

**NARI CotY
AWARDS**

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Whole House over
\$1,000,000



Atlanta Design & Build Wins Three CotY Awards



Atlanta Design & Build was honored to receive three 2018 Contractor of the Year (CotY) Awards from the National Association of the Remodeling Industry (NARI), Atlanta chapter.

Each year, NARI-Atlanta members enter their completed projects in 29 residential remodeling categories. A diverse and impartial panel of judges selects the CotY winners based on select criteria for each category and recognizes the exceptional results of the projects entered with these prestigious Awards. This year's elegant CotY Awards Gala took place on December 11, 2018 at the W Hotel in Atlanta with a sold-out attendance. Chip Wade, Emmy-winning HGTV personality and Atlanta native, was the guest emcee who made the evening special for everyone in attendance.

Atlanta Design & Build won CotY Awards in the following categories:

1. Residential Bath \$25,000 to \$50,000
2. Residential Kitchen Over \$150,000 with Team entrant Schuon Kitchens and Baths
3. Whole House over \$1,000,000 with Team entrants Pella Southeast-Atlanta and PMC Building Materials



See more photos and read about these award-winning projects on our blog at atlantadesignbuild.com

THE BENEFITS OF A SCREENED PORCH

It's spring! Homeowners are beginning to imagine all the fun they could have this summer if they incorporated an outdoor living space at home. Decks, patios and screened porches can all provide a wonderful place to entertain friends and family in a fresh and invigorating environment. What type of outdoor living space are you visualizing for your home?

A very popular option among homeowners today is the screened porch. It offers a convenient space to enjoy your natural surroundings, savor meals, play card games and watch TV all while protecting you from rain showers or pesky insects. Unlike a standard addition, a screened porch expands your home's living space without requiring the extra expense of a foundation, insulation or HVAC system.

One of the first things to consider when designing your screened porch is what direction it will face. Your screened porch can connect to your home at different locations—which works best for you? At the front of your home you can keep an eye on your children playing in the front yard. In the back it is more private, secluded, and the view may be preferable. In addition, sun, wind and rain affect the comfort level. A western exposure may be



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too hot in the summer if you like to spend the evenings on your porch. A windy location can make the screened porch feel too chilly in the fall. Tucking your porch into a more protected area of your home helps guard against rain entering through the screens when it storms. An awning, exterior Bermuda shutters or even some dense shrubbery can keep most water out of an exposed area of your porch.

Now think about how you plan to use your screened porch. This all depends on your personal preferences and the space available. Perhaps you are dreaming of a quiet retreat where you can relax, nap, read favorite books and reflect on the beauty of your natural surroundings. Or maybe you picture an intimate space for outdoor dining with a few close friends and family members. During the warmer months your porch could become your everyday dining area. In this case, be sure to include built-in storage for plates, cutlery, drinking glasses and napkins.

If you want to accommodate big family gatherings and other social occasions, be sure the size of your screened porch will comfortably seat a large number of people. Think about incorporating outdoor ceiling fans, excellent lighting, a fireplace, a flat screen TV, outdoor speakers, and possibly electrical outlets as well as plumbing for an outdoor kitchen and wet bar. If this generous space will be used as an outdoor game room for all ages, construct a knee wall around the porch's perimeter to provide safety for young children and pets. Use a heavy-duty type of screening and include additional electrical outlets.

Your screened porch should be a seamless addition to your home's exterior architecture. Match the roof lines and the roofing materials on your porch to that of your home. A gable roof creates the possibility of a beautiful cathedral ceiling for your porch. The shape of the screen frames can vary from the standard rectangular, to arched or triangular. Use trim, fancy balustrade details and decorative skirting to make your porch blend nicely with your home's existing architecture. This adds curb appeal. Make a smooth transition between indoors and outdoors. Build the porch level with your home's threshold, and keep the flooring materials consistent from inside to outside. This also increases accessibility. Bring some interior elements outside, such as furniture, cushions, area rugs, and lamps. For easy maintenance, choose weatherproof fabrics.

