expert craftsmanship and attention to detail joined the new room to the existing house in a seamless manner, so that there is no visual difference on the outside between the old and the new.

Additions with Bedrooms \$125,000- \$200,000

Silver Merit

Company: Plumb Construction Company
Jarrettsville, MD
Project: Interior Space Expansion & Bedroom Addition
Lead Carpenter: Damien Ingoglia
Architect: Mark Mobley Architecture

The owners needed more space and an additional bedroom for their growing family. They chose a functional design that enhanced the aesthetic value of their home without losing their 2-car garage. The design matches the width of the existing second floor and includes two bedrooms, a bathroom, and laundry room addition over the existing garage. In addition to the second floor addition, the family room, kitchen nook, and sunroom were all integrated for maximum space. The complete design allows for future improvements.

Award of Excellence Winner

Company: Owings Home Services
Eldersburg, MD
Project: Broadway Project
Contractor: Joe Smith
Architect: Laurie Stubb

Landscape Designer: Beechtree landscape & Design

This project was essentially two separate homes with very different styles, connected by a very long hallway. The owners wanted continuity to the entire house while also improving the foyer and entrance to the house. Privacy to the master bedroom loft was desired by the owners, and they wanted to create an area for the children with access to the hallway.

Additions with Bedrooms \$200,000- \$250,000

Award of Excellence Winner

Company: Robert Kutner Associates, Inc.
Lutherville, MD
Project: LaVeist Master Bedroom/ Office Suite Addition
Lead Carpenter: Art Bergman
Architect: Robert E. Kutner
Interior Designer: Bridgette LaVeist

Set on a fantastic wooded view, this home had an inadequate master bedroom suite that did not take advantage of the view and insufficient space for a home office. Curved walls were used on both the front and rear of the addition to benefit from the outside scenery and allowed the master suite a balcony to observe the view. A home office and home theater were added to bottom level of the addition which houses a beautiful spiral staircase.

Garage Addition \$125,000 - \$175,000

Silver Merit

Company: Van Deusen Construction
Bel Air, MD
Project: Jade Drive Garage & Patio
Building Designer: Jay Van Deusen

Like many homeowners, this owner needed more storage space and a sheltered place for outside entertaining. The owners wanted to have ample room to store their two vehicles along with all their landscaping equipment in the garage without worry for space for all of the other items that they wanted to store. In addition, the owners wanted a large area to act as a storage area that could be converted to living space at a later time.

Award of Excellence Winner

Company: Owings Brothers Contracting
Eldersburg, MD
Project: Towson Project
Contractor: Tim Owings
Lead Carpenter: Chuck Groft

Originally built in the 1960's, the stone house was deficient of any garage or cover for the homeowner's vehicles. The owners required a two car garage attached to the home that was aesthetically pleasing. The matching of the natural stone was difficult, but with skilled craftsmanship the new garage blends beautifully. To add curb appeal, carriage style garage doors were used.

Garage Addition \$175,000- \$225,000

Award of Excellence Winner

Company: James Contracting, Inc.
Reisterstown, MD
Project: Absher
Lead Carpenter: Mike Markle
Architect: James Contracting

These owners had out grown their current family living space. Adding a larger more elaborate and comfortable family room that accommodated the needs of everyone in the family was a must. A family room/theatre room with built-ins, fireplace and bar area, a laundry room with personal storage for everyone, and a three car garage were all incorporated into the addition that blends seamlessly with the original structure.

Outdoor Living \$100,000 & Under

Award of Excellence Winner

Company: Owings Brothers Contracting
Eldersburg, MD
Project: Oak Forest Project
Contractor: Chris Owings
Architect: Brennan & Co. Architect

These homeowners felt that they needed an outdoor living space different then the traditional elements of the rest of the house and neighborhood. What they got was just that using components that were both field built and shop fabricated. A side and rear space was chosen and continuity with the existing structure was maintained by using moldings and grill patterns that matched. A barrel vault ceiling design was selected, utilizing copper, making the entire structure unique and visually appealing.

