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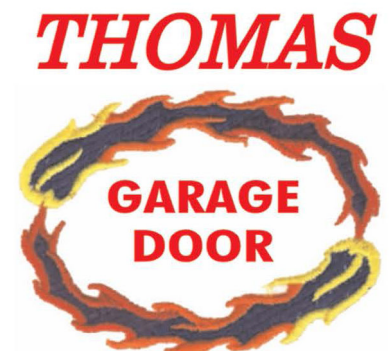
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We note with sadness the recent passing of Leslie King, award-winning contractor/remodeler and owner of Greymark Construction, a rare woman-owned company in the building industry. After 25 years in business Leslie was recognized as a leader in the industry, earning a wall full of awards for her masterful remodeling abilities and her aging-in-place designs.

We found her to be easy to work with the three times we featured Leslie and Greymark Construction in the Metropolitan Builder (February 2013, June 2019 and August 2019). We're sure her many clients also found her

easy to work with since Greymark was recognized with 10 years' of A+ ratings from the Greater Houston Better Business Bureau.

Leslie's legacy continues with her daughter Kelly Kirk, who was transitioning to lead Greymark when her mother died. As Kelly said in the August 2019 issue, "For such a small person, she has some big shoes to fill. I'm never going to be her, but I will take the best parts of her forward."



Leslie King

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Legal Eagle Contractors' Bawden Has Plenty to Boast About

By Kathy Bowen Stolz

Customers of Legal Eagle Contractors can walk through their completed houses before the materials are even ordered. How is that possible? Because the staff of this full-service remodeling and renovation firm can create 3-D virtual design plans within a few days of meeting with its customers.

"We can do a whole-house design in one week and a big room addition in two days," Dan Bawden, owner and president of the award-winning company that serves the entire Houston area, boasted.

"Our customers sometimes struggle to see how the dimensions on the blueprints translate into real life. By 'walking' through their houses in this early stage, they can adjust anything to fit their needs before it costs time and money."

And that's not all Dan can boast about. HOUZZ.com has named Legal Eagle Contractors as one of its Best of HOUZZ companies for six years, a feat that only 3 percent

of builders and designers achieve, according to Bawden. HOUZZ.com is now one of the company's greatest source of referrals, he noted.

Something else Dan can boast about? As an early proponent of aging-in-place design, Bawden is recognized as a national leader in the concept of building or renovating a home to allow its owners to live there even as their mobility decreases with age or illness. He helped create the Certified Aging in Place (CAPS) program and regularly teaches classes to other builders around the country, as well as discusses the topic on leading online, print, TV and radio outlets. Around Houston he speaks about aging-in-place design to senior groups and support groups, sharing a slide show of universal design ideas for homes.

While the aging-in-place/universal design movement started about 20 years ago, Bawden said it has really gained in popularity in the last five years.

His Baby Boomer customers are planning ahead and



requesting adaptations, such as curb-less showers and wide doorways, because they've seen their parents struggle. If his customers don't request adaptations, he said he "strongly suggests" that they incorporate the ideas in their new home or remodeling projects; about 9.5 of every 10 customers do so once they see it can be done stylishly.

"Our curb-less showers are beautiful. Customers want them because they look cool, and they're good for everyone in the family."

Legal Eagle demonstrates these aging-in-place/universal design features at its Idea Center showroom in Bellaire. Bawden pointed out that the company showroom is an actual working house that was built in the 1980s, about the same time that many of the company's customers' homes were built. The showroom helps customers and even other builders envision the way aging-in-place features can be attractively incorporated into their own homes. "The Idea Center allows us to showcase our creative ideas that no one else has."

One of those ideas is "light cannons," one-inch-diameter glass cylinders 12 inches long that Legal Eagle Contractors can place in kitchen back-splashes to capture and disperse the light, illuminating the granite and today's spectacular

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NewLuxe Bath Glass

Enhances Homes with Frameless Glass Shower Enclosures and Framed Mirrors



By Kathy Bowen Stolz

Weary of that '80s bathroom with its shiny brass shower door? Or are your bathroom mirrors showing some “de-silvering” along the edges, but you don’t want to replace them? Or perhaps you’re building a new home with stunning tile on the shower walls.

