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CABINETWERKS: DESIGNING FOR THE 21ST CENTURY

At CabinetWerks, Ltd., an Orren Pickell company, the dawning millennium inspires us to strive for new levels of creativity and innovation. To realize our goals, we opened a showroom at Village Green of Lincolnshire Shopping Center (185 Milwaukee Avenue) which is customer-friendly and interactive.

"The real purpose of the showroom is to allow clients to 'experience' the cabinetry. They can open and close drawers, see and feel different textures, colors, woods and hardware. It's an 'idea store,'" says Dave Heigl, CabinetWerks' Division Head who has worked in the

industry for over 20 years and is a certified kitchen designer.

Cabinetry that looks more like furniture continues to be popular. Hutches and other free-standing pieces are replacing continuous counters. Antiques displayed in glass-front cabinets and whimsical vintage door pulls are right at home with state-of-the-art appliances and entertainment equipment.

The CabinetWerks showroom includes a library, fireplace inglenook, two

kitchens and a "loose display" that will change periodically. Three top interior designers—Richard Menna, Tom Girot and Laura Harney—were commissioned to vignette the showroom. Wood-Mode, Brookhaven, and our own custom cabinetry are featured.

We invite you to visit our exciting new showroom soon. Hours are Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.,

Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. or by appointment.





*Vision is the art
of seeing things invisible.*
—Jonathon Swift

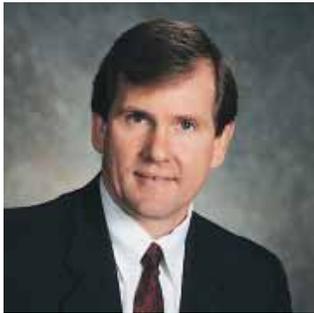




*When we build, let us think
that we build forever.*

—John Ruskin

KITCHENS: THE HEART OF TODAY'S HOME



Today's kitchens are the hub of family life. A recent magazine article calls 1999 the dawn of "a new age of hospitality," meaning people are entertaining at home more and going out less.

Homeowners want kitchens that are welcoming and comfortable *and* have the extra space necessary to accommodate guests.

This trend is not only interesting from an architectural point of view, but also historically. Did you know 200 years ago the kitchen was actually in its own building (due to fire hazards) and an underground tunnel linked it to the main residence? The kitchen was a work station and not a place for the family . . . let alone visitors.

Interestingly enough, the kitchen didn't become "people friendly" until the 1930s and '40s. Servants weren't as prevalent, and, thus, a more human type of place began to emerge. Since that time, we've seen the kitchen emerge into a gathering place.

Within the last five to ten years, many have opted for semi-open, rather than open floor plans. Great rooms, which are replacing living rooms even in multimillion dollar homes, are often open to the kitchen.

There's no question that

the 2000s will be an exciting era for kitchen design. There's a rich history to look back upon for inspiration. At the same time, there's no road map to follow. Creativity and character will be the key to success. Our own custom home specialists, remodeling division staff and Cabinet-Werks designers will work to allow your personality, tastes and desires to shine through. We've created this atmosphere in our new Cabinet-Werks showroom. Be sure to stop in soon or give us a call for more information.

THE RENOVATION HOUSE

No visit to the Chicagoland area would be complete without a drive along Sheridan Road to see the stately, beautiful homes lining Lake Michigan. Now imagine completely remodeling one of these homes—transforming the space to suit the needs of people today. This is exactly what Orren Pickell Designers Builders is doing with our latest concept home "The Renovation House," located at 224 Sheridan Road in Kenilworth. Our master craftsmen will bring back the original beauty and splendor of this 80-year-old residence, remodeling the interior and restoring the exterior without sacrificing its Old World charm. We will also be adding a master bedroom/bathroom suite and a great room. The Renovation House will debut in midsummer.



THE TRANSITION HOUSE

The Transition House, the fifth in our series of concept houses, is coming this Fall. We're building a home for the 21st century—one that incorporates our nearly 25 years of custom home building knowledge and takes it one step farther—it represents a new age in architecture. Nestled in the ravines of Glencoe, the site itself is breathtaking. The home will exude an Old World charm on the outside while incorporating state-of-the-art technology on the inside. Our clients want a home with rooms for living, cozy and comfortable yet still featuring "all the jewels" such as beautiful cabinetry and woodwork. At the same time, empty nesters want a home with flexibility—a bedroom that can serve as an exercise room, a dining room that is as appropriate for breakfast bowls as it is for fine china. You'll be hearing more about this remarkable home in an upcoming newsletter.

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