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Holiday Greetings from The President...

Steve's excited about the new look of kitchens and baths for 2008!!

The kitchen and bath industry is synonymous with the fashion industry; forever changing styles and colors coupled with updated variations on age old classics. 2008 is shaping up to be a product paradise for consumers as they make choices for every facet of a kitchen, bath or room design.

There is currently a huge influx of products that are redefining the kitchen and bath market...and your home. Homeowners in our area use our expertise at Cabinets Plus in striving to maximize space and adhere to function as we help them personalize their homes for the way they live their lives. In this newsletter issue we'll discuss the merits of several new product choices we're showcasing in the Cabinets Plus kitchen showroom. We'll also introduce you to Shannon Phillips, our new creative designer whose attention to subtle details sets her work above others.

We want to partner with you as we take a collaborative approach to redefining your home. We invite you to visit our showroom where we have beautiful hands-on vignettes and selection centers available. Our designers are here to assist you with a room design and space planning that will exceed your expectations. All of these tools help make the remodeling process more fun...and the end result; a beautiful room that meets your individual needs and that you can be proud of for years to come.

Come on in and visit us sometime soon. We thank you for your business ...and your friendship. All our best wishes to you and yours in 2008.

Steve Kunzweiler



Cabinets Plus creates office spaces as well as kitchens and baths. In this display, we've highlighted Mouser Cabinetry in a select alder flat panel door. The geometric edging and linear hardware give the cabinetry a more contemporary look. Ribbed glass has been inserted in a lighted vertical lift-up cabinet above the workspace to make it easier to access your customized organization area. Open shelving, which is all the rage in 2008, is featured as a display area. Granite countertops are beautiful anywhere and make a stunning desktop.

Say Hello to Shannon Phillips!!

We're pleased to announce that Cabinets Plus has increased the size of our design team. Shannon comes to us with plenty of experience for her years. She loves to create an energy in a room as she thumbprints it with a homeowner's unique lifestyle. Cabinets Plus clients are already singing her praises! We feel very lucky to have her as a complementary addition to our design team.



Our "Sundance" kitchen features Dynasty cabinetry in cherry with an autumn coffee glaze, accented with antique bronze hardware. A large apron farm sink brings focus to the sink wall while still being amazingly functional. The smooth gloss texture of the dark quartz countertop and rough textured cultured stone backsplash play well together in this English Country style kitchen.

Sinks and Faucets are getting larger and more style-conscious. Sinks also need to be versatile. We're selling more single-bowl, larger sinks to accommodate sizeable items that are not able to fit in the dishwasher. Ease of cleaning and maintenance are key to selecting a kitchen sink. Larger faucets are on the rise to match the larger sinks. Faucets are the most heavily used piece of equipment in the kitchen. The faucet is highly visible and contributes to the kitchen's overall appeal. We highlight current and emerging trends for sinks and faucets in our showroom designs.

SINKS

Popular Materials for the kitchen:

- Stainless Steel
- Corian (especially when integrated with Corian countertops)
- Fired Clay
- Porcelain (available in a variety of color finishes)
- Hammered Copper

Popular Types:

- Large Single Bowl
- Farm Sink with Apron Front
- Island Prep Sinks
- Double-bowl sinks, one small for rinsing, one larger for cleaning

FAUCETS

Popular Types:

- Wall-mounted Faucets
- High arching faucets

Popular Finishes:

- Stainless Steel
- Brushed Nickel
- Oil Rubbed Bronze is climbing in popularity

Controls:

- Single control faucets remain popular for their ease of use.
- Extended reach faucets
- High spouts and pull-out sprays are top sellers



This corner sink display highlights the under mount single-bowl stainless sink with a blackened bronze bridge faucet. Our "Restaurant at Home" look features open shelving and apothecary drawers which both invite ease of access for special items in your kitchen. The tile pattern compliments the dark quartz countertop which is offset by cabinets with a glazed paint finish.

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CABINET TRENDS

MOVEMENT TOWARDS COMBINING STYLES AND FINISHES.
HIGH-END TRENDS DEMAND EXOTIC WOOD SPECIES AND FINISHES.
FORM FOLLOWS FUNCTION WITH AN APPEALING FURNITURE LOOK.
THE USE OF COLOR IS GROWING DUE TO THE POPULARITY OF PAINTED CABINETS.
WOOD HOODS AND APPLIANCE FRONTS TO MATCH CABINETRY

COUNTERTOP TRENDS

SOLID SURFACE AND QUARTZ MATERIAL ARE STILL GREAT ALTERNATIVES TO LAMINATE.
NATURAL STONE FINISHES (EG. GRANITE) REMAIN THE MOST POPULAR.
CONCRETE, CERAMIC AND METAL SURFACES ARE GAINING POPULARITY.

