



DRURY DESIGN KITCHEN & BATH STUDIO

design guide

Your source for home design trends, news, and inspiration

Gail Drury, CMKBD
President and Creative Director



2017 marks our 30th year in business!

Who could have known after starting in this industry in 1977, and launching Drury Design in 1987, the kitchen and bath industry would evolve to where it is today? Now, after thousands of custom kitchens and baths, Drury Design continues to evolve and so does the importance of these two rooms in our everyday living.

I continue to be proud of our organization and efforts for our clients that we have met along the way - and, of our old-school principals of being honest and transparent as advocates for our clients. For those of you who don't know, Drury Design is a unique type of design and build company offering full-service design and remodeling.

If you have not been to our website recently, we have some other pretty spectacular new projects to share, representing the evolution of both Drury Design and the kitchen and bath industry. Who knows where our clients will take us in the next 30 years?

Let's find out together. Cheers.

A handwritten signature of Gail Drury in black ink.



"Drury Design's entire staff is very design-intuitive. And, they're unique in the way they relate to their customers. The Drury Design experience is what sets them apart and is one of their core values. Relationships mean everything to them."

- David Carnahan, Vice President, Grabill Cabinetry Company

Glen Ellyn showroom display: Modern Transitional Kitchen featuring Grabill Cabinetry



When you step into Drury Design's studio, you step into a full-service design center that equips you with all the materials, ideas, and services you could want.

Drury Design's success is built on Gail's Client-Focused Design™ process. Each client and designer relationship is supported by a team, giving the designer the support needed to fulfill every client's individual custom home design project.

In thirty years, Gail's entrepreneurship dream has grown from her home-based startup into a leading luxury design and build studio with over 20 employees including seven senior designers, specialized build and installation crews, and a portfolio of over 2,500 projects.

“When I met Gail in 1992, she was a kitchen and bath designer. Today, she is a turnkey general contractor who manages multiple complex home remodeling construction projects with a team of 20 professionals.

Every subcontractor Gail brings in is someone she’s worked with and trusted for years. Her clients don’t have to think about quality, they know they’ll get the best from Drury Design.”

- Ginny Blasco, Ginny Blasco Design Studio, Inc.

Ginny Blasco, ASID and Gail Drury, CMKBD have collaborated on many design projects including three ASID Illinois Excellence Awards winners. Shown here is a 2016 winner in Wilmette.



ASID EXCELLENCE AWARD

CELEBRATING 30 YEARS | 1987

In 1994, Gail Drury moved her home studio, founded in 1987, to a storefront location on Pennsylvania Avenue in downtown Glen Ellyn. In 2001, the business expanded to anchor the northern downtown Glen Ellyn business district.

In 2002, Gail talked about the studio’s move from its prior Pennsylvania Avenue location: “Although our business was growing, the real reason for our expansion was to enlarge our palette and to offer our clients an outstanding visual design experience that would inspire ideas for their own kitchens.”



FEATURED PROJECTS IN GLEN ELLYN AND BARRINGTON HILLS



FAMILY FOCUSED LUXURY HOME RENOVATION

“Drury Design is known for really listening to their clients. They interview them about their vision, ideas and thoughts and then take all the information and put it into a cohesive design solution for the space.” - Jason Artus, AKBD Vice President of Sales & Marketing at Rutt HandCrafted Cabinetry

- Location:** St. John, Indiana
Designer: Alicia Saso, AKBD
Project: First-Floor Remodel
Goal: Create a larger and more inviting family hub packed with convenient features for entertaining.
Solution: The stunning centerpiece of a comprehensive first-floor remodel, this kitchen combines three main areas of the first floor into one space. The former family room is now the kitchen, the original kitchen is now a cozy conversation corner, and the breakfast area turned into a family room.

Cooking for a family of five, along with preparing food for large family gatherings, made it essential to have the proper appliances and island work space. A long, two-tiered island houses seating for five while it provides plenty of countertop space. Sitting down for meals, doing homework, or prepping a large meal is more functional and inviting.



RUTT HANDCRAFTED CABINETRY

New in the Studio: Luxury Home 3D Design Software

When embarking on a large-scale remodel, including complicated decisions and structural challenges, it can be hard to fully understand the outcome. 3D drawings, or as design professionals call them “renderings”, are a great tool we use to bring your project to life long before starting any construction.



