



**January/February 2009**

THE NKBA MINNESOTA STATE CHAPTER IS A PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION PROMOTING CONTINUING EDUCATION, ETHICAL BUSINESS PRACTICES AND INSPIRATION TOWARD OUR GOALS.

## **Welcome to 2009!**

Dear Members of Minnesota NKBA,

As the 2009 Chapter President, I look forward to the upcoming year as we continue to grow as a chapter. I have served on the board as Treasurer for the past few years, which was a position I valued for the experience and relationships I gained. I am especially grateful to my fellow board members, committees and volunteers who contributed to the meetings and events in 2008.

As we start 2009, many things are already under way. The new MN Chapter website is in development, and should be up and running by March. The Programs committee has already lined up several venues and speakers for the monthly meetings. The Membership committee is hard at work recruiting and retaining members. The Legislative committee will be busy keeping up with legislation that could impact your business.

My involvement in the NKBA has been such a positive experience for me professionally. I'd like to encourage all of you to participate. It's as easy as attending a monthly meeting or finding a committee that fits your interests in the industry. If you have ideas or questions, please let me know. Your question or idea may help others in the chapter as well.

Sincerely,  
Lisa Weck  
2009 MN Chapter President

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

***Thursday, February 19, 2009***

**"The End of White Tile as we Know It"**

**Clay Squared to Infinity  
34 Thirteenth Ave NE  
Minneapolis, MN 55413  
5:00—8:00 p.m.**

**RSVP by February 16, 2009. (See Page 2 for details)**

**Mark your calendar...**

Legislative Hearing set for Tuesday, February 17, on Design Licensing Bill

12:30 p.m., Room 112, State Capitol in St. Paul

*(See page 3 for details)*

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NKBA MN Chapter Meeting — February 19, 2009

## “The End of White Tile As We Know It”

featuring Josh Blanc  
President of the National Handmade Tile Association

Josh has been formally trained as an artist, with a degree in ceramic arts from Columbus College of Art and Design. Blanc relocated to Minneapolis in 1994 and opened Clay Squared to Infinity in 1996. He is the founder of the Handmade Tile Association. As President of the HTA he has coordinated two national tile conferences. He was also president of the North East Minneapolis Arts Association which organized Art-A-Whirl. He is also very involved in the development of the Minneapolis Arts District. To find out more about Clay Squared, visit their website at [www.claysquared.com](http://www.claysquared.com).

**Where:** Clay Squared to Infinity  
34 Thirteenth Ave NE  
Minneapolis, MN 55413

**Date and Time:** Thursday, February 19, 2009  
5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

**Cost:** \$25 Members, \$15 Students, \$35 Non-Members

***RSVP by February 16, 2009***

**To preregister contact:** Tanya Otten, Treasurer  
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Please make checks payable to MN Chapter NKBA. We also accept VISA, Mastercard and American Express.

The program qualifies for .1 CEU credit.

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*Legislative Update...*

## Hearing Set For February 17th on Design Licensing Bill

### OPPOSE Interior Designers Licensing Act

As you know, once again the interior design lobby is seeking to pass an interior design licensing bill to regulate who may perform design services in the State of Minnesota. Although the bill hasn't been formally introduced yet, the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection has scheduled a hearing for Tuesday, February 17th at 12:30 p.m. in Room 112 at the State Capitol in St. Paul. NKBA will actively oppose this legislation and protect your right to practice design free from the arbitrary restrictions that the interior design lobby wishes to impose upon you.

**IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU TO PLAN ON ATTENDING THIS HEARING TO LET THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS KNOW THAT THIS BILL IS BAD FOR YOUR BUSINESS, BAD FOR A STRUGGLING ECONOMY, AND BAD FOR THE CITIZENS OF MINNESOTA!**

This bill will add nothing to the health, safety and welfare of the public. Rather, it will enable a handful of interior designers to corner the design market at the expense of our members and others in the design community who will essentially be barred from working. Given the difficult economic conditions in the State of Minnesota and throughout the country, we cannot afford to allow any special interest group to limit your ability to compete for business on the merits of your skill and expertise.

More information will be sent to you in early February to help you communicate your opposition to the Committee members, but in the meantime, we wanted to alert you to the hearing date so that you can plan on attending.

Lisa Loushin, CKD, your VP of Government Relations, has agreed to coordinate our appearance at the hearing. Please contact her so we know how many to expect. Her phone number is (612) 791-9008 and her email address is [lisaloushin@me.com](mailto:lisaloushin@me.com)

### Website in Transition

**We want to thank all of you who have sent in your photos for the website. We appreciate your willingness to participate in our chapter's efforts to show prospective clients the value of utilizing NKBA members for their kitchen and bath projects.**

**The MN Chapter NKBA website is currently being revamped and we hope to be able to display your project pictures soon on our new website. Thank you for your patience as we work to improve our website to best serve our members.**

## ***Let Us Know Your Accreditation***

Please make sure to update your NKBA Profile and let the state chapter know if you have recently passed an accreditation or if it is not listed with your name. You can let Lisa Weck know for our state records at [lisa.weck@cambria.com](mailto:lisa.weck@cambria.com). Arlynne Wolf is asking that any of her students who have passed their tests to let her know also. You can notify Arlynne at [a.wolf@century.edu](mailto:a.wolf@century.edu).

## ***New Member Incentive***

Beginning in January 2009, the NKBA Chapter of Minnesota will be offering to non-members a one-time attendance at an NKBA monthly meeting at no charge. Normal cost for a non-member is \$35 each. Our hope is to encourage these people to join the NKBA. This is how it will work.