NewLuxe Bath Glass can help homeowners, remodelers and builders with all three issues!

Billing itself as “Houston’s Shower Door Installation Company,” NewLuxe Bath Glass offers more bathroom renovation products than any other glass company, according to Brent Richards, owner, whether they’re for new construction or an existing home.

“Frameless shower enclosures really upgrade a shower and a bathroom,” Richards stated. “Everybody hates the old style of frames nowadays. We custom-build and install shower enclosures, frameless shower doors, glass shelves and cabinet glass as well as mirrors. In fact, every one of our projects is custom!”

“Combined with our Mirrorcle® Frames, our frameless shower enclosures and doors can change the whole room for a small price. We can make a bathroom luxurious

without a \$30,000 renovation or be a key part in a remodel or new home.”

He emphasized that packaging the shower enclosure and mirror frames is a better deal for builders and homeowners because the NewLuxe installers make only one trip to the home.

“It’s a real skill – just like plumbing – to design and install frameless glass shower enclosures and doors. It’s not something you can learn in a week. We’re the best in the business,” Richards boasted.

“Although the prices vary, the range is from \$1,000 to \$2,500 for 99.9 percent of the shower projects, Richards stated. It takes about a week and a half from measurement to installation for the glass shower enclosures, although the time lag depends on the fabricator’s schedule. The Mirrorcle® Frames are usually in the \$200-\$300 range for each installed.”

“Not limited to bathrooms, mirrors make a difference to nearly any room in the house by adding depth, interest and style in entry ways, living rooms and bedrooms, Richards noted. NewLuxe Bath Glass creates custom vanity mirrors,



antiqued mirrors, decorative and dressing mirrors to any specification. The installers can even resize existing mirrors and remove beveled edges!"

NewLuxe begins the transformation process with a free, no-obligation, in-home design consultation so that homeowners or builders can avoid the hassle of driving to a showroom and then toting samples back and forth. Richards, who is the primary design consultant, said he is able to simplify the selection process for shower doors and their hardware as well as mirrors and their frames.

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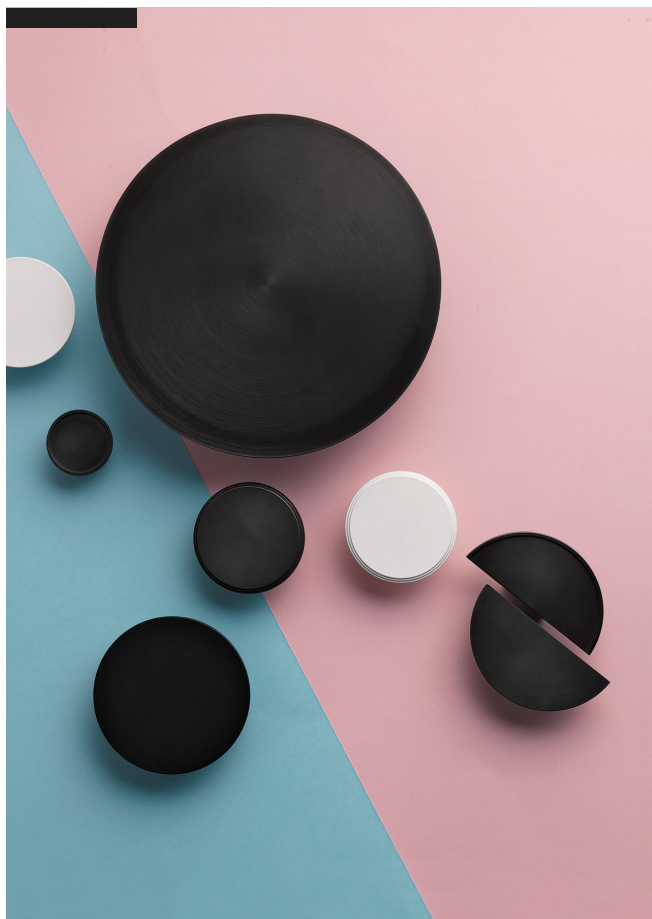
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Niki Knobs Bring a Stylish Twist to the Simple Circle

