



Lori and Lee Zajic

Portland Home Builders Association names remodeler of the year

If you're looking for the best local remodeler around, the **Home Builders Association of Metropolitan Portland** has a recommendation for you: Lee Zajic of **N.W. Renovations & Design Co.**

Zajic, the co-owner of the Portland remodeling company with his wife, Lori, has been named as the 2004 Remodeler of the Year by the HBA. He was honored Feb. 5, along with award recipients in other categories including Builder of the Year and Contractor of the Year, at the HBA's Excellence Awards Banquet.

According to Dave Nielsen, the executive officer of the Home

Builders Association of Metropolitan Portland, Zajic was selected because of his leadership, involvement and support of the remodeling industry: He is a member of the HBA's Board of Directors, serves on the Tour of Remodeled Homes Executive Committee and is a charter member of the HBA Remodelers Council.

This isn't Zajic's first trip to the awards podium: his company was also honored by the HBA at the 2003 awards ceremony and by the National Association of Home Builders.

For more information about the Zajics or N.W. Renovations & Design Co., call 503-641-1512 or visit nwrenovationsanddesign.com.

For more information about the Home Builders Association of Metro-politan Portland, call 503-684-1880 or visit their website at homebuildersportland.org.

Portland Art Museum showcases rare collection of Northwest Native American art

The Portland Art Museum has been tracing Oregon's artistic roots for the past few years and has come up with an exhibit that's one-of-a-kind. **People of the River: Native Arts of the Oregon Territory** is the first museum show in history to explore the unique sculpture, basketry and beadwork of the Native Americans who lived along the Columbia River for more than 10,000 years.

"Many people say there's no real history here," says Bill Mercer, the curator of Native American art for the Portland Art Museum. "There's plenty of great history here—you just have to look around." The exhibition runs through May 29.

For more information about the Portland Art Museum, call 503-226-2811 or visit portlandartmuseum.org. The museum is located at 1219 S.W. Park Ave. in Portland.



Bill Mercer, the museum's curator of Native American art and the exhibit's organizer, explains a collection of colorful beaded bags, handmade by Native Americans along the Columbia River.