A NKBA member can bring a non-member (1 non-member per company) to a regular monthly NKBA Minnesota Chapter meeting at no cost for the non-member. The exception to this is the annual awards dinner and the holiday party. The NKBA member can bring multiple non-members to a meeting but the member must make advanced reservations for both themselves and the non-members attending. When you make the reservations, please give the name, company name and type of business of the non-member.

## ***New Member Registration Fee Waived***

To encourage new members, the \$100 membership registration fee will be waived for the months of January and February '09. The only cost will be that cost attached to your particular membership. To have the registration fee waived you will need to have a special tracking code that we will make available beginning in January.

**If you have any questions regarding membership, please contact Carri Carlson, VP of Membership, 612-747-9504 or [carlsoncs@hotmail.com](mailto:carlsoncs@hotmail.com).**

### **Newsletter Info / Website Info**

If you would like information posted in the newsletter or on the MN Website, please send the information to Robin Ray at [Robin@sawyerdesignbuild.com](mailto:Robin@sawyerdesignbuild.com)

**CEU Credits:** Members need to write their NKBA member number on the form at the meeting to receive their CEUs. If member doesn't have number for form, it is up to the individual to contact National office to obtain their CEU credits for the meeting.

**Note:** When signing up for an NKBA event and paying by check, our system does not create a receipt. If you need a receipt, please bring a copy of your registration form to the event and have it signed at the registration table for use as your receipt.

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## NKBA NEEDS YOU!!

The Minnesota Chapter of the NKBA is looking for volunteers. All of our work is done by members of the NKBA who volunteer their time. Our chapter is doing well and with that comes growth. We find that there just are not enough of us to do all the things we would like to do for our members. We are looking for people to join committees and possibly head a new one. The actual time commitment is anywhere from 2-6 hours a month. Each month would include a meeting for 1-2 hours followed by some outside work that can usually be done at home on your time. None of this work requires any exceptional abilities. Please contact Carri Carlson at 612.747.9504 or [carri@arraykitchenandbath.com](mailto:carri@arraykitchenandbath.com).

### *Professional growth in the kitchen and bath industry...*

As VP of Professional Development, it is my responsibility to help you find opportunities to continue to grow in the kitchen and bath design industry, as well as create more opportunities for you to learn and grow! With that said, what topics, issues, concerns would you like to learn more about that would help give you an additional edge in the market place? It might be anything from broadening your understanding of the guidelines to learning more about green design to learning the specifics about the advances in lighting. Please let me know—and I will try to find a local expert that can assist us in meeting your needs and requests...OR, if you would like to share your expertise in an area, please let me hear from you! I'm just an email away at [arlynne.wolf@century.edu](mailto:arlynne.wolf@century.edu).

Arlynne Wolf, CKE  
VP of Professional Development

### **NKBA is Going Paperless**

The national NKBA and our local chapter are moving toward paperless communication. Already much of our communication has gone out through email. We are finding that many members have not updated their profiles, especially their email addresses. Please take the time to go to [www.nkba.org](http://www.nkba.org), log on and click on "Edit Profile" to update your information. If the membership is a company membership, make sure that the contact person listed is current and that they pass the information on to other interested employees. If you have any questions, please contact VP of Membership, Carrie Carlson at 612.747.9504 or [carri@arraykighenandbath.com](mailto:carri@arraykighenandbath.com).



## Certification Study Groups

### **HAVE YOU COMPLETED THE CERTIFICATION EXAMS?**

The exams are given on an annual basis usually in March and September, as well as the CKD/CBD exams at KBIS. Certification can give you the additional and visible acknowledgement that you are among the 'best of the best' in the kitchen and bath design industry. For requirements and applications forms for each level, go to [www.nkba.org](http://www.nkba.org) - and use your membership ID # to help you obtain this information.

The AKBD (Associate of Kitchen & Bath Design) written exam (3 hr) is testing you on the information within the 9 textbooks included in the Professional Resource Library/NKBA set. The CKD or CBD are the practicum exams present you with a problem, and 6 hrs to solve, and complete the appropriate drawings for evaluation (6 hours each).

For any certification questions - contact Veronica Whitehead, Manager of Certification/NKBA at 1.800.THE.NKBA

### **ARE YOU INTERESTED IN JOINING AN EXAM STUDY GROUP?**

Check which group is of interest to you....

- AKBD Study Group - sessions to be determined
- CKD/CBD Study Group - 3 sessions including actual practice project
  - CKD - Kitchen
  - CBD - Bathroom

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

COMPANY \_\_\_\_\_

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WHEN ARE YOU TAKING THE EXAM?

- KBIS  SEPT, 2009
- NEXT YEAR  HAVEN'T DECIDED

### **NKBA MN Chapter**

*Please let Arlyne Wolf, CKE, know if you are interested on the tear off section of this form below - you may send, fax or email Arlyne at:*

*Arlyne Wolf, CKE*

*Suite C-19*

*275 Market Street*

*Minneapolis, MN 55405*

*OR*

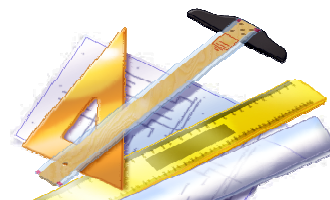
*Fax at 612.373.2732*

*OR*

*[arlyne.wolf@century.edu](mailto:arlyne.wolf@century.edu)*

*Are you interested in attending a 3-day AKBD Review workshop in Minneapolis during July, 2009?*

*Please email Arlyne at [arlyne.wolf@century.edu](mailto:arlyne.wolf@century.edu) expressing your interest*



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