

HBRA MEMBER TESTIMONIALS

"I am proud to have been a member of HBRA for 2 1/2 years now. I feel that being a member provides great networking opportunities especially participating in the Home and Garden Show where I draw 30% of my annual business. HBRA gives my company great exposure!"

Joe Cassani, Live Outdoors Landscaping

"The HBRA is a great organization to be apart of. With all of the certifications and trainings they offer you can easily pick and choose what direction you want your company to go in, whether it is being green certified or an aging in place specialist. Education, networking, outings, and a personal watch dog over governmental affairs these are things that the HBRA does for us. I have been a member for 5 years and plan on being one for the next 25+."

Tucker Fossiano, Beacon Hill Builders & Associates

"For more than a decade I've had the privilege of representing Vermont organizations pursuing the construction of energy-efficient new homes, with the Home Builders and Remodelers Association. I have found the Association and its members interested in improving the energy-efficiency of Vermont housing and willing to embrace ever higher standards. Association events provide promotional activities and personal interactions critical to building trusting, long lasting relations with leaders in the Vermont construction market. It has been especially gratifying to assist the Association in its development of a locally promoted NAHB National Green Building Standard, particularly in light of the Home Builders and Remodelers Association's leadership in making this a collaborative effort with other Vermont green building advocates and programs."

Jeffrey Gephart, 2011 Associate of the Year, Vermont ENERGY STAR Homes
A service of Efficiency Vermont & Vermont Gas Systems

"I have been a member for eight years and do business with a member about 4-5 times per year and it makes up 40-50% of my business. I enjoy the access to other businesses and consumers who can use my services. I am pleased with the level of support from the group. Keep it up!"

Joe Meccia, Joseph Meccia Builders, LLC
2011 Remodeler of the Year

"I have been a member for over the past 24 years with 4 different companies and have made many different and lasting contacts through the Association. These include some of my long standing customers ... and friends. The Association has better informed and educated me as both a business and salesperson. The Association offers many educational opportunities, through which I received my Certified Green Professional designation. Some of the many benefits I have been able to take advantage of include: Discounts offered by GM, Racquets Edge, Shearer Chevrolet and many others. My daughter was fortunate enough to receive an HBRA scholarship. These benefits have paid for my membership fee many times over. The best part of the Association though, is the close knit feeling with my peers in the business. It is nice to know that my customers and competitors alike, all typically participate in, and fight together for, the same causes in Montpelier and Washington. Whether it is a local ban on building permits or Act 250 problems, the HBRA is always there watching our back. I would like to close by reminding everyone to become involved, as you only get back what you put in. There are many committees in the organization, one that should appeal to everyone. I have met some of my closest friends over the years on these committees. I will close by reminding everyone who joins to get involved, have fun and Do Business with a Member!"

Bill LaCroix, r.k. MILES, Inc.

"Montpelier Construction is a 10 person partnership, offering full-service residential construction services to central Vermont since 1998. HBRA has been a valuable resource for us as a place to meet other professionals to exchange ideas and resources. The membership covers a wide range of trades and suppliers. The educational opportunities are rich and timely. I have gained my Certified Green Professional and RRP certification through the HBRA. We have also attended courses on subjects as varied as radon abatement, Vermont's new energy code and federal tax code for construction companies. The annual awards create a showcase for your best work and gives you easy access to advertising through their magazine. If you have questions about the HBRA, you are welcome to contact me @ 479-5882."

Malcolm Gray, Montpelier Construction