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“We take a lot of pride in what we do. We deliver a high-end product for a fair price. The quality of our work is only matched by our service. We provide honesty and integrity along with our attention to detail,” stated John Gillette, president of Craftsmanship by John, Inc. “Good enough is not good enough for us. It’s got to be correct, not just good enough to pass.”

What started as a one-man handyman operation in 1992 has grown to 30 full-time employees that provide a full range of design-build home remodeling services to the Houston market. Projects include home additions, kitchen remodeling, bathroom remodeling, outdoor living spaces, custom cabinetry and other home renovations. Its staff includes carpenters, trim carpenters, cabinet makers, painters and office workers. Its largest project to date was a \$7 million whole-house remodel with \$1 million spent on granite floors!

Craftsmanship by John, Inc. provides design-build services for home remodeling and new construction custom homes

in Houston. Its design-build services ensure continuity between the design and construction of custom homes or home renovations. Its process encompasses building design, technical design, plans and 3-D renderings and estimating.

Gillette said, “Using both architectural and interior designers, we have the capability to create 3-D designs, which enable our clients to visualize their home remodeling project before we start construction. This process ensures that our clients get what they need and want within their budgetary constraints. Our staff draftsman can also generate drawings.”

One of the things that sets Craftsmanship by John apart from its competition is its cabinet shop. Three or four employees work in the company’s cabinet shop to create custom cabinetry for its clients. “We craft all the cabinetry by hand in our shop because it gives us more control and creativity, allowing us to customize the project and to make superior finished outcomes that flow seamlessly. We



“In addition, we can make front doors when a special size or design is desired or when we simply can’t get a door because of the current supply chain issues. We also make custom wooden furniture, such as tables, workstations and benches,” he added.

Its approach to customer service also sets Craftsmanship by John apart from other companies. “Whether our clients are out of town or living in the home, we communicate with them throughout the entire process with pictures, weekly meetings and progress reports. With our longstanding sub-contractor relationships and our full-time trades, we produce top quality craftsmanship at a steady, efficient pace,” John noted.

Gillette keeps the company’s work within a defined area that includes Memorial Villages, Tanglewood, River Oaks, Bellaire, West U, Inner Loop, Houston City Center, The Heights and Uptown Houston for efficiency’s sake. “That’s how our project managers get to every job site one or two times a day. I personally visit every job site each week. There’s enough work where we are to accommodate that.”

The company has 25 projects in process at any given time. With its large staff, it’s able to start most jobs soon after the contract is signed.





Craftsmanship by John is a multiple award-winning company. Many projects have won awards in building, remodeling and design competitions in Houston and the United States throughout the years. The company is a proud member of the Greater Houston Builders Association (GHBA). Gillette has been actively involved in the GHBA Remodelers Council for many years.

Gillette envisions expanding the company a little more in the remodeling industry and branching out into the speculative housing market now that John's son Jackson and son-in-law Trent Hoffman are projects managers in the company. "Having them in the company has changed our future entirely."



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