Outdoor Living \$100,000- \$200,000

Silver Merit

Company: Van Deusen Construction
Bel Air, MD
Project: Forest Hill Pool House
Lead Carpenter: Rob Johnson

These homeowners really enjoy entertaining their guests outside during the warmer months. By adding a new pool and a pool house with an outdoor bar they were able to do their entertaining completely independent from their home. The new space is functional and pleasing to the eye with meticulous attention to architectural design elements.

Award of Excellence Winner

Company: The Baywood Design Build Group, Inc.
Columbia, MD
Project: Lundeen Project
Architect: The Baywood Design Build Group, Inc.
Landscape Designer: Slater Associates

This next Remodeler had done over 8 extensive remodels on this house for the past 22 years. This project, a deck remodel which included a pavilion, an outdoor kitchen, updated patio components, and the addition of architectural artwork elements, was actually the deck that had been built by the Remodeler 22 years before. This beautiful remodel is an award winner because of the craftsmanship and beauty they provided to the homeowners, but also because this project encompasses the values of remodeling.

Historic Restoration \$250,000- \$400,000

Award of Excellence Winner

Company: ITI Construction Services, Inc.
Ellicott City, MD
Project: Hamlet Residence
Architect: Stewart McCready
Project Manager: Corby Caiazzo
Lead Carpenter: Howerton Trim and Cabinets

Built in the late 1800's and physically deteriorated to the point of it being uninhabitable, the homeowner fell in love with the charm of this real fixer-upper house! The restoration was very challenging; the existing house footprint had to remain intact with no horizontal expansion and a limited vertical expansion. By melding sensitivity for history and aesthetic materials and modern quality products, the homeowner now has a home to inhabit and enjoy for years.

Commercial Remodel \$500,000 & Under

Award of Excellence Winner

Company: Van Deusen Construction
 Bel Air, MD
 Project: 514 South Main Street
 Building Designer: Jay Van Deusen
 Architect: S.C. Burdette
 Lead Carpenter: Jamie Roark

This winning project involved taking an existing run-down structure and doubling it in size while complying with local zoning, ADA, life safety and fire safety codes. The remodeler was also tasked with complementing surrounding buildings, improving the existing building, providing ample parking for the finished structure, and integrating a system where each future tenant could pay their own heating, cooling and electrical expenses. And, he had to do this without uprooting the current tenants!

Commercial Remodel \$1,000,000 & Over

Award of Excellence Winner

Company: CBI Development Group, LLC
 Project: Bohn Building Rehabilitation Project
 Architect: Plymouth Road Architects
 Building Designer: Rob Scranton, Frank Potepan
 Lead Carpenter: Jim Costello

This building holds years of history for Mount Airy's Main Street district. Over time it has been utilized as a grocery store, furniture and home goods store, a video rental store, and much more. The building has lasted through many unforeseen fires and over time fallen into disrepair. Many of the old features of the building that made it beautiful years ago, the tin ceilings, the brick embossed tin siding, and the plexi-glass windows were restored or replaced with products of a parallel appearance and sense to keep the history alive in the building and on Main Street!

Additions & Alterations \$100,000- \$140,000

Silver Merit

Company: Lynch Construction, Inc.
 Churchville, MD
 Project: Scotts Fancy Remodel
 Building Designer: Donald Lynch, Jr.
 Lead Carpenter: Donald Lynch, III

Merging two families together into one home is not an easy task. This homeowner knew it required very specific needs: an expanded kitchen; outdoor living space; a first floor laundry and mud room; an upgraded main bath; and the integration of the existing family room into a new living arrangement.

Additions & Alterations \$100,000- \$140,000

Award of Excellence Winner

Company: James Contracting, Inc.
 Reisterstown, MD
 Project: Johnson Addition
 Lead Carpenter: Mike Markle
 Architect: GBL Custom Home Design

Let the sun shine in! These owners desired a warm and cozy sunroom for family gatherings and entertaining friends. The main focal points of the room are the large arched windows that embrace the room. To compliment the display of windows, rustic hardwood floors and a stone fireplace were added.

