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NKBA Wisconsin/Upper Michigan Chapter

President's Corner by Lisa Nienhaus CKD,CBD

Special points of interest:

- Upcoming meetings
- Design competition
- Design Gala
- Study group?

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The New Year is always filled with new promises, new resolutions and new hope.

I hope 2012 has found all of you healthy and off to a good start! I feel a lot of optimism for the upcoming year.

I hope you were able to join us for the January meeting held at Terrazzo and Marble Supply in Menomonee Falls. Our meeting was well attended, and Terrazzo and Marble showed us some fantastic looking stone, in addition to a great CEU presentation.

Our 2012 Board of Directors has a great year planned for you! Be sure to stay tuned for our upcoming chapter meetings. Some of our meetings will include topics like: Universal Design, getting along with intergenerational coworkers in the workplace, and lighting, just to name a few. It's going to be a great year for learning and networking!

And what better place to network and learn than KBIS? We are fortunate to have KBIS back in Chicago this year. This year's show is during the week, April 24 – 26. Registration is now open at www.kbis.com. I hope you are able to attend KBIS, even if it's just a day. There are some new changes to KBIS this year as well, and I, for one, am anxious to find out what they are! With Candice Olson as the Keynote speaker on Tuesday morning, KBIS will be kicking off with a great start.

Well, changes abound for this year's NKBA "Dreams to Reality" Design Competition. We have a lot more categories in which to enter this year. This year's Gala will be like nothing you've ever seen before. We will be offering a full day of CEU's and fun in beautiful Spring Green. More information is in this newsletter about the changes to the competition and our fun day in Spring Green. Whether you enter the design competition this year, or not, please plan to attend the full long day of CEU and learning in Spring Green. You won't want to miss this one!

Change can sometimes be a scary thing. I sometimes need reminding that change can be good. Changes can be the best thing that's ever happened to us.

I hope 2012 brings the changes you hope for.

I look forward to talking to you at the next NKBA meeting.

Lisa Nienhaus, CKD, CBD

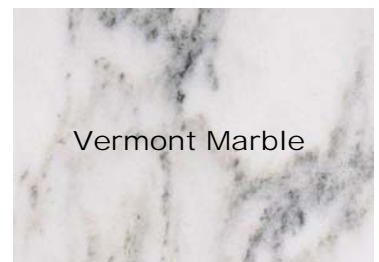
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The January chapter meeting was held at Terrazzo & Marble Supplies' new Milwaukee location. The membership were treated to appetizers, sandwiches and memorable deserts. After walking thru their local inventory and enjoying conversations with other members, the CEU presentation was started by Tom Mikrut.

The "World of Stone" presentation covered:

1. **Why Natural Stone?**
2. **Types of Stone**
3. **Quarrying & Fabricating**
4. **Innovations..**
 Advanced Vacuum Process AVP,
 locally quarried stones ie: Vermont Marble, Limestone tile
 Satin Finish aka Lether,
 new & improved precioustone Collection, Gemstone Slabs
5. **Installations**
6. **Project Considerations**
 Identify stone that fits with the budget
 What to consider with exterior applications?
 Time frame for production and delivery



There was a great attendance and everyone enjoyed the evenings events.



It has begun....

Beginning January 1st, 2011 every single day more than 10,000 Baby Boomers reach the age of 65. This is going to keep happening for the next 19 years.

"89% of seniors want to age in place....and more than half are concerned about their ability to do so."

Source: Aging in Place in America study

"Aging in Place with Dignity and Comfort "

March 21st

Sponsored by:



Location: **Marling Homeworks**
1138 Hwy 14

(Humes Rd) Janesville, Wi

Special presentation:

Jim Scott of Nielsen Marketing

"What's New and Exciting at KBIS 2012"



5:00-5:30pm registration

5:30-6:30pm appetizers/ Tour

6:30-7pm Dinner

7:00-7:30pm special presentation

7:30-8:30pm CEU presentation

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CEU presentation:

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David is an award winning, published 35 year veteran of the kitchen and bath industry. Owner of a kitchen and bath studio in New York City for 30 years, relocating to Florida 7 years ago as an independent designer/ manufacturer's representative. A noted industry professional, David's work has appeared in; *The New York Times* (Home Section), *The Los Angeles Times*, *House Beautiful*, *Ladies Home Journal*, *House and Garden*, *Kitchen Bath & Business*, *Florida Kitchens & Baths*, *Kosher Gourmet* and numerous other design magazines and trade publications. David has been a guest speaker at KBIS, NARI, ASID and numerous other industry related national and local events, where he looks at business through his many years of experience.

David is also a Design Specialist for "Kosher Living" and a manufacturers rep for Breathe Easy Cabinetry for indoor air quality.

AGING IN PLACE WITH DIGNITY AND COMFORT..

- There are 76 million baby boomers in the United States who need our help to live in a safe and comfortable environment. Many of these people do not want to leave their home for a facility that offers limited care and mobility. As specialists and experts in design, how do we offer our services to people and their families in need to live out their lives with dignity. Keep in mind that many people are in denial about aging and feel that if they don't talk about it won't affect their lives. Spend 45-60 minutes exploring this topic with helpful information to prove you are the professional who they require to build a successful project.



"Exploring Generation Y"

May 16th

Sponsored by: NKBA

Location: to be announced

Speaker: **Workplace Consultant from Steelcase**



Generation Y (also known as the Millennials) will be the largest segment of the workforce in the future, yet their attitudes and behaviors about work already are being adopted by older generations. This is changing how knowledge work gets done, and what's necessary to create a high performance workplace.

