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KUNZWEILER FAMILY OWNED AND OPERATED SINCE 1962

Kent Kunzweiler answers "What's Coming in 2009 ?"

So Much Is New!

At Cabinets Plus, we have a new look about us; an updated exterior to our building and new parkway and window signs. We're hearing that our enhanced street appeal makes us easier to find. That's a good thing for you!

And great things are happening! First, consumer awareness of our industry is growing with so many publications and cable programs promoting the kitchen and bath industry. Secondly, the awareness of environmental issues and sustainable design is one of the fastest growing segments in kitchen and bath renovation. We're ready to talk about how your home can benefit from a change, including energy and cost benefits.

Our 4500 square foot showroom is evolving with the times. As "green" continues to grow in popularity, our design team constantly works to stay updated and offer the balance between the dream and the reality of green design. One of our new kitchen displays features Mouser Custom Cabinetry's Prizma EuroStyle line along with Vetrazzo recycled glass and Paperstone recycled paper countertops. We have also incorporated LED undercabinet lighting and Shaw "green edge" flooring. Other kitchen and bath displays are featuring new quartz colors, new tile patterns and colors, updated faucets and fixtures. I invite you to come in and see what's new.

My brother Dave will begin teaching classes at our showroom. He has taught at 13 of the local libraries, presenting loads of good practical information about kitchen and bathroom remodeling. We will now be offering the same greatly acclaimed program at the showroom. Look for the announcement in this newsletter and make your reservation. I assure you it will be an enjoyable and educational event.

Plenty Remains The Same!

At Cabinets Plus, we're committed to affordable quality design and craftsmanship. With over 45 years in the business, we're proud of our end product – Happy Customers! That's why we do a great deal of referral work in the Northwest suburbs. Thank you for sending in your friends and family and showing your confidence in our expertise.

Inside this newsletter edition, we'll update you about a new cabinet line from Mouser Custom Cabinetry with whom we've had a 20+ year partnership, talk about the push toward a more eco-friendly, energy efficient world and introduce you to our educational programming. There's an open invitation for you to stop by our showroom and discuss a project you have in mind for your home – kitchen, bath, office, laundry room; whatever you'd like to come your way in 2009.

All the best to you and yours,

Kent Kunzweiler, VP



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Mouser Custom Cabinetry

Eco-Friendly Products



Mouser CUSTOM CABINETRY

Environmental Stewardship Commitment

Mouser Custom Cabinetry will continue the pursuit of opportunities to improve air quality and emissions, utilize sustainable products, reduce material waste, increase recycling efforts, and demonstrate good corporate citizenship toward the community in which we operate. We will hold our suppliers and vendors to the same high standards we employ and pursue, and we will educate those who are less active in environmental stewardship programs.

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM
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PRIZMA EuroStyle Full Access Cabinetry

Mouser Custom Cabinetry is located in Elizabethtown, Kentucky. Mouser emphasizes the unparalleled beauty and elegance of natural wood design choices for every room in your life. Since 1955, their reputation translates into a product created for you from an outstanding selection of wood species, color choices and specialty finish collections. Mouser employees devote all of their time to the craftsmanship of the finest custom cabinetry for your home.

Cabinets Plus is proud of our longstanding 20+ year relationship with Mouser Custom Cabinetry. We have many Mouser displays and over 50 door style samples in our showroom. Their proven record with our clients is unsurpassed. That is why we are thrilled to introduce this new Mouser product to the public.

Mouser has recently introduced PRIZMA EuroStyle Full Access cabinetry, which embodies the same exceptional quality standards, finish techniques, design flexibility and styling found in every Mouser Custom Cabinet product. Additionally, the customization options and the attractive price point enhance the appeal of this new full access product. Since the cabinets do not have front frames, full access cabinetry features larger full-overlay doors and more spacious interiors. Drawer boxes are dovetailed, doweled and glued, and they're wider, providing more room for serving utensils, silverware, foodstuffs and kitchen linens. The cabinet doors are outfitted with Blum "clip-on" hinges so they are easily removed when it come time to clean your cabinetry. Our showroom features two complete displays of PRIZMA EuroStyle Full Access cabinetry from Mouser, a certified company with the Environmental Stewardship Program.



Mouser Prizma EuroStyle full-access cabinetry is featured in our showroom's "green" kitchen display. We're also showing a 2 1/4" lyptus wood prep top alongside a Blanco siligranit prep bowl, LED undercabinet lighting and Shaw's green-edge maple floor. DalTile is shown on the walls and oven hood, complimenting the recycled countertops.

Sustainable design is one of the fastest growing segments in the kitchen and bath industry and there is a significant move toward building spaces that offer superior indoor air quality and energy efficiency. Cabinets Plus is committed to using environmentally responsible goods and services. Our team continues to work together to find the balance between the dream and the reality of Green Design. Here's some of what's impacting our ideas as we focus on advances in technology, products and design.



A Paperstone gunmetal colored countertop and Vetrazzo Chivalry blue raised peninsula pair well in the Mouser display. The vibrant blue colored glass in the Vetrazzo is actually made from Skyy Vodka bottles.

VETRAZZO

"EVERY COUNTERTOP HAS A STORY"

Recycled glass bottles, including coke, wine, and colored alcohol bottles as well as old windshields, traffic lights and more are now being repurposed for beautiful kitchen countertops and bath vanities. The product is 85-90% post consumer "Made in the USA" waste and it was named winner of the Green Log Award in 2008. Vetrazzo is the only manufacturer of recycled countertops to offer a 10 year warranty for this durable material that you maintain just like granite.

