

## March 2011

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"Education is not the answer to the question. Education is the means to the answer to all questions."

-- William Allin

## Presidents Message

It is with great delight that I welcome you to our chapter as we begin this New Year filled with hope, excitement and anticipation for a prosperous year for our industry. We move ahead with a new web-site, a new board and a fresh vision for the future.

As a Chapter, it is important that we build a solid foundation with our members and for our members. Our goals are to develop and grow our membership base, create opportunities that will develop rewarding, successful relationships for all of us and most importantly, the opportunities to educate and be educated. As professionals in the kitchen and bath industry, we are and should be the go-to resource for not only our members, but the industry itself and in the communities in which we live.

This year we started with a round table discussion event that brought new thoughts and ideas. Many thanks to the leaders for their input and time: Tracy Corriveau of Designs Options, Shain Hamilton of Old Town Kitchen and Bath, Judith Rammel of Peninsula Design and Wayne Sargent of Express Personnel.

As we look ahead, we look forward to your renewed interest, spirit and participation in creating a dynamic chapter that will benefit everyone. We invite you to take a few minutes to review this year's Calendar of Events, save the dates to your calendar and plan to attend! For those members ready to take a more active role in this exciting year - we invite you to join one of our committees. This year is about NEW beginnings, which means NEW opportunities.

On behalf of your new Board of Directors and myself, I look forward to your membership experience being positive, and one that will contribute to both your personal and professional growth.

All my Best,  
Nancy Finneson, AKBD, Allied ASID  
President, Olympic-West Sound Chapter



## Save the Date & Other News

### SAVE THE DATE

- × **Sequim Home Show**  
March 12th – 13th at the Sequim High School gym
- × **Home & Garden Expo**  
March 18- 20, 2011 Kitsap County Fairgrounds in Bremerton, WA
- × **KBIS** Las Vegas, April 26-28
- × **JeffCo Home Show**  
Jefferson County Fairgrounds in Port Townsend, WA  
May 7-8, 2011

### KITSAP HOME SHOW VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Olympic West Sound NKBA Chapter needs volunteers please contact Nancy Finneson, 253.973.8442, [nancy@deannedesign.com](mailto:nancy@deannedesign.com), to select a shift. If you would like to have project photos on display please deliver mounted photos to Molly McCabe no later than March 17th. Photos should be no more than 30"x 24" and no less than 24"x18". Also if you would like photos of your projects included in the Chapter slide show, please forward your high resolution photos in a zip folder to [info@akitchenthatworks.com](mailto:info@akitchenthatworks.com).

### OLYMPIC-WEST SOUND MEETINGS

- × **April 6:** Kitchen and Bath Studio
- × **June 1:** Estes Builders Model Home
- × **September 14:** TBD
- × **October 12:** Clearwater Casino, National Speaker
- × **November 9:** A Kitchen that Works

### INTERIOR DESIGN LICENSING BILL DIES IN COMMITTEE

House Bill 1788, sponsored by the Interior Design Coalition of Washington, was not included on the hearing agenda of the House Business and Finance Committee, so it died for this legislative session. Thank you to all our members who took the time to voice their opposition to this bill to their legislators. Thanks also to the Puget Sound Chapter, Washington Professionals Protecting Design Freedom, and the Interior Design Protection Council Northwest for their efforts.

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## Washington State NKBA CEUs

### NKBA EDUCATION

In order to meet the increasing educational need for qualified professionals in the kitchen and bath industry, the NKBA created the Professional Development Department. NKBA Professional Development offers courses, both in-person and through convenience learning methods, that provide the learner with the tools necessary to succeed in the demanding kitchen and bath industry. Check out [www.nkba.org](http://www.nkba.org) for more information.

## Kitchen and Bath Industry Show

April 26-28, 2011  
Las Vegas Convention Center. For more information please go to [www.nkba.org](http://www.nkba.org).

## NKBA EDUCATION IN SEATTLE: Decorative Plumbing: A System Approach

March 24, 2011, 9 to 4  
Presented by Paul Greenspan, CAPS.  
.6 CEUs/6 NKBA hours.  
For more information or registration visit [www.nkba.org](http://www.nkba.org)

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## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



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"We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, therefore is not an act but a habit."  
--Aristotle

### **How long have you been a NKBA Member?**

I joined the NKBA Olympic chapter as a "charter" member at the first meeting @ Nilsens Appliances in Silverdale when our chapter was started 5 years ago.

### **Give us a little history on how and when you started Creative Countertops.**

After working for another fabricating company in N.C. for 8 years I moved out here in 2001 & started making solid surface (Corian) countertops in my garage by myself in 2002. Then I did a lot of "cold calling" on local builders, remodelers, designers & cabinet shops to drum up business. Luckily, I was able to rent my first small 900 sf shop in Suquamish after securing a deal to provide all the countertops for a new 40 unit housing development "Alasund Meadows" in Poulsbo. Then I was able to add a couple of assistants to build & install new countertops. We moved to our current facility in 2007 where we have a 3600 sf shop & added equipment to produce stone & quartz countertops. Then in Dec. 2009 we added our new 1800 sf showroom next door. Currently there are 5 office staff & 7 fabricators/installers that have allowed us to produce a kitchen a day for the last 4 or 5 years.

### **What are the different countertop materials you carry/display in your showroom?**

We offer the top brand names in Solid Surface, Quartz, Granite & Tile as well as the new recycled products from natural Bamboo, Eco by Cosentino, IceStone & Ecotops. We also have a couple bathroom vignettes, shower surrounds & a fireplace surround that display great tile applications as well as over 20 large sections of floor tile throughout the entire 1800 sf showroom.

I recently went to Brazil and toured the granite quarries & Cosentino's factory where they process the granite blocks into slabs & hand selected a containers worth (42 slabs) of granite in 7 new colors that should arrive in mid-April.

### **What's your favorite feature in your new showroom?**

We have had a couple smaller showrooms in the past & the best thing about our new showroom is now we have just about any surface product that any customer could want.

### **Which is your favorite material to work with?**

My background is Solid Surface, having fabricating over 3000 kitchens myself since 1993 – so personally I like the Corian & LG HI-MACS. But there are some incredible natural granite colors we have worked with.

### **Anything else you wish to share with your NKBA peers?**

I have just returned from the Board of Directors planning meeting in San Antonio & was really impressed with the experience & professionalism of the people there. It sounds like the upcoming K-BIS will be a great show!