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National Kitchen & Bath Association (NKBA) Reveals its 2020 Design + Industry Award Winners

Annual competition recognizes excellence in design and execution; wood tones, sculptural elements and textural accents were among the elements featured in this year’s winning designs.

Hackettstown, NJ — (January 29, 2020) — Amid the glitz and glamour of the Las Vegas Strip, nearly 1,000 industry leaders, design professionals, VIPs and media attended the highly anticipated National Kitchen & Bath Association (NKBA) Design + Industry Awards on January 20, 2020, at the Encore Resort. Held annually, these awards shine a spotlight on the design professionals whose work is raising the bar in kitchen and bath design, building and remodeling, outdoor living and Living In Place. Each is a measure of excellence for this corner of the interior design world. Celebrity designer and lifestyle expert Kelli Ellis hosted the ceremonies, handing out more than 40 awards during the evening, including the design and independent showroom honorees.

Congratulations to this year’s winners:

BEST OVERALL KITCHEN

- Sarah Robertson, AKBD, Owner and Lead Designer, Studio Dearborn
  Mamaroneck, N.Y.
  Westchester Chapter
  Larchmont Manor Victorian
  Images: https://nkba.imagerelay.com/ml/ba9986f7bc9a4a45a284f308a24a31f9

BEST OVERALL BATH

- Michelle Miazga-Hall, Founder and Principal, Port + Quarter Interiors
  Vancouver, British Columbia
  British Columbia Chapter
  Spyglass
  Images: https://nkba.imagerelay.com/ml/6fda30d12ea3462a801f2f9f76b74215
CONTEMPORARY KITCHEN, LARGE (250 Square Feet and Over)

- First Place
  Lana Zepponi Meyers, AKBD, Kitchens Unlimited
  Memphis, Tenn.
  Tennessee Chapter
  College Town Contemporary
  Images: https://nkba.imagerelay.com/ml/256fc3065a784bbdbafadaa5da7a24ca

- Second Place
  Sandra Diaz-Velasco, AIA, ASID, LEED AP BD+C, Principal Architect, EOLO A&I Design
  Miami, Fla.
  South Florida Chapter
  CasaMar
  Images: https://nkba.imagerelay.com/ml/a327d4dfbbdd4b6cb336bfb215b3f234

- Third Place
  Elma Gardner, CMKBD, Owner and Principal Designer, By Design
  Davis, Calif.
  California Capital Chapter
  Images: https://nkba.imagerelay.com/ml/3633e3d974b14957a80b2c680814eb42

CONTEMPORARY KITCHEN, SMALL (Under 250 Square Feet)

- First Place
  Svetiana Tryaskina, Estee Design
  Toronto, Ontario
  Ontario/Canada Chapter
  Open-Plan Kitchen
  Images: https://nkba.imagerelay.com/ml/a73f14f747e4424cb160745c43d187d4

- Second Place
  Sandra Diaz-Velasco, AIA, ASID, LEED AP BD+C, Principal Architect, EOLO A&I Design
  Miami, Fla.
  South Florida Chapter
  Brickell Bachelor Condo
  Images: https://nkba.imagerelay.com/ml/58093f78a3074371b147b38d2bf8f21d

- Third Place
  Nyla Free, Nyla Free Designs Inc.
  Calgary, Alberta
  Prairie Provinces Chapter
  Images: https://nkba.imagerelay.com/ml/bf085e7fe4d9454ea6eee9ca2496fba5

TRADITIONAL KITCHEN, LARGE (250 Square Feet and Over)

- First Place
  Sarah Robertson, AKBD, Owner and Lead Designer, Studio Dearborn
  Mamaroneck, N.Y.
  Westchester Chapter
  Larchmont Manor Victorian
Images: https://nkba.imagerelay.com/ml/ba9986f7bc9a4a45a284f308a24a31f9

• Second Place
  **Cindy Aplanalp-Yates**, Principal Designer, Chairma Design Group
  Houston, Tex.
  Texas Gulf Coast Chapter
  Spacious Southern Home
  Images: https://nkba.imagerelay.com/ml/b0253fc4aba64026b0eb4f64fc5ac4b7

• Third Place
  **David Heide**, Allied ASID, Associate AIA, Principal, David Heide Design Studio
  Minneapolis, Minn.
  Minnesota State Chapter
  Practical Magic
  Images: https://nkba.imagerelay.com/ml/ccab5d1dd7ec427ea3bc20d8ef1c619a

**TRADITIONAL KITCHEN, SMALL** *(Under 250 Square Feet)*

• First Place
  **Karen Swanson**, Owner/Designer, New England Design Works
  Manchester, Mass.
  Hardwick
  Images: https://nkba.imagerelay.com/ml/13fb5a2be90c4955b4cd5949e2d001a3

