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The Central Florida Aging in Place Chapter (National Aging in Place Council- NAIPC) in conjunction with the Remodeler's Council of the Home Builders Association of Metro Orlando, was proud to present "A Step Ahead: Central Florida's Vision for Aging in Place." The 2nd Annual Aging in Place Community Event is the result of a unique alliance between the healthcare and building industries in a continued

Rhode Island: Meet the Experts

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Sam Brusco is a general contractor and carpenter specializing in residential renovations and additions. His company is Brusco Design & Renovation. As the name would indicate, they design projects on the computer (in 3-D) to show what the results will be before they start anything. This is commonly referred to as "design-build".

Brusco said, "our clients know exactly what they will get before we swing a hammer. Very few people can read 2-dimensional plans and envision what a room (or a house) will look like weeks later. The computer allows us or the client to spot design deficiencies before they become a costly mistake. It decreases anxiety and increases customer satisfaction. It makes planning fun for our clients and makes the whole renovation process go smoother".

Mr. Brusco is a Certified Aging-in-Place Specialist (CAPS), a Certified Green Professional (CGP), a Certified Active Adult Housing Specialist and a graduate of Bentley University Graduate School. He is also the first Rhode Islander to begin coursework for NAHB's new Advanced Green Builder/Remodeler designation. Obviously, education is very important to Mr. Brusco, and when asked why he has dedicated so much time to learning, his response was "most contractors learn from hearsay and trial-and-error; those are both lousy teachers. It's much better to get the latest building science knowledge directly from experts. A surprising amount of the coursework is to create deeper empathy for the people we serve. For example, I am only 44, but I now have a greater understanding of what clients older than I need and want from a contractor. Better knowledge leads to better homes and a better experience for my clients".

In turn, Brusco is passing on this knowledge through a series of classes for homeowners. They include:

How to Hire ANY Contractor: how to find a good plumber, electrician, general contractor, roofer, etc.

How to Avoid a Renovation Horror: the rest of what you need to know before you remodel

Greening Your Home: how to make your home more energy efficient and Earth-friendly and save money in the process

Staying in Your Own Home After 65: maintaining a safe, active and independent lifestyle

He has been teaching these classes free at public libraries and other venues in the Providence area; the first two have even been approved by the Rhode Island Department of Business Regulations. This month, he is teaching in

effort to promote education on universal design and livable communities for seniors. [Read More](#)

North Providence, Cumberland and East Greenwich. More information can be found at www.hireANYcontractor or by calling Sam at 401-632-0765.

Brusco is a proud member of the RI Chapter of the National Aging in Place Council, the RI Builders Association, the National Association of Home Builders, the NAHB 50+ Council, and the US Green Building Council RI Chapter.

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