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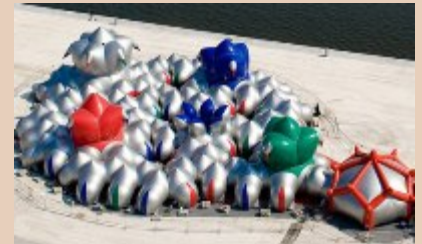
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Hello Summer!

The rain of spring is giving away to the hot, sunny days of summer. Green buds have become beautiful flowers. School is out, and kids are playing in the streets. May we all get a chance to go out and actually enjoy this beautiful season.

Architectural Art



With summer comes the [Ann Arbor Summer Festival](#) an amazing annual free festival here in town. There is a very special event this Thursday through Sunday that we want to draw your attention to. An amazing interactive sculpture will be on display, shown by *Architects of Air* a British group of artists. They will be showing their biggest luminaire, [Amococo](#), a walk-through inflatable sculpture featuring a dazzling maze of winding paths filled with radiant light and color.



This installation links 86 domes into a monumental labyrinth. This unique architectural space encourages visitors to wander, relax, meditate and simply enjoy the ambiance. We are excited to see it and think you might be as well- it is an event for the whole family.

Amococo will be located at Palmer Field. The project is accessible to wheelchair users and people with mobility difficulties. It will be open 4:00-9:00 pm June 23-24 and 12:00-9:00 pm June 25-26. Admission is \$5.00 per person. Let us know if you get a chance to see it and what you think of it.

Green Certified Professional

Gary Rochman just earned a new certification- that being a Green Certified Professional (GCP) . Gary achieved this certification by taking an in depth 12 week course put on by the National Association of the Remodeling Industry (NARI) focusing on energy efficiency and conservation, indoor air quality, efficient use of resources, recycling of demolition material and renewable energy sources, and other green topics. The GCP certification also requires many years of successful remodeling experience, and passing a 4 hour closed book test.

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The NARI Green Remodeling program is focused on the education of remodeling professionals, knowing that the best way to improve sustainability and energy conservation in the industry is to have well educated remodeling contractors. These remodeling professionals can then have a green impact on ALL the projects that they work on. Rather than focusing on certifying the actual projects (as the LEED program does) the NARI Green program certifies the remodeling professional. Many projects can be steered toward being more energy efficient or more sustainable without having to reach LEED requirements, and each step forward helps. Also by having the professionals being certified, homeowners know that their project can be as 'green' as is possible and/or appropriate without needing the added expense and administrative costs of going through a LEED application.

As company, RDB is committed to sustainability and to resource conservation, and this program has added to our knowledge so that we can help our clients even better.

RDB Wins a CotY Award

Every year, the National Association of the Remodeling Industry (NARI) gives out Contractor of the Year (CotY) awards for a range of project types. This year, Rochman Design-Build was honored with a CotY award in the Universal Design category.



Universal design refers to producing environments that are inherently accessible to both people without disabilities and people with disabilities. The first floor bathroom addition for the Wayman-Schwartz family (shown in these photographs) included features such as ADA compliant fixtures, a roll-in shower, flush floor levels between rooms, and stylish grab bars. But it was not simply function; we created a showpiece room to speak of the client's sophistication and style. In the present, the space is serving as part of the guest suite. In the future, the bathroom will serve the clients themselves, as age and health require.



The accessibility of the project is simply one component of a great design. As such, it is built into the fabric of design, considered alongside practicality, budget and aesthetics. No individual component stands out from the composition. In the end, the bathroom is a peaceful and serene space.

You can view the course of this project in photos (which also included a screen porch addition) on our website. [Click here](#) to see the blog of this project.



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