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New Jersey Deck Builder Earns National Certification

Gary Daley, owner of Barnegat, New Jersey-based DeckBuilder Custom Decks & Railings, recently re-certified as a Deck Framing Connection Specialist with the North American Deck & Railing Association (NADRA). DeckBuilder's Senior Deck Technician, Ken Argenti, also completed the December course, which was offered at the Bear Mountain Resort, in Macungie PA.

Daley, who takes the course annually, says the certification is an important component in staying on top of the rapidly evolving field of decks and railings: "This education in proper materials and techniques is one of the things that sets my company apart from the handyman or the fence company, who may offer a cheaper product at the expense of safety." Daley may be contacted through his business website at www.DeckBuilderOnline.com, or by calling 609-698-9648 or 732-505-0077.

The course provided attendees—builders and home inspectors—with an understanding of what may cause a deck to fail, and what a code-compliant deck looks like, according to NADRA's website (www.NADRA.org).

The program was presented by Simpson Strong-Tie's Jim Mailey. Simpson is one of the world's largest suppliers of structural building products. The certification is recognized for continuing education credits by NADRA and the American Society of Home Inspectors (ASHI), for two years.