Additions & Alterations \$140,000- \$200,000

Silver Merit

Company: Rauser Professional Contracting
Reisterstown, MD

Project: Lynch Addition & Alteration

Architect: Auja Schmidt Architect, Inc.

The owners wanted to blend the new into the old both inside and out. On the top floor, the renovation created a bath, office, and walk-in closets, and two bedrooms were reconfigured. Library and craft rooms were also added for the owner's enjoyment! It was a dream come true.

Award of Excellence Winner

Company: Plumb Construction Company, Inc.
Jarrettsville, MD

Project: Family Room Addition

Lead Carpenter: Damien Ingoglia

Architect: Mark Mobley Architecture

A large inviting family room with eye-catching design and amenities was what these owners preferred for family and friend gatherings. The new design incorporated a larger, airier room with many windows that gave the impression of being outside while inside the room. The room design was planned in such a way that it could feel cozy when it was used for TV viewing or entertaining.

Additions & Alterations \$225,000- \$300,000

Silver Merit

Company: McCloskey Group, LLC
Overlea, MD

Project: #10 Madeline Ave

Architect: Brian McCloskey

The silver merit and the award of excellence in this category happen to go to the same remodeler due to their outstanding achievement of maintaining the aesthetic appeal of a neighborhood while undergoing a complete renovation to two houses on the same street. These outdated bungalows had not been maintained since the 1950's. Nothing could be salvaged except the shells making them both a "clean slate" for remodeling. By keeping the existing structures and expanding out to the only option, the rear of the houses, the integrity of the houses were maintained while adding space and modern amenities.

Award of Excellence Winner

Company: McCloskey Group, LLC
Overlea, MD

Project: #16 Madeline Ave

Architect: Brian McCloskey

Interior Designer: Melanie Whittaker

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Additions & Alterations \$325,000- \$400,000

Award of Excellence Winner

Company: Owings Brothers Contracting
Eldersburg, MD

Project: Bra' Marr Project

Contractor: Chris Owings

Lead Carpenter: Steve Gray

Architect: Craig & Ellen Wright

Interior Designer: Tina Wojtal

The owner originally purchased this home because of its peaceful setting and high lot quality, but the outdated kitchen and lack of gathering space both indoor and outdoor posed a dilemma. The traditional look and the feel of the home was maintained, while modernizing the kitchen and basement by adding a deck to the rear and a front entry cover.

Interior Alterations Only \$150,000- \$200,000

Award of Excellence Winner

Company: McCloskey Group, LLC
Overlea, MD
Project: Serenity Way
Architect: Brian McCloskey
Interior Designer: Melanie Whittaker

Attention to detail, design, and quality were very important to the homeowner when adding a second kitchen/bar, exercise room, family room, game room, a full bathroom, and bedroom to their house. This demanding project proved to be cost effective by adding more square footage to their home while giving them the increased space they needed.

Bathroom Alterations \$50,000 & Under

Silver Merit

Company: Starcom Design Build
Columbia, MD
Project: LoPresti Bathroom

This homeowner has a very stressful job and longed for a place where she could relax and unwind. The tiny cramped bathroom that was original to the 29 year old house is now modern and contemporary, which is just what the owner was looking for. The whirlpool tub, decorative tile work, and oversized shower stall, complete with seating, has given the homeowner a true "oasis" away from career pressures.

Award of Excellence Winner

Company: The Baywood Design Build Group, Inc.
Columbia, MD
Project: Nicholson Bathroom

Continuing in this same category, the next house had two small dark and dank bathrooms completely gutted to create a space that would allow this remodeled space to create a whole new layout for the homeowners. From this new blank slate two bathrooms were added. The new layout included a spacious master bath with a walk in closet, and a full glass shower with updated tile detail. Add the new adjacent hall bathroom and you have thrilled homeowners and a creative work of art.