Designer Doorware is elevating the simple circle with the introduction of Niki, a line of cabinet and door knobs whose vibe can shift depending on face and finish. The perfectly round design of the solid brass knobs is rooted in nautical inspiration stemming from the use of porthole windows in Streamline Modern and Art Deco architecture.

Designers can opt for a clean, flat face, a dished face, or, for added flair, a more ornate step-down perimeter. The design options are equally captivating and welcoming, suitable for a range of room styles and preferences.

For further customization, Niki knobs respond differently to various finishes. In a pastel powdercoat, for example, the knobs give off a playful look. In black metal, the feel is bold. When paired with a satin finish, the step-down element and the knob's starburst reflection of light is sumptuous—and wholeheartedly indicative of Art Deco-inspired design.

“Never before has the humble circle been so fun—and so versatile,” says Joseph Di Benedetto, Executive Director for Designer Doorware. “The available styles and finishes of the Niki knob allow designers to create just the right

tone to perfectly suit the style of the room, whether stark and modern or cozy and rustic.”

Niki cabinet knobs range in size from 50 mm to 70 mm.

The Niki entrance handle comes in 150-, 200-, 250-, and 300-mm sizes. The Niki door knob is 60 mm (projection 55 mm). A range of standard and special finishes—from an unlacquered Polished Brass to a powder-coated Satin White—is available for the Niki collection. A hardwearing PVD finish in Gunmetal Black is also available.

Playful yet sophisticated,
Niki's clean circular geometry
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quartz counter tops. “I invented these light cannons, as far as I know.”

Dan can also boast that “our projects are closely managed and our trades are top-of-the line. Some have been building with us for over 20 years. Our process-driven approach minimizes risks and improves the outcome for our customers while also ensuring affordability.”

He said about 80 percent of the company’s business is from remodeling, while 20 percent is from new construction. He added, “We offer numerous architectural style options, including modern, traditional, urban, luxury and both single-and multi-story homes.”

Dan can also boast that he is past chairman (2017) of the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) Remodelers Division, the top leadership position in the country with oversight for the \$326 billion remodeling industry.

“It was a humbling experience to serve as national chairman for the remodeling industry. That year of service in 2017 allowed me to visit Remodelers Councils all across the country to take the pulse of this industry, made up mostly of small firms like mine.

“I had the opportunity to give best-practices seminars and



see the inner workings of many remodeling companies. It was fascinating. I learned a lot that helps me make the remodeling experience even better for my own clients.”

But that’s not the only way that Bawden serves the building industry. Besides serving as a previous president of local Remodeler’s Council, Dan is the first remodeling specialist ever to serve as president of the Greater Houston Builders Association. He is an accredited instructor for the NAHB, recently being honored as National CAPS Instructor of the Year. He is also a Graduate Master Builder, a Certified Graduate Remodeler, a Certified Aging in Place Specialist and a Certified Green Building Professional. He has also served almost 20 years on the board of directors of the Greater Houston Better Business Bureau.

If that were not enough, here’s one more thing Dan can boast about: “Something exciting going on right now is that I’ve been nominated for the NAHB Remodelers Hall of Fame!”

Dan is unique. He practices law in addition to managing Legal Eagle, both from the same desk, hence, the unusual name for his remodeling company. He specializes in estate planning, often doing wills and other documents for his building clients.. “I get a kick out of being useful to people in two very different disciplines.” In addition, Dan is a vocal soloist and trumpet player in musical theatre

productions at the Hobby Center.

