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**Nielsen's *Kitchen and Bath Business*
Presents the 2006 K+BB Design Awards
At Nation's Largest Design Conference in Las Vegas**

New York, NY – May 8, 2007 – A tankless toilet, concealed doorways and open spaces are featured elements of the 2006 K+BB Design Awards, hosted by *Kitchen and Bath Business (K + BB)*, the kitchen and bath professional's most essential resource. The annual awards honor the very best kitchen, bath and showroom designs. The 2006 Awards will be presented on May 9 in Las Vegas at K/BIS, the largest kitchen and bath trade show in the United States (May 8-10), and will be featured in the May issue of *K+BB*.

"These aren't your grandma's kitchens and bathrooms," said *K + BB* publisher Lyle Landon. "With exquisite design, enhanced functionality and the latest product innovations, these kitchens and bathrooms represent the best our industry has to offer. We're pleased to honor these designers and share their work in the pages of *K+BB*."

This year, K+BB received a record 114 entries for the Awards: 81 kitchens, 22 baths and 11 showrooms. And the winners are...

- **Kitchen of the Year:** Ronna Duffy, Northshore Kitchens Plus, Inc., Marblehead, MA This winning remodel overhauls a 1920s kitchen that was designed primarily for servant use. The renovation integrates the kitchen into the rest of the home, improves spatial flow as well as amenities and uses vintage elements to create a cozy atmosphere for the homeowners and their cats.
- **Bath of the Year:** Jay Eiring, Bathhaus, Barrington, IL. The winning bath is a 265-sq.-ft. remodel that foregoes walls for a completely open space. All bath elements—tankless toilet, shower column, tub and vanity—coexist in one attractively barrier-free, contemporary-style room.
- **Showroom of the Year:** Laurie Haefele, Assoc. AIA, Wm Ohs Newport Beach, Newport, CA. This new 1,350-sq.-ft. showroom offers something for everyone. Its two main window displays consist of a contemporary vignette with Poggenpohl cabinetry and a traditional-style kitchen with Wm Ohs cabinetry. The two displays cohabit the space thanks to an oversized hutch that conceals doorways to other parts of the showroom.

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Additional projects were honored with merits and honorable mentions:

- **Kitchen category**
 - Merits: Anita Kealey, The Design Studio Inc., Sioux Falls, SD; Mercedes Farrando, Arclinea Boston, Boston; Mark T. White, CKD, Kitchen Encounters, Annapolis MD; David Stimmel, Stimmel Consulting Group, Ambler, PA
 - Honorable mentions: Tim Rizek, Rizek Custom Homes, Albuquerque, NM; Ruth C. Thompson, New Angle Design, Allison Park, PA; Mark T. White, Kitchen Encounters, Annapolis, MD; Christine Jurs, The Advance Design Studio, Inc., Gilberts, IL; Nancy Lake, CKD, Kitchens By Nancy

- **Bath category**
 - Merit: Steuart Gray, Steuart Gray Architect, Hamden, CT; Robyn Muto, Positive Environments, Rochester, NY
 - Honorable mentions: Marcio Decker, Home Concepts and Aspen Leaf Interiors, Truckee, CA; Eva Clemens, Studio Europa, Inc., San Diego, CA

- **Showrooms**
 - Merit: Bruce Trevarrow, Trevarrow, Inc., Auburn Hills, MI
 - Honorable mentions: Cheryl Hamilton-Gray, CKD, Hamilton-Gray Design, Inc., Carlsbad, CA; Robert Zebrowski, ASID, CKD, Extraordinary Works, Troy, MI

“The entries received for the 2006 K+BB Design Awards were truly the most creative we’ve seen,” said *K+BB* Editor-in-Chief Christina Trauthwein. “We’re excited to see the talent and innovation that next year’s group will bring and encourage all designers to enter.”

The deadline for the 2007 K+BB Design Awards is February 1, 2008. For more information on next year’s competition, visit www.kbbonline.com.

About Kitchen and Bath Business

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