



DRURY DESIGN KITCHEN & BATH STUDIO

design guide

Your source for home design trends, news and inspiration

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*Things do not change;
we change. ~Henry David Thoreau*

Economic Trends Advance Design Innovation

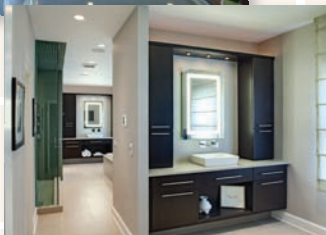
There is one thing for sure in today's economy: nothing is standing still. The markets are constantly moving up and down. This has given pause to homeowners' notions about kitchen design and home renovation.

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MODERNIZING TRADITION

“Gail has an amazing talent for utilizing space to its fullest potential. What impressed us most: How everything came together and ended up being more beautiful than we imagined. She really understood our needs and was patient with our decision making process.” - Homeowners



Location:
Designer:
Project:
Solutions:

Evanston, Illinois
Gail Drury, CMKBD
Kitchen, Master Bath, Interior Updating
The traditional environment of this career couple's recently acquired home didn't fit their lively and entertaining lifestyle. Design solutions included modernizing the feel and look throughout the home, with an emphasis on renovating the kitchen and the master bath. Expanding the kitchen made room for both cooks and removing walls opened the space to the existing family room. Coordinated colors, materials and cabinetry enliven the space. The simplicity of the adjoining living areas emphasizes the home's beauty and lends a signature backdrop for entertaining.



RUSTIC RETREAT

Homeowner: Cindy and Michael Rowsey of Aurora, Illinois
Designer: Gail Drury, CMKBD
Project: Master Bath Remodel
Solutions: This Aurora homeowner knew exactly what she did and did not want in her master bath. Cindy’s overall vision for remodeling her home’s master bath was a casual rustic look. The color and texture of the materials selection was extremely important to her and key to the overall design. Along with the redesign and the addition of natural materials, updating the vanity, tub and steam shower transformed this bath into a magically relaxing retreat.



“If I were to use a one word description of my new master suite it would be ‘wonderful’ or perhaps ‘heavenly.’ It is so warm and inviting to walk into, and the colors and textures of products are so earthy and natural feeling.” - Homeowner

Revitalizing Tune-Ups

Everyday use can take a toll on your kitchen and bathrooms. Periodic professional maintenance, like the cleaning and sealing of your stone and tile surfaces and regular adjustments of cabinetry doors and drawers, protects your investment and keeps your Drury Design kitchen or bath looking and performing like new.

Schedule your tune-up now and welcome your guests into renewed spaces.

To schedule services or make an appointment for an estimate, contact Rick Windgassen, project manager at 630.446.7646 or email rick@drurydesigns.com.

Eight Finalists in Design Vision Awards Competition



NKBA's [National Kitchen and Bath Association] Chicago Midwest chapter will announce its 2009 Design Visions Contest winners this fall. Eight Drury Design entries will be recognized as first, second or third place finalists. Three completed Drury Design client projects are up for awards in the large kitchen category.

NKBA's Chicago Midwest chapter sponsors the Design Vision contest in partnership with *Trends* magazine. Judged by NKBA Chicago Midwest chapter members, the contest recognizes outstanding kitchen and bath design. Competition is open to designers throughout the Midwest.

In 2008, thirteen Drury Design projects received NKBA Design Vision Contest recognition including first, second and third place in the large kitchen category along with awards in the small kitchen, large bath and small bath categories.

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Kitchen Design in the new marketplace

Design trends seem to flow with the same wave of movement as the economy. In recent more prosperous times, along with the building boom, came larger kitchens and the introduction of many new appliances... warming drawers, steam ovens and fully integrated appliances from washers and dryers to refrigerators. Heavily carved moldings, glazed and distressed cabinet finishes and large two and even three cook kitchens were in vogue.

Simplicity: Contemporary with a Classic Flair

With the change in economic times we are seeing a movement to a more understated design trend. Simplicity and "less is more" are the phrases we are hearing today. We are seeing more kitchens with clean crisp lines filled to the brim with functional elements in efficiently designed smaller spaces. These designs are anything but ordinary, using exciting new materials that give each kitchen the homeowner's own special signature. These new design trends are bordering on contemporary with a classical flair. Heavily carved moldings are being replaced with simpler trim details.