We will explore characteristics and behaviors of Gen Y in the workplace and discuss strategies for how all the generations can best work together in this constantly evolving environment.

This presentation is a must for Baby Boomers, Gen X'ers and Gen Y'ers alike!

Save the date!

Tile trends and Installation Tips

July 18th

Sponsored by: Bella Tile and Stone

Location: **Bella Tile and Stone**
239 Cook Street
Lake Geneva, WI

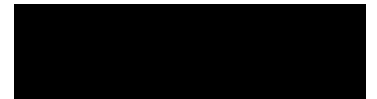


Speaker: Nadine Harris
of Bella Tile and Stone

What will new bathrooms and kitchens be wearing this year?

This chapter meeting includes a tour of a tile showroom and CEU presentation about tile trends and installation tips.

Save the date!





2012 "Dreams to Reality" design competition

Lots of new changes.....

for the 2012 Design Competition!

Entries are due in July, that hasn't changed, but our categories have!

Check out the new categories you can enter in:

new

Category A: A complete residential kitchen with a room size of 150 square feet or less in a renovation or new construction project.

Category B: A complete residential kitchen with a room size of more than 150 square feet but less than 350 square feet in a renovation or new construction project.

Category C: A complete residential kitchen with a room size of more than 350 square feet in a renovation or new construction project.

new

Category D: A complete residential powder room. There is no minimum square footage requirement in this category, however a powder room is defined as a water closet (toilet) and sink only.

Category E: A complete single residential full bathroom (no powder rooms in this category, full bathrooms only) with a room size of less than 100 square feet in a renovation or new construction project.

Category F: A complete single residential bathroom with a room size of more than 100 square feet in a renovation or new construction project.

Category G: Other rooms. Utilization of cabinets, countertops and appliances in other rooms such as (but not limited to): home offices, dining areas, living areas, bedrooms, bar areas, media rooms, etc...

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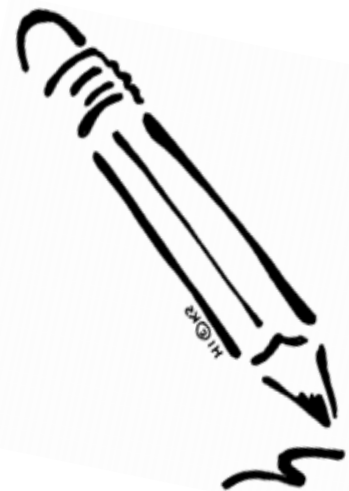
Category H: Showroom category. Has your company done a display recently that you think deserves an award? Enter it into Category H!

Category I: Student Entry. Students at any 2 year or 4 year institution may enter a school kitchen or bath project.

So many more categories to enter in! *How fun is that!*

A couple of other changes to this year's competition include how we want photos sent and the entry fee has changed as well. Check out our website for the current Rules and Regulations and Entry forms.

Questions about the design competition? Contact Lisa Nienhaus at lnienhaus@matcmadison.edu or by phone at 608-243-4158.





Ever been to Taliesin?

Ever been to Spring Green in fall when the leaves are changing?

This is the perfect get away.

The perfect blend of business and pleasure!

This year, we are holding an entire day of fun, education, networking and awards in Spring Green.

Mark Saturday, September 22 on your calendar for this fun filled day!

Schedule of Events:

- **CEU speaker** (topic will be announced soon!) at the House on the Rock Resort hotel
- **Afternoon spent at Taliesin.** While sitting in the theater at Taliesin, you'll be listening to Taliesin's own Historian tell us about life with the audacious Frank Lloyd Wright. This talk will be followed by a special 2 hour tour of Taliesin. (3 hours of CEU's and so much fun!)
- Returning to House on the Rock Resort, join us for **Happy Hour and networking** on the Circle Terrace (along with a surprise guest!). You don't want to miss this happy hour!
- Moving indoors, our evening will continue with dinner and our **"Dreams to Reality" awards.**

More details will be forthcoming about this event, but mark your calendars! Space will be limited. The House on the Rock Resort does fill up this beautiful time of year, so we are in the process of securing some blocks of rooms.

More information will be shared when we have it.

Have you ever had this much fun AND gotten .
4 CEU's in one day!??

For questions about this event; contact Lisa Nienhaus at 608-243-4158 by phone or by email at lnienhaus@matcmadison.edu

Sponsorship opportunities are still available for this event!

Save The Date!

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*"Early in life I had to choose between honest arrogance and hypocritical humility; I chose arrogance."
Frank Lloyd Wright*





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2012 KBIS is coming!



Tuesday, April 24 through
Thursday, April 26

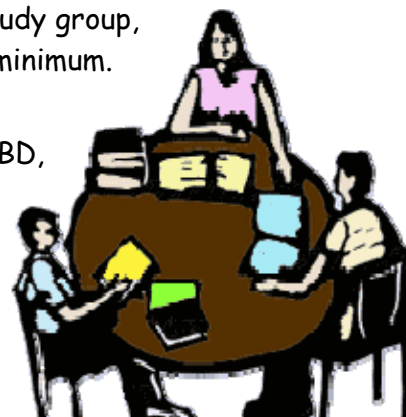
McCormick Place
Chicago, Illinois

Don't forget to register ...

2012 Study Group

The chapter has had some interest in a study group, but need a few more to meet our minimum.

If you are interested, please contact Denise Quade, CMKBD, VP of Professional Development at dmquade@me.com



A virtual study group is also available thru the national chapter at NKBA.org.

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If you would like to offer any feedback on what you would like to see on our website please contact Janean Spears-Dimmig at jspears@1supply.com