

Four Michael Nash Remodels Ranked Category Winners in 10 South Atlantic States

Contractor of the Year

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Michael Nash Kitchens and Homes won four regional "Contractor of the Year" (COTY) awards and four Washington-area COTYs in a pair of recently concluded home remodeling competitions sponsored by the National Association of the Remodeling Industry. Though the Fairfax based remodeler has previously accumulated COTYs in number, this year's trophies point to the growing scope, complexity and diversity of the firm's remodeling assignments. Projects that won tops-in-category prizes in the 10-state south Atlantic region include a multi-level indoor/outdoor component to the rear elevation of an Oakton home, a beautifully articulated gourmet kitchen, an aging-in-place solution for an elderly widow and a luxury bath that outperforms perceived budget limitations.

"While we've long been identified as one of the most active

kitchen, bath, and addition designers in northern Virginia, over the past decade we've been regularly recognized for challenging projects of every type," notes Michael Nash president and CEO Sonny Nazemian. "It's fair to say that we're evolving, that we use our resources well, and that homeowners appreciate the combination of talent, engineering skill and price-guarantee we bring to this market."

Michael Nash operates an 8,000 square foot showroom on Lee Highway that features 20 fully assembled interior design displays. The firm typically offers dealer prices on finishwork materials and appliances while executing the design phase inhouse, generally using its own employees throughout the construction process.

Michael Nash home remodeling projects recently ranked as best-of-category in 10 South Atlantic States are:

Exterior \$100,000 and Over Owners of a 7,000 square foot Oakton residence were seeking a multi-level Mediterranean-style indoor/outdoor solution on the rear elevation. Created principally for dining and entertainment, the new complex provides a fully-equipped outdoor kitchen, several serving counters with permanent refrigeration, and well-delineated socializing and dining zones. Structurally, the system is comprised of decks on two levels, a top-level screened-in porch and linking staircases.

Kitchen \$40,000 to \$80,000 Selected "strategic" revisions to a 10-year-old center hall Colonial in Fairfax Station entailed removing an interior bearing wall to create an "open" floorplan with unimpeded sightlines. A customdesigned L-shaped granite-surfaced island provides bar sink, icemaker, mini drawer refrigerator and seating for six. Antiqued cabinet facings and many finely articulated interior design details converge with dangling pendant lights to foster an environment that is both relaxed and elegant.

Bathroom Under \$30,000.00 Big changes in a small space on a tight budget manage to accommodate a frameless shower enclosure with bench, a 5' x 6' Jacuzzi/ masseuse tub, sectionalized custom cabinetry and an aesthetically integrated dressing area replete with decorative scones, crown molding, detailed tile work.

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Michael Nash remodeling solutions judged among the best in the Washington metro area are:

Addition Under \$100,000 (Grand) Though augmenting the footprint a 20 year old Colonial by just 120 feet, this newly reconfigured interior effectuates sweeping improvements hat dramatically exceed budgetary limits. The need to liminate a bearing wall between the dining room and the kitchen, for instance, required vertical supports which were reinvented as Doric columns wellmatched to the owner's antiques, oriental carpets and other fine furnishings. Carrying design details forward, the kitchen's tumble marble backsplash tile, cherry wood cabinets, chimney-style stove hood, and granite surfaces converge to complete an Old Master's portrait suitable for any occasion.

Addition Under \$100,000.00 (Merit) An owner reaching retirement sought expanded indoor/outdoor horizons and the vision soon found expression as a generously glazed 12' x 11' breakfast room on rear elevation that segues to a skylight-crowned screen porch and an open air deck. The new interior presents an expansive course of windows and tray ceilings-- plus, French dooraccess to a welcoming new deck with wide-tread side stairs. From here, the garden beckons.

Interior Specialty (Merit) The need to scale down a 2,500 sq ft partially finished lower level to a Leesburg home by creating well-defined activity zones inspired a breathtaking interior masonry project that included an intricate limestone clad wallcovering complemented by stone panels diagonally inlaid across the entire floor. Textured elegance abounds.

Bathroom Under \$30,000. (Merit) Here the plan called for creating a master bath in a circa 1970's contemporary by annexing and enclosing the seldom used balcony and reconfiguring the new foot print to accommodate a walk-in closet with built-ins. A strikingly original interior resulted.

Detailed photos of all 8 award-winning projects may be viewed online at www.michaelnashkitchens.com.

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