Efficient, Eclectic and Green

It is still desirable to have different finishes and many textured surfaces mixed in one kitchen. The eclectic kitchen intermixed with furniture type pieces is definitely here to stay. Gone forever are the days of entire kitchens made in one wood species and one color coordinating countertops. These new efficient design solutions seem to better fit the lifestyle and budget of today's consumers. Green has also taken a firm hold with the use of products from recycled glass or recycled paper countertops to more energy efficient appliances and other renewable resources. New exciting technology in reconstituted veneers gives accessibility to exotic materials like zebra wood without destroying our rain forests. Homeowners have come to realize they need to do their part to preserve the natural resources of our planet. I feel the market place of the past year has driven this new design movement and it is a positive thing... as change can be good.

Call us to arrange a complimentary design consultation, 630.469.4980.

DRURY DESIGN WELCOMES NEW DESIGN STAFF MEMBERS



Meet Brigitte Fabi, CKD/CBD

DESIGNER

"I was thrilled to come work for Drury Design Kitchen & Bath Studio, as this company is truly a destination place. Being an all-inclusive showroom, this atmosphere allows me to provide a complete design for my clients, including flooring, counter tops, tile work, appliances and fixtures. It also gives me complete control over all the aspects of each project, which inevitably leads to smooth and stress-free installations."

Brigitte C. Fabi, CKD/CBD, Drury's newest designer is also an adjunct professor of kitchen and bath design at Harrington College of Design. With more than 15 years of design experience, Brigitte won the 2007 Design Vision first place award in the medium kitchen category.



Meet Jack Bartoski

ASSISTANT DESIGNER

"Everyone on the Drury team is so helpful. The team approach benefits us – and our clients."

Jack Bartoski, an assistant designer, is the newest addition to Drury Design's team. A graduate of Columbia College with a degree in interior architecture, Jack's experience includes both residential and commercial design as well as furniture manufacturing.

**FALL DESIGN WORKSHOPS:
TRUTHS & MYTHS OF KITCHEN AND BATH DESIGN**

“Whether you are contemplating a remodel project now or sometime in the future, this is a great opportunity to learn about all aspects of a home remodel project directly from professional designers in the informal, relaxed atmosphere of our studio.”

~Gail Drury, CMKBD (NKBA Master Certified Kitchen and Bath Designer) and president of Drury Design

Saturdays, September 26 and October 24
Designing a Champagne Kitchen on a Beer Budget

During this “how-to” workshop our award-winning design staff will explain how to prioritize needs and wants to maximize your remodeling budget. Examples of design and materials choices are presented and discussed, including how the size of your space will affect budgeting as well as how the investment will pay off in the future. Workshops begin at 9:00 am, with doors open at 8:30 am and last about an hour. Call 630.469.4980 to RSVP or email Jim Drury at jim@drurydesigns.com.

DRURY DESIGN IN PRINT AND ONLINE

Distinctive Kitchen Solutions Magazine
Gail Drury, CMKBD is interviewed in “The Hottest Looks of 2010 in Kitchen Design” feature pages: 6-7



Better Homes and Gardens
Kitchen and Bath Ideas
“Improved All Around”
feature pages: 62-65



Great Kitchen and Bath Ideas 2009
“Rugged Expression”
feature pages: 78-85



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COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDAR

**DINNERS BY DESIGN,
OCTOBER 28**

Discover the latest in cooking technology and enjoy dinner on us. Prepared exclusively for our guests and clients, dinner starts at 6:00 pm at Westye Group’s Wolf and Sub-Zero Glendale Heights showroom. To make a reservation for you and your guest, contact the studio or email Jim Drury at jim@drurydesigns.com.



**GLEN ELLYN KITCHEN WALK
RESCHEDULED**

Baird & Warner’s annual Glen Ellyn Kitchen Walk is on hiatus for 2009. We look forward to sponsoring this event again in 2010. Check www.glenellynkitchenwalk.org for updates. Visit www.bridgecommunities.org for information on their worthwhile efforts to connect homeless families to a brighter future.



HINSDALE COOKS!

Considered one of the premiere kitchen walks in the Chicago area, Hinsdale Cooks! featured a Drury Design client’s kitchen. Proceeds from this May 2009 event benefited the preservation of Immanuel Hall, Hinsdale’s first landmark. For more information, visit www.hinsdalehistory.org.



JAZZ FEST GLEN ELLYN

Becoming an annual tradition, on July 11 Jazz Fest Glen Ellyn attracted 5,000 jazz fans to downtown Glen Ellyn. Jim Drury, a founding Jazz Fest member from 2007, contributed to planning this year’s event. Chicago Hot Five Dixie/Trad Band, Kelly Brand Trio, Mark Colby Quartet, Tammy McCann Quartet and Deep Blue Organ Trio entertained the crowd. For information about the 2010 event, visit www.jazzfestglenellyn.org.



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