

Before & After:

(Editors Notes: This month our "Before & After" features a local project that is an award-winning remodeling project. All the photos featured on page 30 and 31 are from this project.)

The National Association of the Remodeling Industry (NARI) named Gary Rochman of Rochman Design-Build the 2006 Regional Contractor of the Year (CoTY) in the category of Entire House Remodel in its annual awards competition.

Rochman's project completely transformed a 1970's home, allowing the home to take advantage of its stunning wooded site. The connection between indoors and outdoors was amplified by many details: a screened porch cantilevered into the trees, peeled logs used as interior columns, a forged iron guardrail that mimics tree branches, and natural materials including a cork floor.

Contractors all around the country vie for CoTY Awards within seven regions on an annual basis. An expert panel of judges selected winners based on problem solving, functionality, aesthetics, craftsmanship, innovation, degree of difficulty and entry presentation. Trophies were awarded at the 2006 National NARI convention in San Francisco in March. To be considered for a CoTY Award, a company must be a NARI member in good standing. NARI members represent an elite group from the approximately 800,000 companies and individuals in the U.S. identifying themselves as remodelers.

Rochman Design-Build has been winning regional and national awards since its beginning in 1989. But as Gary Rochman states, "This CoTY award is the highest regional award within our industry, and I am very proud, for me and my exceptional staff. Receiving this award reinforces to us and to our clients that we are leaders in design-build remodeling." This award follows last year when Rochman was named one of Remodeling magazine's "Big 50" remodelers nationwide. ▲



The living room (top photo) now enjoys more space and an elegant forged steel railing that mimics the trees beyond.

The photo in the center is of the new kitchen which includes Maple cabinetry, Cork flooring, porcelain tile backsplash, white appliances and purple flecked laminate countertops. The photo at the right shows the kitchen area before.





The dramatic transformation is apparent in these before and after photos. A 2-story greenhouse was removed from the back (right). A family room was added on the lower level, and the dining room was extended partially over the lower level. A new screened porch was added along with a lower level outside family area to enjoy the wooded surroundings.