

Spring 2006
Newsletter:



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Porch & Deck Season!

Great Tips for Outdoor Living...

- Outdoor Chimneys
- Learn the buzz about alternative decking...*Ipe*, *Trex*[®], *Stone*...
- Want to convert your outdoor space indoors? Consider a sunroom conversion...

Newsworthy

We're happy to share a few of our recent highlights...

2006 Chrysalis Award Winner: "Best Project" – Residential Interior Specialty



→ More about Chrysalis on reverse....



Did you pick up April's Atlanta Home Improvement Magazine & read Don's Home Improvement Tip?

→ See it here! Excerpt printed on reverse...

Handy Man Services Ready to Help! Now offering: 1 Hr. FREE to all new customers – through Aug. 1!



Runny noses...itchy eyes...cars and lawn furniture blanketed in yellow...*Spring is officially here!*

Included in our quarterly newsletter, you will find great home improvement tips for you this season, a **BIG discount on Porch & Deck Renovations**, as well as company updates.

Thank you for your support! We look forward to hearing from you again soon!

New Projects

We've been busy this year! Here are just a few of our recent projects. **Look for the full project to arrive in our on-line Project Gallery soon!**



Bathroom Renovation
Tile wainscoting adds drama!



Bathroom Renovation
Beautifully tiled shower



Sunroom Addition –
Cedar shake with stacked stone



Whole House Renovation
Great space, custom detailing, a **MUST SEE!** YES, it's for sale!
(2415 Sunset Drive, Atlanta, 30345)



New Construction
Pool house & terrace built to match new pool area – fine outdoor living!

Did you know?
 In 2005, Atlanta
 recouped **91%** of
 new deck additions.
 Cost vs. Value Report – REALTOR Mag.

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From Left –
 (1) Trex, (2) Ipe, (3) Pressure-treated wood
 Right – Stacked Stone Chimney on terrace

Outdoor Chimneys

Yes, we live in a near tropical climate...sans palm trees...but, enjoying the outdoors is not complete without an outdoor chimney. In our warm climate, a heating source will help you enjoy your outdoor space *all year round*. Not only functional, stacked stone chimneys are beautiful additions to your patio or deck. Whether custom-built or a pre-fab unit, stone chimneys are made to last and will add tremendous value to your home.

Alternative Decking

Did you know your deck doesn't have to be wood? Pressure-treated pine requires a lot of maintenance and is a non-renewable resource. Alternatives have become very popular as they require little or no maintenance and are now affordable. Trex® is one of the most widely used non-wood decking and comes in a variety of finishes, textures, and colors. No sealing, no painting...you may actually save money once you factor in maintaining a wood surface.

Ipe is harvested Brazilian walnut; but, these trees are quickly replenished. Ipe requires very little maintenance as opposed to pressure-treated pine manufactured in the U.S., and is extremely beautiful and durable. Ipe comes in rich, deep tones. While not an inexpensive option, many people are choosing Ipe for the value – this hardwood will last a lifetime and add significant value to your home.

Stone is becoming another popular option both indoors and out. More cost effective options are available today and widely used for durability and organic beauty.

Save 10% off* of your next Porch or Deck Renovation through August 1, 2006

**For projects approved between June 1 – Aug. 1, 2006 & exceeding \$12,000 in total project cost.*

Sunroom Conversion



Consider converting your sunroom into usable space. The area to the right of the arched columns was a rarely used sunroom, which suppressed natural light from entering the main living area.



Chrysalis Award Winner: "Best Project: Residential Interior Specialty"



Sunroom Wall Conversion – Arched Cased Opening with Columns

On June 8, we will be presented with a **Chrysalis Award for Remodeling Excellence** (for the project above) during the Southern Building Show. The Chrysalis Award is a regional competition judged by editors and writers from *Better Homes & Gardens, Today's Custom Home*, and other industry professionals.



Home Improvement Tips! *An excerpt of the Question appearing in the "Ask the Experts" section (April 2006) follows...*

Question: What do-it-yourself application can be applied to update original, pickled-oak kitchen cabinets, which are in good structural condition but need a good cleaning and a wood application?

Answer: The cabinets are probably in very good structural shape and would need to be cleaned with an alcohol product to remove any built-up grease residue. You would then want to consider putting a glaze on to update the look and feel of the kitchen. If you don't want to glaze them, simply get a good wood restoration product, such as Restorz-it® or FormsBy®. Both of these will work with some elbow grease and will provide a new finish on the cabinets that will help immensely.

-Don Hagemeister, President, **Totally Dependable Contracting**

Have a question for Don? E-mail doh@totallydependable.com

Company Corner

We are proud to announce that our family is growing yet again.... **Stacey Hyatt, Marketing Dir./Customer Relations**, is expecting a baby boy! Jaxon Layne Hyatt is scheduled to arrive mid-Sept. This is the 2nd child for Stacey and her husband, Jeff, who happens to be the older brother of Michael Hyatt, our Sr. Project Mgr. **Stay tuned for future updates...**

