

NKBA Reveals 2020 Design + Industry Award Winners

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The awards shine a spotlight on design professionals raising the bar in kitchen and bath design, building and remodeling, outdoor living and living in place.

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Sarah Robertson won for Best Overall Kitchen.

Amid the glitz and glamour of the Las Vegas Strip, nearly 1,000 industry leaders, design professionals, VIPs and media attended the highly anticipated National Kitchen & Bath Association (NKBA) Design + Industry Awards on Jan. 20, 2020, at the Encore Resort. Held annually, these awards shine a spotlight on the design professionals whose work is raising the bar in kitchen and bath design, building and remodeling, outdoor living and living in place. Each is a measure of excellence for this corner of the interior design world. Celebrity designer and lifestyle expert Kelli Ellis hosted the ceremonies, handing out more than 40 awards during the evening, including the design and independent showroom honorees.

Congratulations to this year's winners:

BEST OVERALL KITCHEN

Sarah Robertson, AKBD, Owner and Lead Designer, Studio Dearborn
Mamaroneck, NY
Westchester Chapter

Larchmont Manor Victorian

BEST OVERALL BATH

Michelle Miazga-Hall, Founder and Principal, Port + Quarter Interiors
Vancouver, British Columbia
British Columbia Chapter
Spyglass

CONTEMPORARY KITCHEN, LARGE (250 Square Feet and Over) First Place

Lana Zepponi Meyers, AKBD, Kitchens Unlimited
Memphis, TN
Tennessee Chapter
College Town Contemporary

Second Place

Sandra Diaz-Velasco, AIA, ASID, LEED AP BD+C, Principal Architect, EOLO A&I Design
Miami, FL
South Florida Chapter
CasaMar

Third Place

Elma Gardner, CMKBD, Owner and Principal Designer, By Design
Davis, CA
California Capital Chapter

CONTEMPORARY KITCHEN, SMALL (Under 250 Square Feet)

First Place

Svetiana Tryaskina, Estee Design
Toronto, Ontario
Ontario/Canada Chapter
Open-Plan Kitchen

Second Place

Sandra Diaz-Velasco, AIA, ASID, LEED AP BD+C, Principal Architect, EOLO A&I Design
Miami, FL
South Florida Chapter
Brickell Bachelor Condo

Third Place

Nyla Free, Nyla Free Designs Inc.
Calgary, Alberta
Prairie Provinces Chapter

TRADITIONAL KITCHEN, LARGE (250 Square Feet and Over)

First Place

Sarah Robertson, AKBD, Owner and Lead Designer, Studio Dearborn
Mamaroneck, NY
Westchester Chapter
Larchmont Manor Victorian

Second Place

Cindy Aplanalp-Yates, Principal Designer, Chairma Design Group
Houston, TX
Texas Gulf Coast Chapter
Spacious Southern Home

Third Place

David Heide, Allied ASID, Associate AIA, Principal, David Heide Design Studio
Minneapolis, MN
Minnesota State Chapter
Practical Magic

TRADITIONAL KITCHEN, SMALL (Under 250 Square Feet)

First Place

Karen Swanson, Owner/Designer, New England Design Works
Manchester, MA
Hardwick

Second Place

Sarah Robertson, AKBD, Owner and Lead Designer, Studio Dearborn
Mamaroneck, NY
Westchester Chapter
Larchmont Funhouse

Third Place

Karen Swanson, Owner/Designer, New England Design Works
Manchester, MA
Chandler

CONTEMPORARY BATH, LARGE (250 Square Feet and Over)

First Place

Michelle Miazga, Founder and Principal, Port + Quarter Interiors
Vancouver, British Columbia
British Columbia Chapter
Spyglass

Second Place

Carly Nemtean, Carriage Lance Design-Build
Mississauga, Ontario
Ontario/Canada Chapter
Indian

Third Place

Elma Gardner, CMKBD, Owner and Principal Designer, By Design
Davis, CA
California Capital Chapter

CONTEMPORARY BATH, SMALL (Under 250 Square Feet)

First Place

Michelle Miazga-Hall, Founder and Principal, Port + Quarter Interiors
Vancouver, British Columbia
British Columbia Chapter
Spyglass