• Second Place
  **Sarah Robertson**, AKBD, Owner and Lead Designer, Studio Dearborn
  Mamaroneck, N.Y.
  Westchester Chapter
  Larchmont Funhouse
  Images: https://nkba.imagerelay.com/ml/53c3bc791aa744499bd5d52836fd4677

• Third Place
  **Karen Swanson**, Owner/Designer, New England Design Works
  Manchester, Mass.
  Chandler
  Images: https://nkba.imagerelay.com/ml/7622b0bf0b8b489bb677e64a3db

**CONTEMPORARY BATH, LARGE** *(250 Square Feet and Over)*

• First Place
  **Michelle Miazga**, Founder and Principal, Port + Quarter Interiors
  Vancouver, British Columbia
  British Columbia Chapter
  Spyglass
  Images: https://nkba.imagerelay.com/ml/68566d4e15aa477fa784d74fe7c67b7b

• Second Place
  **Carly Nemtean**, Carriage Lance Design-Build
  Mississauga, Ontario
  Ontario/Canada Chapter
  Indian
CONTEMPORARY BATH, SMALL (Under 250 Square Feet)

- First Place
  Michelle Miazga-Hall, Founder and Principal, Port + Quarter Interiors
  Vancouver, British Columbia
  Spyglass
  Images: https://nkba.imagerelay.com/ml/3f1a10917860471290b712f9a062bcd2

- Second Place
  Madeleine Sloback, Principal, Madeleine Design Group
  Vancouver, British Columbia
  Ocean Bluff Estate
  Images: https://nkba.imagerelay.com/ml/1942a5caf751463a949ee82329ea2551

- Third Place
  Sandra Diaz-Velasco, AIA, ASID, LEED AP BD+C, Principal Architect, EOLO A&I Design
  Miami, Fla.
  South Florida Chapter
  Brickell Penthouse
  Images: https://nkba.imagerelay.com/ml/827a934299424880a3f84f004750211e

TRADITIONAL BATH, LARGE (250 Square Feet and Over)

- First Place
  Jenny Madden, Allied ASID, Founder, Jenny Madden Design
  Hoboken, N.J.
  Townhouse Retreat
  Images: https://nkba.imagerelay.com/ml/47d34ef249134780aabad5ed3329bcb9

- Second Place
  Bill Livingston, CKD, CLIPP, Owner, Livecentric Kitchen & Bath
  Oklahoma City, Okla.
  Poised Oasis
  Images: https://nkba.imagerelay.com/ml/fed86ae53fa6423c8b5639b2876a5e8c

- Third Place
  Dalit Dray, Owner and Design Director, Dray Design Group
  Aventura, Fla.
  Master Bathroom
TRADITIONAL BATH, SMALL (Under 250 Square Feet)

- First Place
  Dvira Ovadia, Owner, Dvira Interiors
  Toronto, Ontario
  Ontario/Canada Chapter
  Industrial Boys Bathroom
  Images: https://nkba.imagerelay.com/ml/4963470bc6824ef86a8ce4926c1e2ef5

- Second Place
  Dvira Ovadia, Owner, Dvira Interiors
  Toronto, Ontario
  Ontario/Canada Chapter
  Jewel Powder Room
  Images: https://nkba.imagerelay.com/ml/668f2e31974fb91357196b43f33

- Third Place
  Cassia Wyner, AKBD, Founder, CW Design
  Brookline, Mass.
  Northern New England Chapter
  Shower Art
  Images: https://nkba.imagerelay.com/ml/331ef8b186c485f9013874a0e225843

LIVING IN PLACE

- First Place
  Kendall Ansell, Principal, Kendall Ansell Interiors
  Vancouver, British Columbia
  British Columbia Chapter
  Reed — Cote
  Images: https://nkba.imagerelay.com/ml/508bfc11b4be8daeb10e3e91a34

BUILDER-REMODELER

- First Place
  Matthew Ferrarini, Principal Designer and Co-Founder, Ferrarini & Co.
  Elkins Park, Pa.
  Mid-Atlantic Chapter
  California Dreaming
  Images: https://nkba.imagerelay.com/ml/6e781847e54b61ada127a9fbade3b2

OUTDOOR KITCHEN

- First Place
  Elma Gardner, CMKBD, Owner and Principal Designer, By Design
  Davis, Calif.
  California Capital Chapter
  Images: https://nkba.imagerelay.com/ml/0b6d4a95f20d40e3ab6b9aa0868bfba

Judges for the two-round competition included designers Cheryl Kees Clendenon; Peter Salerno, CMKBD; Rebekah Zaveloff, CKD; Richard Anuszkiewicz; Dawn DeLuca, AKBD, CLIPP, CAPS; Vicky
STUDENT DESIGN COMPETITION

Also recognized at the awards ceremony were the winners of the 2019 Student Design Competition which tasked students to design either a kitchen or bath project for an imaginary 30-something couple living in San Francisco. More than 300 students submitted projects into the contest which was sponsored by Cambria.