Kitchens \$50,000 & Under

Award of Excellence Winner

Company: ITI Construction Services, Inc.
Ellicott City, MD
Project: Eldabbah Residence
Lead Carpenter: Howerton Trim and Cabinets
Interior Designer: Sandy Staymates

It is remarkable to see the challenges in this project overcome with a fully functional, spacious, and visually aesthetically kitchen created from a long narrow space. This homes old kitchen didn't have the space and function that was required to make large gatherings all that they could be. The existing dining room and kitchen were combined to create a new, larger kitchen. A circulation area was added to allow the right flow between the new and old parts of the home.

Kitchens \$50,000- \$100,000

Silver Merit

Company: Starcom Design Build
Columbia, MD
Project: Wiley Kitchen
Architect: Sinex Design

These homeowners were thrilled with their 54 year old home however they longed for a kitchen that was updated, spacious and full of light. Windows were installed above the cabinets and a wall was taken down to open up the kitchen to a new bar area. The space is now much more functional, distinctive and flows together perfectly.

Award of Excellence Winner

Company: Owings Home Services
Eldersburg, MD
Project: Lake Drive Project
Contractor: Joe Smith
Lead Carpenter: Carl Porter

This home had been largely redone with the exception of the kitchen that needed to be brought up to date with the rest of the house. A long dark hallway and power room were eliminated while flow from the kitchen to the outdoor living space was added which still maintained the original exterior architecture. Windows and doors were cut and enlarged and the room was transformed to provide an updated kitchen that finally brought the entire house together.

Kitchens \$100,000- \$ 125, 000

Award of Excellence Winner

Company: The Baywood Design Build Group, Inc.
Columbia, MD
Project: Fitzgerald Kitchen
Architect: The Baywood Design Build Group, Inc.

Elements of Earth, Wind and Fire are all present in this next project. The approach on this next project was to take two existing separate rooms and create one large great room. The kitchen and dining room were flipped and the wall contiguous to both rooms was removed. A cathedral ceiling was enhanced by the axial condition of the layout and the placement of large trapezoidal windows and stacked windows above the sink. Black Granite was used to cover the existing fireplace which now basks in the light from the skylights that were added above. The final element of Indian Slate Floor brought the entire room full circle to create the feel of all elements.

Residential Remodeling \$400,000 - \$500,000

Silver Merit

Company: The Baywood Design Build Group, Inc.
Columbia, MD
Project: Malveaux

Imagine the horror these homeowners felt when their 30 year old home was repeatedly referred to as the "Pizza Hut" house by neighbors and friends. It was literally used as a local landmark to those in the neighborhood when giving directions. Needless to say it was agreed that this house needed updating for the interior and exterior.

Award of Excellence Winner

Company: Owings Brothers Contracting
Eldersburg, MD
Project: Bellemore Project
Contractor: Wally Owings
Architect: Morris & Ritchie Associates
Lead Carpenter: Steve Gray

The wish of the homeowner's in this next project was to create an addition that would compliment the existing structure that was mostly stone. This project contained several logistical problems, including hand-carrying every piece of material up walk plans, but in the end the homeowner received the house they wished for. The homeowner's wishes came true after this addition added a formal elegant kitchen, a raised masonry fireplace, a mud room, and an additional stairwell.

Residential Remodeling \$750,000- \$1,000,000

Award of Excellence Winner

Company: Owings Brothers Contracting
Eldersburg, MD
Project: Phoenix Project
Contractor: Tim Owings
Architect: Bob Priest
Lead Carpenter: Steve Gray
Interior Designer: Tina Wojtal

The homeowners for the next project had researched moving in order to accommodate their growing family. However, they realized their existing home possessed many of the qualities they were looking for, it was just too small. This winning project involved adding a new 3 car garage with a bonus room above; an expanded kitchen; an enlarged family room; and a master bedroom and bath. Adding architectural elements and using consistent materials such as cherry, slate and ceramic tiles allows the new addition to fuse harmoniously with the existing structure, creating a warm and inviting home.