

Thank you Brock's Interiors in Poulsbo for hosting our April meeting on Eco Friendly Materials. Brock's has a beautiful showroom filled with floor coverings, wall tiles and more. The food and friendly atmosphere was greatly enjoyed by all.

MEETING NOTES:

AJ Mathison spoke about Cork Floors:

- Cork comes from the bark of oak trees grown in Portugal and North Africa.
- Compared to regular wood trees that are cut down and replanted, Cork bark is peeled off the tree (like peeling an orange) every 7 to 9 years and the tree lives for 200 + years. Cork renews itself; the tree thrives as its bark is peeled away.
- Unique look compared to other wood flooring. Many styles, tints and patterns to choose from. Cork tiles are used for commercial and plank used for residential.
- Cork is wood and quiet under foot, absorbs sound. Cork is also warm and tends to hold heat. Can be used over a radiant heated floor (use a layer of 8 mil polyethylene as a moisture barrier between cork and subfloor).
- It's a resilient floor, like pulling the cork out of a wine bottle, it comes back to the original shape. Cork flooring will do the same, if you drop something on it, Cork tends to recover, unlike other woods. Very durable.
- Cork earns LEED points.
- Cork click planks can be installed on, below and above grade. When installing on cement or below grade, use a layer of 8 mil polyethylene between subfloor and new cork floor.

Shawn Lumas spoke on Linoleum Floors:

- Invented 150 years ago and hasn't really changed, except now we have more color to choose from.
- Linoleum breaks down in landfills. No "off gas" is created.
- Doesn't shrink and it's anti-static equaling less maintenance. Dry buff like a wood product.
- Linoleum is now created like a newspaper on a printing press. Color is all the way through the depth of the product.
- Easy to repair if scratched. Keep an extra piece after installation, scrape off shavings into Elmer's white glue (will dry clear) and put in hole.
- Ambering, a natural phenomenon, can accrue if Linoleum doesn't get enough light. A yellow cast may be created, to correct just allow light to hit the spot. Natural sunlight will work quicker than light bulbs.
- Click planks and Marmoleum work well with radiant heat.
- Can be used in wet areas.
- 150 different colors and variety of designs for trim pieces.
- When being made, has a 3rd layer that is UV baked on and can last for 40 years.
- Linoleum is made out of Rosin, Wood flour, Cork flour, Linseed oil, Limestone, Jute and Pigments.

Joe Gallegos spoke on Bamboo Floors:

- There is good and there is bad bamboo.
- Good bamboo is made from the Moso species, harvested around 5 years old and grown in China.
- On a bamboo stock, the bottom 15 feet is junk because of moisture.
- After harvest, bamboo is boiled, kiln dried to a 5% to 9% moisture content rating and then laminated and processed into blanks which are then milled like traditional hard woods.
- Check the ends of the boards for gaps or holes. Potential failure if the bamboo is not laminated with enough force.
- Check the milling for straightness/tongue and groove of the flooring. Most manufacturers use low quality machinery to mill and have poor tongue and groove and straightness.
- Finish should have 100% aluminum oxide. Joe uses 7 layers.
- Use grade "A" materials only to avoid headaches and problems.
- To install, use glue or nails over radiant heat, concrete or above/below grade.
- Read warranty because many have large loop holes and make customers deal with original manufacturers in China.
- Comes in natural and carbonized colors, grains can be vertical or horizontal and available in pre-finished or unfinished.

Next meeting:
Wednesday, June 13th at Custom Hearth in Port Orchard
301 W State Hwy 16
Registration/Social Hour 6:00 pm
Hearty hors d'oeuvres, wine, beer, & soda
Presentations 7:00 pm



Bob Baker's Design Studio



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Robert M. Baker Jr., CKD has been involved in the kitchen and bath industry throughout his career. As a building materials dealer he established the first kitchen showroom in his area in the 1950's, and opened the first independent kitchen dealership in the area in 1963.

Since selling his business in 1980 Baker has served the industry as association executive, custom shop sales manager, manufacturer's representative, marketing consultant, builder-distributor manager and senior designer, and currently as an independent designer.

As soon as his firm was eligible, Baker joined AIKD in 1965 and organized the Upstate New York Chapter in 1965, serving as chapter chairman 1965-1970. He was elected to the national Board of Directors in 1966, and served in all national offices from 1968 to 1980. Baker was actively involved in the growth of AIKD's membership and programs. As Membership Chairman and President, he personally reviewed every membership application for over four years.