He also gets a kick out of traveling with his two adult children and their families, including skiing down the slopes of Colorado and California while the whole family is dressed in full-body cow suits, complete with udders! He boasted, “The best sales job I ever did was getting my wife into a cow suit!”

Yes, Dan Bawden, a man of many accomplishments, has plenty he can boast about after 37 years in the construction business. But if you want to hear him brag, ask him about his granddaughters Lucy and Maeve!

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An Innovative Spin On Bath Fixtures

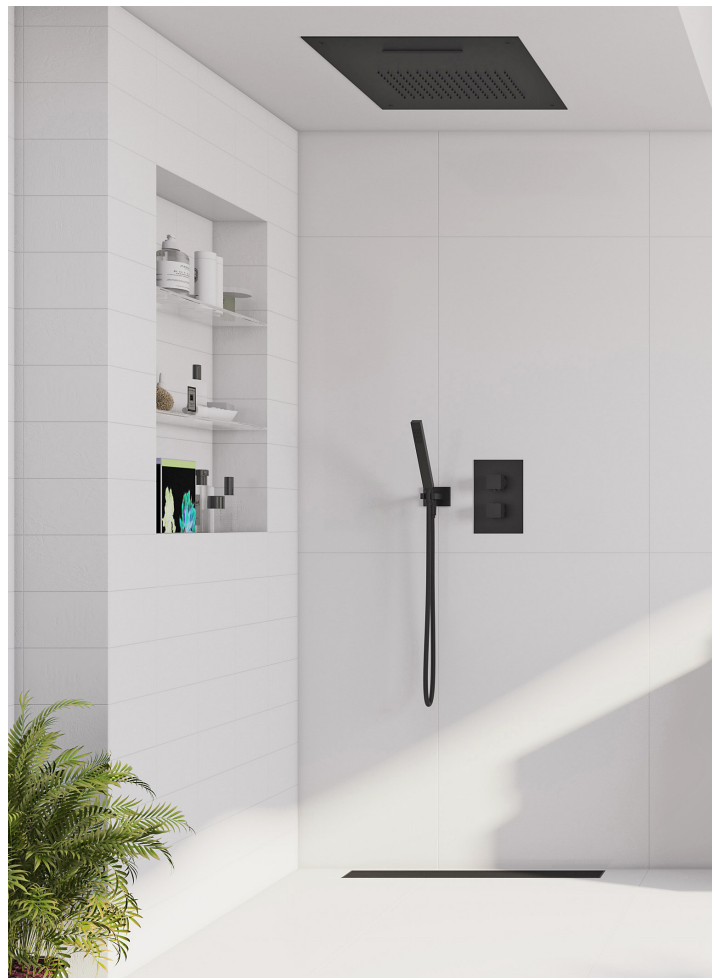
By Linda Jennings

When it comes to remodeling projects or new construction, it's easy to get inspired with new products that put an innovative spin on the favorites we've always loved. Here are a few classically designed products that balance a fresh style and that all-important functionality.

Open shelving in the bathroom is a wonderful way to combine decorative style and practical functionality. Sterlingham makes it easy with a beautiful Art Deco Shelf from their Craftmaster Collection. Measuring a generous 24" long, this wall-mounted glass shelf is fitted with a guardrail to secure displayed items in place. It's the perfect solution for keeping soaps and lotions close at hand while blending seamlessly with the bathroom décor. Crafted from heavy gauge brass, the hexagonal cast brackets are carefully assembled and polished by hand to gleaming perfection. The Craftmaster Collection pairs well with their sister company's Barber Wilsons tapware and includes a variety of other useful components including a towel holder, double robe hook, towel rail and mirror. www.sterlingham.co.uk

