

CKS Kitchens & Design Has Three Local Kitchens Featured in State and National Magazines

Durham, N.C. –July 21, 2008– CKS Kitchens & Design, a kitchen design studio and custom cabinet manufacturer known for its stylish and functional high-end kitchen and baths, has two of its kitchens featured in the current issue of *Distinctive Kitchen Solutions* and one kitchen featured in the current issue of *North Carolina Signature* magazine.

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. The current issue features kitchens belonging to the McGurk family of Chapel Hill and the Gress family of Durham.

For the McGurk kitchen, CKS kitchen designer Zack Simmons worked with the homeowners to create a transitional kitchen that is light in color and functional in design. The kitchen features a 72-inch-long island that is supported by two thick, short columns atop pedestals. This same design is repeated with an arch and two corbels in the hood above the range. Other kitchen features include custom-painted cabinetry with recessed doors, stained oak floor and backsplash with a tumbled stone mosaic design.

For the Gress kitchen, Simmons created a traditional looking kitchen with a semi-formal feel. The kitchen features two sinks, custom cabinets in a rich cherry finish that runs up to the 10-foot-high ceiling, as well as a furniture-style hood above the range. The details are what dress up the traditional design. Special attention was paid to the furniture legs on the island, the deeply carved crown molding and a demi-lune countertop that assists with the transition from the kitchen to the breakfast nook.

“Our goal in creating a kitchen is to take into account who the homeowners are, how they live and entertain as well as how many cook and how often,” said Simmons. “We want the end result to surpass the ideal kitchen the homeowners have envisioned.”

The current issue of *North Carolina Signature* magazine features the kitchen of Scott Howell, owner and chef of Nana’s in Durham. Simmons worked with Howell to create a kitchen that mixes restaurant-grade appliances and fixtures with dark granite countertops and hand painted custom cabinetry inspired by an Asian chest of drawers that sits in the adjoining living room. The most notable feature in this kitchen is the four-foot-by 12-foot butcher block island that runs almost the entire length of the kitchen. The island serves as a bar for guests or as a table for family events. The island also allows for multiple cooks to be in the kitchen at once seeing as Howell occasionally teaches cooking classes in his home. Another feature of the kitchen is a climate-controlled wine cabinet that can store up to 2,500 bottles of wine.

“Not everyone is going to have a large island or wine cabinet in the kitchen like Scott’s but you can still design a kitchen with that same gourmet style and functionality,” said Simmons.

About CKS Kitchens & Design

CKS Kitchens & Design is a high-end custom cabinet design studio and manufacturer located in Durham, N.C. With 20 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 Pedini, Plain & Fancy, StarMark Cabinetry, UltraCraft Cabinetry, Quality Custom Cabinetry 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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