He achieved CKD Certification in 1969 and as NKBA's Director of Administration from 1980 to 1985, Baker brought stability and structure to a staff that was experiencing over 100% annual turnover. He was actively involved in the development of National Kitchen & Bath Month, the computerization of the office, and in the growth of the CKD Program as CKD Administrator. As an active participant in the National Board of Directors as Past President from 1986 to 1990, Baker was a member of the Hall of Fame committee from 1991 to 2001, and served as chairman from 1992 to 2001.

He organized the New Mexico Sub-Chapter in 2002 and served on the NKBA Standards Committee from 2003 to 2005.

Baker spearheaded the organization of the Olympic-West Sound Sub-Chapter in 2006, and currently serves as Chapter Representative.

Photos on the left: Two kitchen projects of Bob Baker's Design Studio



Olympic-West Sound Member News

Creative Countertops, Inc., has moved to a new location, 22285 Stottlemeyer Road, on the corner of Bond Road and Gunderson Road. Along with moving, owner Bill Wyman has doubled his employees from four to eight and has a new "state of the art" Granite Bridge Saw.

The new 3,600 square foot building has a separate granite and CORIAN shop next to a large showroom with 27 display tops and two shower surrounds. Wyman said, "At our new facility we now have more room to display a great selection of quartz and solid surface."

Creative Countertops, Inc is the largest fabricator of SILESTONE, CAESAR STONE, LG Viatera, Han Stone, ZODIAQ quartz surfaces as well as, CORIAN, AVONITE, LG HI-MACS and STARON in Kitsap County.

For more information please visit www.creativecounters.com or call 360-598-3106.

Hire a new employee? Build a new building? If you have any news you would like to share in our newsletter about your business, e-mail Amy Hager at pr@wetapple.com

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Olympic-West Sound Committee Reports

Message from the President:

Not everything that went on in Vegas will stay in Vegas!

For those that missed the show, it was a wonderful event. The show was even larger than two years ago. We were well represented by our local chapter, and probably like me are still nursing sore feet! For those that have never attended, it moves to Chicago next April, mark it on your calendar and try to attend, you'll be glad you did!

We are reaching a critical time with our chapter. I am asking everyone not on a committee to please get involved with one or more committees. I know our committee heads could use the help, and in turn hopefully train our new volunteers to be committee heads. We also need to grow our membership. How do we do this? Bring a non-member to the social hour, I am sure after an hour they will see the benefits we provide locally. Remember for first timers the meeting fee is waived. Another way is to get your employees involved. Call your subs, vendors, printers, even your realtor. Anyone or anybody closely related to the building trade should check us out.

We will continue to run meetings through the summer months. I cannot even imagine another winter like the past one, however we are striving for consistency and continuity so it is important to stick together and continue our efforts. If you have a meeting place, have a speaker in mind, or an idea, we want to hear them all.

If anyone has questions or concerns about our chapter please call me, I want to know. This needs to be an very good experience for everyone, so far I am impressed all our venues, and our peoples efforts- keep up the good work!

I will see you all in June.
Shain Hamilton, KDG

Professional Development committee:

*Upcoming educational programs -

NKBA Masterclass Conference - Green Fusi Albuquerque, NM, July 19-20

Four experts in Green Design will focus on advances in technology and products, as well as how to sell green design to your clients. Contact NKBA at 1-800-843-6522 for more information.

Kitchen & Bath Krafter - Seattle, WA, September 24-26

Intensive three day course in product function and application, measuring, planning using NKBA Planning Guidelines, and profitable and professional selling. Basic knowledge of kitchen and bath layout, cabinetry, and hand drafting are prerequisites.

Go to www.nkba.org or call the number above for more information.

*Two of our members are currently working toward qualifying to take the certification exam in September.

Bob Baker CKD, VP Professional Development

Communications committee:

Our Newsletter needs your help!

Please send us your good news about your company. If you have a new employee, are carrying a new product or just have something nice you want to share, we want to hear it! E-mail Amy Hager at pr@wetapple.com.

If you have any other suggestions about the Newsletter, please send them to pr@wetapple.com.

Hope to see everyone at the June meeting.

Dee Coppola, Wet Apple Media

Membership committee:

Please contact Leslie Rosaschi if you want to help. We are always looking for new members. Contact Leslie at leslie@designed4living.net