The shower experience has expanded in new, spa-inspired ways that allows users to build a shower system that meets their own needs and expectations. Isenberg offers an exceptional line of shower components that deliver luxury and ease while creating a dramatic design focal point. We particularly love their 20" rain showerhead with cascade waterfall. Crafted of stainless steel, its flush mount installation is sleek and sophisticated, and the mesmerizing water flow is oh-so relaxing. Complete the ensemble with a solid brass handheld shower and a $\frac{3}{4}$ " thermostatic valve with 3-way diverter and trim for precise control of water temperature and volume. All this impressive plumbing technology comes in a new Matte Black finish that adds a spectacular touch of drama to any fashion-forward bathroom. This ceramic finish is eco-friendly, amazingly durable and easy to maintain. The soft black hue is perfect with all white baths and is a great alternative 'neutral' that suits both vintage and contemporary decors. www.isenbergfaucets.com

Los Angeles-based Icera Group has expanded its toilet lineup with a new smart unit that integrates a bidet seat, a remote control, and a host of personal features. The Muse iWash Integrated Bidet toilet combines cleanliness, comfort and cutting-edge engineering. A minimalist silhouette



and skirted trapway conceal the extraordinary technology that sets the Muse iWash apart from the competition. Muse offers a bowl-cleansing pre-mist that is activated whenever the seat is occupied, and it automatically flushes, creating a sanitary, touch-free bathroom experience. Other features include a heated seat, deodorizer, and in-bowl LED nightlight, among others. The unit has two user presets to save preferred settings to ensure a repeat experience every time, and a backlit remote that be attached to the wall with a magnetic mount. The Muse iWash is a high-efficiency unit that flushes with 1.28 gallons of water and the glossy white porcelain bowl is enhanced with MicroGlaze, an antimicrobial porcelain finish for easy cleaning and long-lasting good looks. www.icerausa.com



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Lunada Bay Tile's “Just Add Water” Glass Tile Borders Bring an Enticing Splash

Lunada Bay Tile's new JAW (Just Add Water) collection of glass tile borders is an ideal option for pools, showers, spas, water features, and other areas. The new line takes 10 of the beautiful colors seen in Lunada Bay Tile's Agate and Luce collections and expands use to an easy-to-use border application.

The tiles combine ocean-inspired shapes and pearlescent colors for a feeling that's instantly transportive, whether the home is on the coast or far inland.

“There's nothing as therapeutic and relaxing as the movement of the waves, and JAW (Just Add Water) glass tile borders bring that to life,” says Feras Irikat, director of design and marketing, Lunada Bay Tile. “Now our water-inspired looks are available in a border application ideal for pools, water features, and other places where an easy solution is needed.”

JAW (Just Add Water) tiles come in two shapes: Feather Border, whose form emulates a wing or a wave, depending on the viewing angle, and Zing 1 x 3 Border, with the gentle curve of a rolling wave.

JAW (Just Add Water) glass tile borders evoke the shapes and movement of water

The glass tile borders are paper-face-mounted and are specifically designed for use straight out of the box. To increase border height, full sheets of corresponding field material are also available.

Lunada Bay Tile creates handcrafted glass, ceramic and concrete tile with an emphasis on artistic simplicity, texture, and

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He noted that there are different patterns of glass, including Rain, Flemish, Pattern 62, and tints of gray and brown, although 90 percent of his customers choose clear glass if their shower walls have nice tile. Customers may choose ShowerGuard or Diamon Fusion sealants to prevent water spots. The 3/8-inch thick glass is tempered to prevent injury if it is damaged.

Hardware options include chrome, brushed nickel, oil-rubbed bronze and matte black.

Created in polystyrene, a dense plastic, Mirrorcle® Frames are uniquely designed for the high humidity of bathrooms. The frames come in about 20 style options and lengths up to 150 inches to match any room's décor or size.

NewLuxe's expert installers glue the frames directly to the mirror so that the mirror does not have to be removed and re-installed. They build every frame at their warehouse/work site so there's little mess at installation. The Mirrorcle® Frames are quick and easy to install, often taking as little as 15 minutes each.

Richards said NewLuxe Bath Glass focuses on the "Three P Difference" – people, process and products – to differentiate itself from its competition.

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