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St. Louis Homes & Lifestyles'
2008 Baths of the Year

Showered with luxurious details and smart design innovations, these winning baths are overflowing with brilliant solutions, state-of-the-art technology and the finest in bath design.

high-rise renovation

— more than 300 sq. ft. —

Function was paramount to homeowners Susie and Rick Knopf when they contacted brooksBerry Kitchens & Baths to transform four small rooms in their 1950s high-rise to create a structural master bath suite with an open loft-like feel and copious storage space.

“The juxtaposition of earthy, rugged components and sophisticated casework, a sleek ebonized island and raised-paneled wardrobes work together to push beyond an updated 1950s modern look using graphic elements that provide a beautiful repetition of shape and scale,” says bath designer Chris Berry of brooksBerry Kitchens & Baths.

The focal point of the master bath suite is the double-sided ebonized Wenge wood island with a limestone top that combines both beauty and function. Built upon legs, the island makes the floor and room appear larger, and square glass drawer pulls contribute to the architectural look of room. The impressive space includes a custom-designed, deep aromatherapy tub placed on a wood pedestal and variegated cleft slate tile flooring and shower walls.

Judges' Comments

“The superb integration of storage into the bathroom and the impressive tile feature on the ceiling above the shower inventively define the space. The optimal positioning of the innovative trough sink and the vanity/dressing table between two windows creates the perfect spot for the homeowner to apply her make-up by natural light. The elements of this bathroom evoke a traditional yet eclectic feel.”



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This year's judging panel includes local professionals with varying backgrounds and specialties in the field of design.



Anne Kelleher

Anne has been a designer at Cutter's Custom Kitchens & Baths for over 22 years. Her kitchen and bath designs have been honored in past St. Louis area magazine competitions. Anne is extremely active in raising a daughter, and she is a founding board member of Our Little Haven children's charity in St. Louis.



Louis Rybacki

Louis manages Thompson Price Kitchens, Baths & Home. He has been in the industry for 20 years and specializes in high-end decorative plumbing, which enables him to excel at bathrooms. Whether a bathroom, kitchen, office or laundry room, his designs are known to encompass the entire mood of the space.



Keith Gegg

Keith started Gegg Design & Cabinetry over 12 years ago, and since 2004 has been a 12-time winner of SLHL's kitchen design awards. His firm specializes in truly unique cabinetry that reflects each client's individual style. Creativity and his engineering background have proven to be a successful combination for his designs.

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