Meet Drury's Project Manager / VP of Operations

Rick Windgassen has been with Drury Design for 15 years, overseeing the installation of 80+ projects a year. Rick offers an in-the-field perspective of what makes Drury's process right for you.

What are the most important considerations homeowners should have that they might not know?

The possibility of unforeseen issues, things that lurk behind the surface that might need to be brought to code or relocated. We do our best during our extensive labor bid walk-throughs to investigate for these potential issues beforehand.

Why is hiring a firm like Drury Design important?

Drury Design controls and organizes the whole process. One stop for everything, including the design, purchasing, and installation, all the way down to a detailed schedule with specific dates and a warranty plan. All materials, plumbing, and appliances are reviewed and specifications are drawn to achieve a perfect fit and finish.

Rick believes the most dramatic change he's seen in home remodeling in the past 30 years is the high-end technology now available. From self-starting appliances to computerized control systems, the evolution of technology is astonishing.



Designer Linda Larisch, CMKBD Joins Drury Team

Meet Linda Larisch, our newest senior kitchen designer. Holding the NKBA's highest professional designation, Certified Master Kitchen and Bath Designer [CMKBD], she has more than 30 years of design experience. With an extensive portfolio and many design awards including NKBA's Design Visions "Best of the Best" first place, we are thrilled to add Linda to our team.



CONTEMPORARY SUBURBAN HOME REMODEL

Location: Glen Ellyn, Illinois
Designer: Gail Drury, CMKBD
Project: Kitchen Remodel
Goal: Reformat footprint and revitalize function into a distinctive two-cook kitchen
Solution: Before, this kitchen was dark and outdated with a troublesome traffic flow. Gail reformatted the original footprint around a large two-tiered island, which stands out as this renovation's focal point. A raised Grothouse walnut bar with waterfall ends adds a welcoming touch as it conceals the countertop work area.

Two workspaces offer cooking stations for each chef. One is centered around the island and built-in appliances. The second is set into the perimeter near the range top and main sink. To highlight the design, a custom-made tall glass-faced storage unit adds extra storage and showcases the homeowner's cookware collection.

"It is always a pleasure working with Drury Design. Not only do they create outstanding kitchen designs, but their attention to detail is not compromised – the same philosophy of Sub-Zero and Wolf."

-Dan Heyn, President Sub-Zero Wolf Group Midwest



CUSTOM SHOWCASE CABINETRY

MEDIA

HOZZ 1,000,000 SAVES

Thanks a million to our Houzz fans for all of the Ideabook saves.



TWO 2017 BEST OF HOZZ.COM BADGES

Honored with the Best of Houzz 2017 award in the Design and Customer Service categories, the studio also received Best of Houzz awards in 2016, 2015 and 2014.

HOZZ ARTICLE

Houzz features a client's pull-out homework station in "11 Kitchen Hardware Inclusions That Will Change Your Life". See how these ideas can save you headaches and time.



HOZZ PRO SPOTLIGHT

Kitchen islands aren't just for food prep, learn how to design the "Ideal Island for Your Kitchen": a featured interview with Gail Drury, CMKBD.



CAESARSTONE DESIGNER SPOTLIGHT

Ceasarstone highlights several Drury Design projects with quartz countertops.



LUXE INTERIOR + DESIGN CHICAGO

Featured in their September/October edition and on their website under Design Resources.



IN THE PRESS



WEST SUBURBAN LIVING

Gail Drury's contemporary master bath remodel for a Glen Ellyn client is featured in WSL's "Beautiful Baths."



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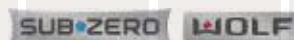
Featured in GateHouse Media's national specialty publication this fall is designer Alicia Saso, AKBD.



EVENTS

DINNER & DESIGN OCTOBER 19

Discover the latest in cooking technology and enjoy dinner on us. Prepared by Chef Colleen Karsted exclusively for our guests and clients, dinner starts at 6:30pm at Wolf's Glendale Heights Sub-Zero and Wolf showroom. To make a reservation for you and your guest, contact the studio.



FOR MORE IDEAS AND INSPIRATION



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We are open Monday-Friday 9am-5pm and Saturday 10am-5pm. To schedule a complimentary initial design consultation, contact us at 630.469.4980.



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