Discovery WineStation

Do you love to entertain friends and family in your home, but sometimes feel overwhelmed by all the tasks you must keep up with? When it comes to serving wine, for example, you could ask a trusted friend to pour each guest's requested amount and type of wine. Or you could hire a professional bartender. Or you could consider purchasing Dacor's Discovery WineStation.

This amazing appliance is an automated, temperature controlled, four-bottle wine dispensing and preservation system for your home. With a simple touch of the finger, your guests can choose just the right wine and the exact amount they prefer. The LCD screens and touch control panel display wine varieties, vintages,

temperature settings and pouring volume.

An argon gas preservation system prevents oxidation and allows the wine to remain fresh for up to 60 days. You may open multiple wine bottles and enjoy the freshness without any loss of flavor or natural aroma. The patented CleanPour head simplifies bottle changing and is easy to clean. With the WineStation there are no fixed tubes or plumbing to be flushed with chemicals or cleaning solutions every time you change a bottle. Each WineStation may be built into cabinetry or freestanding on the counter. It is supplied with a locking door to protect it from curious children when it is left unattended.



Utilizing Color Boards

When you are remodeling your home, you will be asked to approve the colors, styles, patterns, materials, and finishes that will be used in each space. This can be challenging. For example, when you visit the tile store, will you remember whether the cabinets you chose a couple days ago complement the tile colors you are currently selecting? Will your paint selections today enhance the new upholstery you ordered last week? Does a situation like this make you hesitant to choose anything other than a simple, off-white color scheme where you can be sure everything matches?



A color board is an important method for helping you make these decisions with certainty. It displays the actual samples of tile, fabrics, paint colors, cabinet hardware, and wood finishes that are being recommended for your remodeling project. With a color board you can more easily determine whether or not the various products are the perfect arrangement you are looking for in your home.

Houzz and Pinterest offer a huge variety of online color boards that offer inspiration as you are envisioning your upcoming remodeling project. Certified remodelers and interior designers often use color boards to present ideas to their clients. They may put these online so you can view them on your smartphone or tablet. But it also can be advantageous to have the real thing right there in front of you to compare and contrast the colors, designs, and the feel of products against your skin.



ADB Wins 3 CotY Awards

Roswell Kitchen Remodel

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ROSWELL FAMILY KITCHEN REMODEL

Our client's kitchen had fallen out of style and had a cramped feel. The homeowner wanted to impart a more stylish look keeping with the new homes being built near their neighborhood. The 1990s kitchen featured odd angles, limited cabinet space, inadequate work areas and congested walkways.

Atlanta Design & Build was asked to update their kitchen to make it inviting with a high-style component, and reconfigure the space to increase storage and countertops. The clients requested that we design a 'user-friendly' layout for family with room for entertaining and open the space up for a larger table in the breakfast area.

The ADB team removed several walls, thereby transforming this kitchen into an open, inviting space with greater capacity for entertaining and better traffic flow. The new design provided maximum storage and expanded work areas. The kitchen's style was rejuvenated by the large 54" x 108" Island, stunning granite countertops, superior Mouser cabinets, and 3 separate pantry areas including a walk-in pantry. New high-end appliances by Sub-Zero and Wolf

were used throughout the kitchen. These included a built-in integrated refrigerator, double ovens, warming drawer, and gas cooktop.

Two unique focal points of this kitchen are the fabulous handcrafted copper exhaust hood and custom garden window. The upper section of the exhaust hood was hand clad with standing seam copper roofing material and aged to give it a warm rich patina. The aged copper shroud picked up the color of glaze on the cabinet doors. A lower wood band was stained to match the island.

Our client requested the custom garden window from a 'dream pic' they happened to find of a kitchen that incorporated a box window in the exterior wall above the sink. The ADB expert design team hand sketched details measured to the project specifications in order to recreate our client's 'dream' window. A 3-window bump out created the garden window ledge. The window trim was specifically designed using cabinetry on all sides. We incorporated a shelf that matches the cabinetry. Creating the garden window required rebuilding the



exterior wall, including a new beam where the windows were removed. Our team was delighted to be able to give our client exactly what they desired.

"We love EVERYTHING about our finished project. To anyone considering employing the services of ADB, we would say, "DO IT!" - Mike & Caroline K., Roswell