LIGHTING TRENDS

UNDERCABINET LIGHTS FOR ILLUMINATING WORK AREAS.
LAYERED LIGHTING THROUGH A COMBINATION OF FIXTURE STYLES
UPLIGHTING OVER CABINETS TO FEATURE ARTWORK OR TO ACCENTUATE CEILING TREATMENTS.

HARDWARE TRENDS

TRADITIONAL STYLES ARE BEING REPLACED BY CONTEMPORARY AND TRANSITIONAL STYLES.
HARDWARE IS ONE ELEMENT OF A WHOLE-HOUSE CONCEPT INCLUDING DOOR



This Mouser natural oak kitchen includes two distinct countertops, cabinets of varying heights, and contrasting tile patterns. Can lighting as well as traditional fixtures spotlight the work surfaces. Satin chrome hardware compliments the appliances. Glass inserts in the cabinetry are a welcome feature for displaying your favorite collectibles. Pots and pans, as well as table linens and cookbooks store well in full-extension drawers. The stainless warming drawer in the island will keep certain dishes warm while the meal is completed, or will keep an entire meal warm for the late comers to the table. Commercial ovens are very popular in homes with resident "chefs".

The conference room at our Cabinets Plus showroom features a quartz countertop, tray ceiling and can lighting. The intricate trim work around the mission style cabinetry accentuates a display alcove with glass insert cabinetry flanking an arched open display area. Tall cabinets are ideal for plenty of storage in any room of your home.



Quartz countertops are the new worry-free alternative to granite. They are stronger than granite, do not need to be sealed, are highly resistant to scratches and staining and come in a huge variety of colors. Cabinets Plus sells quartz under the names Cambria, DuPont Zodiac and Silestone. They are all created from pure natural quartz, an extremely hard stone crystal mined directly from the earth, epoxy resin binders and sometimes a mix of pigment for different colors not found in nature. Its non-porous nature makes it extremely durable and one of the safest surfaces for food preparation. Although the look of high-end granite still eludes the quartz countertop industry, the number of options available and the consistency and uniformity in any slab make up for any shortcomings. Quartz combines beauty and strength and creates a superior choice for nearly any surface in your home or office. It's a surface that's everlasting.

PROS

- Strength and Durability
- No sealing, polishing or reconditioning needed
- Non-porous; prevents bacteria growth and virtually stain free
- 10 year limited warranty
- Decorative edge treatments available
- Easy cleanup with warm water and a non-abrasive cleaner

CONS

- Use a hot pad or trivet when placing a hot pan on quartz
- Sinks can be under-mounted or over mounted, but not integrated like Corian
- Visible seams
- Cost

Cabinets Plus Maintenance Tip

Stainless Steel Sinks:

A sink purchased through Cabinets Plus is made from the finest nickel bearing stainless steel. Its mellow satin surface harmonizes with any color scheme...and décor. Timeless. Elegant. And, like fine silver, its look becomes lovelier with use and age. Your sink is solid stainless and with proper care and maintenance will give you a lifetime of service.

- **The most effective cleansers for stainless steel sinks are Bar Keepers Friend, Lawrence Right Work and Zud.**
- **Do...** Rinse thoroughly after each use. Thorough rinsing can be done by running the water for a few minutes and rubbing the cleaned area with a sponge.
- **Do...** Towel dry after each use to prevent mineral deposits from building up on the surface of the sink.
- **Do....** Scour the sink once a week, being sure to rub in the direction of the satin finish lines, using a recommended cleanser.
- **Don't...** Scour the sink across the satin finish lines. Scouring across the satin finish lines can damage the original sink finish.
- **Don't...** Use a steel wool pad to clean your sink. If a more abrasive product is needed, use a green Scotch Brite pad being sure to rub in the direction of the satin finish lines.
- **Don't...** Use rubber mats or dishpans unless you remove them after each use.

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Merry Christmas
and
Happy New Year
2008
from all of us
at
Cabinets Plus!!



In
Loving
Memory
Of

Claudia
Penna

We lost our dear friend and a wonderful designer on November 18th, 2007. Claudia passed away suddenly after only seven months of retirement with her husband in Rio Rancho, New Mexico. We ask that you remember Claudia and her family in your prayers. For those of you who had the opportunity to tap into her creative spirit, remember her for the wonderfully unique design talents she possessed that continue to live on in your homes.

WHY US YOU ASK?

Thanks, *Cabinets Plus!*



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