Second Place

Madeleine Sloback, Principal, Madeleine Design Group
Vancouver, British Columbia
British Columbia Chapter
Ocean Bluff Estate

Third Place

Sandra Diaz-Velasco, AIA, ASID, LEED AP BD+C, Principal Architect, EOLO A&I Design
Miami, FL
South Florida Chapter
Brickell Penthouse

TRADITIONAL BATH, LARGE (250 Square Feet and Over)

First Place

Jenny Madden, Allied ASID, Founder, Jenny Madden Design
Hoboken, NJ
Manhattan Chapter
Townhouse Retreat

Second Place

Bill Livingston, CKD, CLIPP, Owner, Livecentric Kitchen & Bath
Oklahoma City, OK
Oklahoma Chapter
Poised Oasis

Third Place

Dalit Dray, Owner and Design Director, Dray Design Group
Aventura, FL
South Florida Chapter
Master Bathroom

TRADITIONAL BATH, SMALL (Under 250 Square Feet)

First Place

Dvira Ovadia, Owner, Dvira Interiors
Toronto, Ontario
Ontario/Canada Chapter
Industrial Boys Bathroom

Second Place

Dvira Ovadia, Owner, Dvira Interiors
Toronto, Ontario
Ontario/Canada Chapter
Jewel Powder Room

Third Place

Cassia Wyner, AKBD, Founder, CW Design
Brookline, MA
Northern New England Chapter
Shower Art

LIVING IN PLACE

First Place

Kendall Ansell, Principal, Kendall Ansell Interiors
Vancouver, British Columbia
British Columbia Chapter
Reed — Cote

BUILDER-REMODELER

First Place

Matthew Ferrarini, Principal Designer and Co-Founder, Ferrarini & Co.
Elkins Park, PA
Mid-Atlantic Chapter
California Dreaming

OUTDOOR KITCHEN

First Place

Elma Gardner, CMKBD, Owner and Principal Designer, By Design
Davis, CA
California Capital Chapter

Judges for the two-round competition included designers Cheryl Kees Clendenon; Peter Salerno, CMKBD; Rebekah Zaveloff, CKD; Richard Anuszkiewicz; Dawn DeLuca, AKBD, CLIPP, CAPS; Vicky Sanderson, editor, Around the House with Vicky Sanderson and DJ Carey, editorial director, CTC&G (Connecticut Cottages & Gardens).

STUDENT DESIGN COMPETITION

Also recognized at the awards ceremony were the winners of the 2019 Student Design Competition which tasked students to design either a kitchen or bath project for an imaginary 30-something couple living in San Francisco. More than 300 students submitted projects into the contest which was sponsored by Cambria.

Bath Winners

First Place – Victoria Sharkey, Front Range Community College

Second Place – Thao Mai, Georgian College

Third Place – Shaelynn Brisbane, Lakeland College

Kitchen Winners

First Place – Emily Hartley, Lakeland College

Second Place – Allison Jones, Henry Ford College

Third Place – Kata Hayes, Front Range Community College

All of the winning students were awarded a scholarship prize.

INNOVATIVE SHOWROOM AWARDS

Awards were also presented to the winners of the NKBA Innovative Showroom Awards which recognizes the kitchen and bath industry's most creative, innovative and experiential showrooms in North America. While there are no monetary prizes awarded to competition winners, the industry holds the Innovative Showroom Award winners in high honor as the award recognizes the creative design professionals—architects, technology integrators, designers, furniture makers and display experts—who are masters of design, marketing and sales. Congratulations to this year's showrooms.

Best Overall Showroom

Nar Design Group
Sacramento, CA

Best Independent Showroom – Large
Signature Kitchen Suite Experience & Design Center
Napa, CA

Best Independent Showroom – Medium
Nar Design Group
Sacramento, CA

Best Independent Showroom - Small
Royal Green Appliance Center
New York, NY

Best Multi-Location Showroom – Medium
JennAir Experience Center

Best Multi-Location Showroom- Large
Kohler Signature Store by Supply New England
Natick, MA