PAPERSTONE

A PAPER COUNTERTOP THAT'S RATED 10 ON THE HARDNESS SCALE

Paperstone countertops are made from 100% post consumer recycled paper and infused with a cashew phenolic resin. It's VERY green, and resistant to 650° and comes with a 15 year warranty. Countertops come in a variety of colors and thicknesses. Even Williams and Sonoma sells cutting boards made of Paperstone marketed under the "Eco Boards" brand.



Family Traditions

Cabinets Plus and Mouser Cabinetry (their Elizabethtown, Kentucky plant shown above) have enjoyed a long relationship as family-owned businesses with presidents Steve Mouser and Steve Kunzweiler. Both families came from humble beginnings to enjoy growth into a third generation. The companies are built upon a simple ideal; "Treat the customer with respect and provide good quality service and the rest will fall into place."

Getting the Green Light

Energy Efficient Lighting Sources Enhance the Kitchen and Bath



Lighting ranks fifth in terms of energy consumed in the home, trailing only after refrigerators, airconditioners, space heaters and water heaters. Cabinets Plus is turning to fixtures that not only enhance a room aesthetically, but also reduce its energy footprint. Thankfully, attractive options abound. Perhaps the most noteworthy trend in recent years has been the LEDs, which offer a long lamp life of 50,000 hours—20 times that of the average halogen lamp. CFLs use about 75% less energy than standard incandescent sources and last up to 10 times longer; all this without sacrificing the aesthetic of a light fixture! Manufacturers have greatly expanded their decorative fixture offerings to include everything from pendants and chandeliers to ceiling fixtures and wall sconces. Switching to LEDs also leaves a great deal of green in consumers' pockets. With lighting accounting for up to 15% of a home's electric bill, replacing, say, halogen sources with LEDs can lower energy costs by 80 to 90 percent. Consumers are now realizing that reducing their electricity usage from a 20W halogen to a 3W LED can mean huge cash savings, which is essential in today's challenging economic environment.



Stop by our showroom and see our new look!



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USE AND CARE OF YOUR MOUSER CABINETS

Because our cabinetry is built from wood products, it should be cared for like wood furniture, even our solid color products. Our MDF door styles must be cleaned with products intended for wood. MDF is not a waterproof material. Even though it has the appearance of a laminate once it is finished, water will still penetrate through solid color material and cause the wood fibers to swell, particularly in profiled areas.

Finish - Mouser cabinets have a tough, durable catalyzed varnish finish which is highly resistant to moisture and household chemicals. We recommend you use Guardsman Furniture Polish at least monthly to keep your cabinets well protected and looking good. Guardsman Furniture Care Products can be found in the housewares department of many discount stores. To remove oil, grease or daily spills, use a clean, damp cloth, then dry thoroughly. Do not use dishcloths, harsh detergents, abrasive cleaners, spray cleaners, strong soaps or paste wax.

Scratches, Chips, Dents - It's practically impossible to prevent scratches, chips and dents over years of use. Touch-up putty sticks and marking pens are available through your dealer to help you make minor repairs.

Proper Storage and Environmental Controls: Humidity - Wood is like a sponge. It can absorb moisture or dry out, depending on the environment. Excessive humidity can result in warpage and expanding of the wood. Also, a lack of sufficient humidity during the winter heating season can cause shrinkage of the wood. This is especially true on solid wood doors. We recommend a complete heating and cooling cycle to allow doors to adjust to your home's environment. It is important to control the humidity in your home all year round, especially if you have a fireplace or a wood stove. Mouser cabinetry is to be stored or installed in an environment with a constant Humidity level of 40% - 55%.

Caution!

Self-cleaning appliances generate intense heat during a cleaning cycle and the integrity of the appliance seal or gasket may be compromised with age, improper installation, etc. We recommend the removal of doors and/or drawers from cabinets adjacent to, or directly above, an appliance during a cleaning cycle to prevent possible finish or surface damage.

Take A Class
SO YOU WANT TO REMODEL
YOUR BATHROOM?

Cabinets Plus is presenting two dates of a one-night course in bathroom remodeling at the showroom. Seating is limited. Call now to reserve your space.

Wednesday, December 10, 2009

Tuesday, January 20, 2009

7:30-9:00 pm

Dave Kunzweiler, one of the four brothers and owners, has taught this informational course to hundreds of folks at the local libraries. He has received high praise for both his academic and entertaining approach to an exciting subject.

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Another Happy Homeowner says...

...Thanks Cabinets Plus!

October 17, 2008

To the team at Cabinets Plus,

As you know, your company recently finished a major remodeling project for me. This was the second time I have used Cabinets Plus. You are two for two! I met with Shannon to discuss my bedroom and bathroom remodeling project. After meeting with her just one time, I returned again. I thought she was just going to talk with me and perhaps show me some cabinets, etc. Little did I know she had selected cabinetry, tile, faucets, etc. for my project. I fell in love with all of her selections. Over the course of the remodeling project a few things changed, but Shannon's design advice was always right on and perfectly suited to my style. In addition to making great design suggestions, Shannon was very accessible. She was very quick to return my phone calls and address any issues that did arise.

I appreciated the fact that I received personal attention for my project from beginning to end. Dave provided me with periodic updates as to the status and schedule of my project. Dave also was very quick to return my phone calls.

Thanks also to Kevin and Tim for the hours that they spent demolishing and then rebuilding my closet and bath. They were always friendly, courteous and neat. Debris was removed from my garage daily. All of the subcontractors arrived on the day they were scheduled and did top notch work as well.

Of course, no major project is without glitches, but I can honestly say that your company handled my few concerns promptly and with professionalism. I am absolutely thrilled with my new bedroom, closet and bath and I know that I will enjoy it for years to come.

I would highly recommend your company to anyone contemplating a kitchen or bathroom remodeling project.

With sincere thanks,
Chris B., Mt. Prospect

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