

CKS Kitchens & Design Has Four Kitchens Featured in National Magazine

Durham, N.C. –December 18, 2007– CKS Kitchens & Design, a custom cabinet design studio and manufacturer known for its stylish and functional high-end kitchen designs, has four of its kitchens featured in the current issue of *Distinctive Kitchen Solutions* magazine hitting newsstands today.

Distinctive Kitchen Solutions is a national consumer publication that can be found at select bookstores, drug stores, grocery stores and home-improvement stores. Created in 2003, the magazine has a national circulation of 250,000.

"We review far more than the 42 kitchens ultimately showcased in each issue of *Distinctive Kitchen Solutions* magazines. Final selections are made based upon each room's use of gorgeous colors and materials, clever floor plans and the latest design trends," according to the magazine's managing editor Mara Bragg.

The CKS kitchens featured in the issue belong to the Mesaros family of Chapel Hill, the Kuhn and Lacy families of Durham and the Ragsdale family of Jamestown, N.C.

CKS kitchen designer Zack Simmons worked with local interior designer Lucinda Poole to design the Mesaros kitchen. Simmons and Poole created a kitchen that features an abundance of natural light, a large island complete with a microwave sliding drawer as well as an arched pass-through to the adjoining family room.

For the Kuhn kitchen, Simmons worked with local interior designer Julie Staelin to design a dream kitchen for the empty nesters who wanted to fill their kitchen with color and personality. The kitchen features a curved island full of multiple drawers with deep holding capacity. A variety of paint colors and stains modernize the two-decade-old kitchen while giving it a stylish edge.

Simmons and Staelin also worked together to design the Lacys' kitchen. Color was once again used to update the kitchen and display the homeowners' personalities. The kitchen design features an expanded wine rack set off with a splash of color, as it is one of the first elements seen when entering the house. An open shelf unit beside the wine rack is also used as a design element to break up the wine rack. Previously, the entire kitchen was white so adding a variety of colors made a huge impact despite the fact the footprint of the kitchen remained the same.

"Creating kitchen designs and customizing them to the owners' personalities and truly making it an extension of their lives is prevalent throughout the planning and developing stages through to the installation," said Simmons. "We want the end result to be a true reflection of the kitchens our clients envision."

The Ragsdale house sits on land that has been in the family for several hundred years. CKS kitchen designer Lisa Principe worked with the homeowner's brother, Seborn Ragsdale, who is also an interior designer in New York, to create the Ragsdale kitchen. This kitchen features two islands to accommodate the children and adults. The kitchen also has multiple prep and clean-up areas, magnetic chalkboard inserts on the refrigerator surface and hand painted floors by a New York artist. The goal was to create a flexible space for entertaining and for the family to relax in while keeping in line with the history of the house.

“Working on the Ragsdale house was extremely rewarding,” said Principe. “We were able to create a dream kitchen for a family that reflected the family's history while incorporating modern appliances and design.”

About CKS Kitchens & Design

CKS Kitchens & Design is a high-end custom cabinet design studio and manufacturer located in Durham, N.C. With 19 years of experience, CKS creates custom cabinetry and millwork for residential and commercial clients that reflect refined tastes and lifestyles. In addition to its own custom designed cabinet line, CKS also offers a complete line of manufactured high-end kitchen cabinets including Plain & Fancy, KraftMaid, Medallion and Dura Supreme. CKS provides design services for new and remodeled kitchens in a variety of styles including contemporary/modern, arts and crafts, mission, Asian and retro, to name a few. For more information, visit www.cksdesignstudio.com or call 919.477.6318.

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