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The NKBA Reveals 2017 Design Competition Winners

More than 20 outstanding kitchen and bath professionals honored at the Design Competition and Industry Awards Ceremony held during KBIS 2017

HACKETTSTOWN, N.J. (JANUARY 10, 2017) — The National Kitchen & Bath Association (NKBA) recently announced the winners of the 2017 NKBA Design Competition at the Design Competition and Industry Awards ceremony held January 9 at Epcot’s World Showplace in Orlando. The awards event, held prior to the opening day of the 2017 Kitchen and Bath Industry Show (KBIS®), opened its doors to nearly 400 industry professionals. More than 20 individuals were honored across six main kitchen and bath categories and six specialty categories.

“The NKBA Design Competition offers our members the opportunity to demonstrate their design abilities and stand out in the industry,” said NKBA CEO Bill Darcy. “With an emphasis on innovative concepts and creative expression, this competition communicates the value of professional design to consumers and the industry at large.”

Lori Carroll from Lori Carroll & Associates, Tuscon, Ariz., won the Best Bath award for her modern and sleek master bath design. In addition to this award, Carroll was also named the winner in the Large Bath category (first place) and the Powder Room category (first and third place).

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For her Best Bath design, Carroll incorporated contemporary materials with a neutral color scheme, an oval bathtub for an inviting focal point, metallic glazed tiles with a solid bronze liner, and floating shelves for practical storage.

Elma Yvette Gardner, CMKBD, CID, from By Design Studio in Davis, Calif., secured the Best Kitchen award for her stunning, contemporary kitchen which incorporated abundant natural light, a warm and vibrant color palette, porcelain tile floors, and comfortable island seating. Gardner’s design also won first place in the Large Kitchen category.

For the 2017 NKBA Design Competition, a panel of six, certified industry experts evaluated hundreds of entries from across the United States and Canada. All participating projects were scored on various criteria, including safety and ergonomics, elements and principles of design, design planning, creativity and presentation. The 2017 NKBA Design Competition judging panel included Kathleen F. Donohue, CMKBD; Christine K. Dreith, CMKBD; Jennifer L. Gilmer, CKD; Mark Keiser, CKD, CBD; Carl A. Smith, CKD, CBD; and Mark T. White, CMKBD.

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The winners of the 2017 NKBA Design Competition are:

**Best Kitchen**
- Elma Yvette Gardner, CMKBD, CID; By Design Studio, Davis, Calif.

**Best Bath**
- Lori Carroll; Lori Carroll & Associates, Tuscon, Ariz.

**Before & After Kitchen**
- Lauren Levant; Lauren Levant Interior, Pittsburgh, Pa.

**Before & After Bath**
- Andrea Lupo; Lupo Interiors, LLC, Rochester Hills, Mich.

**Budget-Friendly Kitchen**
- Cheryl Kees Clendenon; In Detail Interiors, Pensacola, Fla.
Budget-Friendly Bath
- Molly Hustoft; Designer Homes Interiors, Coeur d’Alene, Idaho

Green Design
- Cassandra Nordell-MacLean; William Standen Co., Sarnia, Ontario,

Universal Design
- Diane Foreman, CKBD; Neil Kelly Co., Seattle, Wash.

Clay Lyon Builder/Remodeler Honorary Award
- Gina Bon, CMKBD; Airoom, LLC, Lincolnwood, Ill.

Small Kitchen
- First Place: Davida Rodriguez, Davida’s Kitchen & Tiles, Gaithersburg, Md.
- Second Place: Hannah Hacker, AKBD, Adapt Design, LLC, Beaverton, Ore.
- Third Place: John Buchanan, John Buchanan Design Associates, Denver, Colo.
- Honorable Mention: Christopher Hoover, Environmental Design Services, Belvedere Tiburon, Calif.
- Honorable Mention: Cheryl Kees Clendenon, In Detail Interiors, Pensacola, Fla.

Medium Kitchen
- First Place: Lauren Levant, Lauren Levant Interior, Pittsburgh, Pa.
- Second Place: Dedra Hinano Nahinu, CKD, Inspiration Interiors, Honolulu, Hawaii
- Honorable Mention: Janice J. Page, CKD, Allied ASID, PKsurroundings, Exeter, N.H.
- Honorable Mention: Nar Bustamante, Nar Fine Carpentry, Carmichael, Calif.

Large Kitchen
- First Place: Elma Yvette Gardner, CMKBD, CID, By Design Studio, Davis, Calif.
- Second Place: Gina Bon, CMKBD, Airoom, LLC, Lincolnwood, Ill.
- Third Place: Sandra Gjesdahl, Bristol Design & Construction, Seattle, Wash.

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Powder Room
- First Place: Lori Carroll, Lori Carroll & Associates, Tuscon, Ariz.
- Third Place: Lori Carroll, Lori Carroll & Associates, Tuscon, Ariz.
- Honorable Mention: Jaque Bethke, Pure Design Environments, Eden Prairie, Minn.

Small Bath
- Honorable Mention: Gail Monica Dent, Provanti Designs, Inc., Redmond, Wash.

Large Bath
- First Place: Lori Carroll, Lori Carroll & Associates, Tuscon, Ariz.
About the National Kitchen & Bath Association

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 14,000 member companies representing tens of thousands of members in all segments of the kitchen and bath 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, marketplaces and networks. For more information, visit NKBA.org or call 1-800-THE-NKBA (843-6522).

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