Bath Winners

- First Place – Victoria Sharkey, Front Range Community College
- Second Place – Thao Mai, Georgian College
- Third Place – Shaelynn Brisbourne, Lakeland College

Kitchen Winners

- First Place – Emily Hartley, Lakeland College
- Second Place – Allison Jones, Henry Ford College
- Third Place – Kata Hayes, Front Range Community College

All of the winning students were awarded a scholarship prize.

INNOVATIVE SHOWROOM AWARDS

Awards were also presented to the winners of the NKBA Innovative Showroom Awards which recognizes the kitchen and bath industry’s most creative, innovative and experiential showrooms in North America. While there are no monetary prizes awarded to competition winners, the industry holds the Innovative Showroom Award winners in high honor as the award recognizes the creative design professionals—architects, technology integrators, designers, furniture makers and display experts—who are masters of design, marketing and sales. Congratulations to this year’s showrooms.

Best Overall Showroom
Nar Design Group
Sacramento, California
https://www.nardesigngroup.com/

Best Independent Showroom – Large
Signature Kitchen Suite Experience & Design Center
Napa, California
Best Independent Showroom – Medium
Nar Design Group
Sacramento, California
https://www.nardesigngroup.com/

Best Independent Showroom - Small
Royal Green Appliance Center
New York, New York
https://www.royalgreenny.com/

Best Multi-Location Showroom – Medium
JennAir Experience Center
https://www.jennair.com/content/jennair/en_us/where-to-buy.html

Best Multi-Location Showroom- Large
Kohler Signature Store by Supply New England
Natick, Massachusetts
https://www.kohlersignaturestorenatick.com/

Click link to download high-res images of each winning showroom
https://nkba.imagerelay.com/fl/d5fcd84bb77e40b0bc52dc7e43c45e05

Winners were determined by an advisory panel of NKBA members, former showroom award winners and media:
- **Joe Feinberg**, Executive Vice President, Allied Kitchen & Bath, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla
- **Danielle Burger**, CMKBD, Owner, Kitchen Vitality Design, LLC, Charlotte, N.C.
- **Peter Salerno**, CMKBD, Owner, Peter Salerno, Inc., Wycoff, N.J.
- **Jon Barfell**, Senior Marketing Manager, Liebherr USA, Miami
- **Chelsie Butler**, Executive Editor, Kitchen & Bath Business (KBB), Atlanta

**CHAIRMAN’S AWARD**

Also honored during the ceremony was this year’s recipient of the NKBA Chairman’s Award.

Regarded as one the association’s highest honors, the NKBA Chairman’s Award was created in 2009 (originally as the President’s Award) to recognize industry leaders for their unparalleled positive impact on the NKBA and the industry. The winner of the 2020 NKBA Chairman’s Award was presented by 2019 NKBA Chairman Steve Joseph to **Signature Kitchen Suite and LG Electronics**, and accepted by LG North America CEO Thomas Yoon. SKS has been a staunch supporter and partner of the NKBA Thirty Under 30 program helping to mentor future industry leaders.

The 2020 Kitchen + Bath Design Competition & Industry Awards were generously sponsored by **2020** (platinum sponsor), **The Home Depot** (gold sponsor) and **Control4** (silver sponsor).
The NKBA Design + Industry Awards are the kick-off event for the annual Kitchen & Bath Industry Show (KBIS) held January 21-23, 2020, at the Las Vegas Convention Center.

KBIS 2021 will be held Feb. 9-11, 2021, in Orlando, FL.

About the National Kitchen & Bath Association and the Kitchen & Bath Industry Show
The National Kitchen & Bath Association (NKBA) is the not-for-profit trade association that owns the Kitchen & Bath Industry Show® (KBIS), as part of Design and Construction Week® (DCW). With nearly 50,000 members in all segments of the kitchen and bath design and remodeling industry, the NKBA has educated and led the industry since the association’s founding in 1963. The NKBA envisions a world where everyone enjoys safe, beautiful and functional kitchen and bath spaces. The mission of the NKBA is to inspire, lead and empower the kitchen and bath industry through the creations of certifications, specialty badges, marketplaces and networks. For more information, visit www.nkba.org or call 1-800-THE-NKBA (843-6522).

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About KBIS
KBIS, in conjunction with the National Kitchen & Bath Association (NKBA), is an inspiring, interactive platform that showcases the latest industry products, trends and technologies. KBIS is the voice of the kitchen and bath industry and has been for 50+ years.
In 2013, the National Kitchen & Bath Association (NKBA) and National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) announced an agreement to co-locate the Kitchen & Bath Industry Show (KBIS) with the International Builders’ Show (IBS) in Las Vegas in February 2014 under the banner of Design & Construction Week®. In 2018, both organizations extended the agreement through 2026. The mega-event returns to Orlando Feb. 9-11, 2021. NKBA and NAHB will continue to produce separate educational programming and special events, though one pass provides access to both shows.

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