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According to Drury Design president and creative director, Gail Drury, the clientele in Glen Ellyn and throughout the Chicago metro area vary from project to project. Generally speaking, the common thread is that they understand the benefit that professional design, installation and service brings to the finished project and the overall remodeling experience. "Kitchens and baths are the most complicated rooms of the house to design and remodel," she says, speaking of her firm's specialty. "Every project is a new adventure. Design solutions are always driven by the individual client's personal style and goals." Drury began her foray into the world of kitchen design in 1977 as a designer and trainer for St. Charles Kitchens. Five years later, she

opened a home-based kitchen design studio in Glen Ellyn with one employee. Today, she and husband Jim Drury, studio manager and co-owner, are in their fourth and current, 8,500-square-foot location on Main Street in downtown Glen Ellyn, with 20 team members and counting. The key to the company's success lies in its philosophy: ask clients a lot of questions, educate them by presenting multiple design possibilities, then assist them throughout the entire process, from beginning to end. "At first, the level of detail and planning that we put into our design work, whether it be a custom kitchen, bath or other space, surprises many clients," Jim says. "When we deliver the completed kitchen or bath of their dreams, it all falls into place."

"The architectural side of creating a space is my greatest influence; making it functional, yet aesthetically pleasing."

Gail Drury On Glen Ellyn Living

What drew you to the Western Suburbs? Glen Ellyn was the childhood home to my husband, children and our family for the past 37 years. **How do you view the Western Suburbs changing over the next decade?** In the Glen Ellyn and Wheaton areas, we are experiencing an influx of younger families as baby boomers retire and move on, though this is probably not unique just to the Chicago area. **How does your firm complement the community?** We have long-standing partnerships with local charities, host community events and, of course, there are the myriad beautiful remodeling projects we have completed.

1. Rich, two-toned cabinetry and dramatic stone and tile work set the stage for entertaining, where an oversized island offers ample seating for family and friends. **2.** Light gray cabinetry, marble tile and quartzite countertops add sophistication, while warm lighting and a wood butcher block introduce warmth. **3.** A once diminutive master bath is reborn into a spa-like retreat by borrowing space from an adjoining bedroom. Floating vanities and artistic tile add a modern aesthetic.

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