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## Michael Nash Sweeps Area-Wide Home Remodeling Competition

*National Association of the Remodeling Industry names design/build firm "Contractor of the Year" in 5 categories*

Michael Nash Kitchens and Homes won five "Contractor of the Year" (COTY) awards in the area-wide home remodeling competition sponsored annually by the National Association of the Remodeling Industry. Though the Fairfax-based remodeler has frequently accumulated COTYs in number, this year's trophies point to the increasing scope and complexity of the firm's recent assignments. Winning projects include a complex large-scale addition and exterior makeover to 5,400 square foot residence in Great Falls and an innovative universal design solution as well as two bathrooms and a kitchen ranked by judges as tops in their budget category.

"While we've long been seen as one of the most active kitchen and bath designers in Northern Virginia—and are very proud of all our work at any size—in the past decade we've consistently been recognized for large-scale additions and remodeling," notes Michael Nash president and CEO Sonny Nazemian. "I think 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 the market."

Founded in 1984, Michael Nash operates a, 8,000-square-foot showroom on Lee Highway that features 20 fully assembled

interior design displays. The firm typically offers dealer prices on finish-work materials and appliances, and executes all design assignments in-house, generally using its

solution that allowed the owner to fulfill a dream: shifting the entrance from a side- to front-facing elevation while introducing far more cohesive architecture. A brick-

nationally distributed home and garden magazine.

**Universal Design.** An interior makeover that provides wheelchair access demonstrates that diverse requirements need not mean less attention to aesthetics, comfort and improved function. Indeed, Nazemian observes that the rapidly blossoming "special needs" category is about seamlessly integrating dual purposes in the pursuit of spaces where everyone can interact comfortably. "Aging in place can be comfortable, functional and pleasing to the eye," the remodeler attests.

**Kitchen Under \$50,000.** Since the COTYs require contractors to outperform the limits of a budget, it should be no surprise to learn that this Vienna project yields upgrades that far exceed what seems possible for the dollars expended. Among changes: plumbing, electrical wiring and gas lines are re-routed below the floor; a serving and clean-up island introduced mid-room better rationalizes circulation needs; a back wall is transformed into a console that includes two stacked ovens, a large refrigerator/freezer, cabinets with pullout drawers, and a butler's pantry.

Detailed photos of all five award-winning projects may be viewed online at [www.michaelnashkitchens.com](http://www.michaelnashkitchens.com).



own employees throughout the design and construction process.

Highlights from the firm's recent spate of COTY-winning projects include:

**Addition \$250,000 to \$500,000.** A 2,000-square-foot, front-facing addition to a Great Falls residence was a design

clad exterior wall is magically transformed into a dramatically textured entrance foyer and art gallery. Owners also acquire a state-of-the-art luxury master bath and a craftsman-style kitchen complete with working fireplace. The project is the current cover story of Remodeling Today, a