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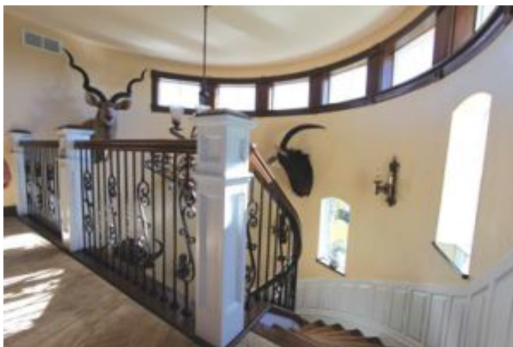
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M.H. Grenz & Sons General Contracting, Inc., won first place in the the Builders Association Award of Excellence New Home category for this custom-built home on Lake Erie in North East.



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The stairs include extensive upgraded details, such as an oversized curved railing, oversized paneled newels, wrought iron balusters, and custom raised panel wainscot.

It's rewarding enough to win a prestigious award once, but to enter a contest a second time 25 years later and win again is downright rare.

As the Erie Home & Garden Show opens in Erie this weekend, the timing is just right for the spotlight in North East to shine on a local company that has such an award twice in the two times it's entered a contest.

M.H. Grenz & Sons General Contracting, Inc., founded in 1960 by Max H. Grenz, won 1st Place in the Large Remodel/Addition category for a project commissioned by Mr. and Mrs. Robert and Janet Miller 25 years ago through the Builders Association.

Robert Miller and Grenz had a decades long friendship and Grenz was commissioned for many of Miller's residential and commercial projects over the years.

Max Grenz passed away six years ago, but his legacy lives on as his family continues to enforce his rigid construction techniques and high standards in every facet of their business.

Mike Grenz, President and Engineer of M.H. Grenz & Sons General Contracting, Inc. said Miller was thrilled with the latest project. "He said since we entered before with dad that we should do it again," Mike Grenz said. "Normally we don't enter contests, having our clients' privacy in mind. But Mr. Miller takes pride in what he does and we have a great relationship. He is incredibly creative and there's a lot that comes from his end."

The latest award was the 1st place Builders Association Award of Excellence for the New Home category.

"This is really special to me because it's as if everything came full circle. My father won with his client, and now as we are continuing the tradition. I watched them as friends for years and it brings back a lot of memories from back then."

M.H. Grenz and Sons provides custom design services and high-quality construction in residential, commercial and industrial settings. Offices in North East and Corry allow them to serve Erie County and Warren County,

PA, Chautauqua County, NY, and additional nearby areas.

M.H. Grenz and Sons handles just about everything in-house, including design for all of the company's projects. As a family owned and operated business with family members throughout the company, great pride is taken in all projects. Steve Grenz serves as Vice President in field operations, Julie Grenz Tasker handles interior design and manages the office, and Barbara Grenz is in charge of accounting.

The firm subcontracts very little and when they do it's only one contractor in each field. "We're very particular about who we deal with," said Mike Grenz.

M.H. Grenz and Sons is not only well known for new home construction, but they specialize for large renovation projects.

"We actually shine in renovation and remodel projects," said Julie Grenz Tasker, interior designer and office manager. "We most often get approached with a renovation project that someone else has looked at and said that it is a lost cause, and we come in and turn it into something that even surpasses the client's expectations."

Almost all jobs come through referral, and a wide range of projects can be found in the company's portfolio, from new construction, suspension bridges, log cabins, arched bridges, bank drive-through lanes, and more.

"We do the tricky stuff," Mike Grenz said. "Customer satisfaction is very import to us. My dad set precedence a long time ago. We do what we say we're going to do, and then we do more.

It feels good to do business with someone and have them give you more than you're paying for and that doesn't always happen these days."