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Suite Serenity

After their last child moves out and is finally on his own, many homeowners these days are seizing the opportunity to expand their master bedroom into the adjacent empty bedroom space, creating a grand master suite. Then there are

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Thanks to our Wonderful Clients...

The year 2005 has been an exciting one for **Keilty Construction!** It started off with our receiving the **Regional Contractor of the Year (CotY)** award in the category of Entire House Under \$250,000 from the National Association of the Remodeling Industry (NARI). While Bill and Chris were at the CotY "Evening of Excellence" awards banquet in Chicago we got another surprise when they announced that we were also the recipients of the **National award** in the same category.

Not long after that, we were informed we had been selected by Remodeling magazine as one of their **2005 Class of Big50** remodelers. This opens the door for us to attend their

leadership conferences, which are the best in the industry.

In May we received an **Honorable Mention** by KB+B magazine in their Kitchen and Bathroom of the Year awards May Issue (We'll highlight that kitchen in our next newsletter.)

We are fortunate and honored to work for you, our clients, who are the reason and inspiration for the incredible work our team produces. We know that combination is essential to winning all these awards, and we want to thank you.

We hope you've been having a great year as well and look forward to hearing from you soon!



Bill and Chris Keilty

those parents who simply want a quiet respite from the pre-teens who seem to have taken over their house. An addition to their home provides a tranquil spot for a master suite retreat. Or perhaps it is simply that the homeowner spent some wonderful days in a five star hotel suite with all the creature comforts, and now wants to recreate that luxurious atmosphere with his own "house candy." Whatever the reason for the decision,



Stylish lighted closet rods add sparkle to this walk-in closet.



The folding glass wall expands the sitting room to the outside, bringing in light and fresh air.



When activated, the mirrors on both ends of the tub become TV screens.

master suites are the third most popular remodeling project today, right after kitchens and baths. With continuous remodeling shows on television as inspiration, people are ripping out, reconfiguring and adding on to their master bedrooms as never before.

The master bedroom suite of the 2005 New American Home is a perfect example of the kinds of amenities people are asking for in their new master suites. The bedroom itself is ample, with plenty of space for a mini-kitchen tucked into an alcove for late-night snacks. On the wall opposite the four-poster bed is the latest in electronic living—a home entertainment center with a 42-inch plasma screen. Through the door one gets a sneak peek at the bathroom and its sumptuous two-person walk-in shower with multiple body sprays, a rainshower head, and a comfortable bench. In addition, a Kohler Sok overflowing tub, as well as his-and-her vanities, a separate closet for the toilet and bidet, and a private outdoor garden with a hot tub complete the spa feeling. Just around the corner is a spacious walk-in closet providing drawers, cabinets and generous hanging capacity, along with the convenience of a full-size laundry room. The suite's flexible sitting room can serve as a library or an office, an exercise room, a game room, or a comfortable TV space, depending on the desire of the homeowner. But, most importantly, the entire master suite serves as a refuge from the hectic pace of life outside those serene walls. □

Using state-of-the-art laser-etching equipment, PictureThisOnGranite transfers pieces of art in minute detail onto black granite. The etching is then hand-painted, creating depth and definition. In an already glamorous kitchen, this granite sunflower mural is a real eye-catcher! The etching has been treated with a protective sealant that should be re-applied twice a year for continued protection.





The World's First

The world's first stand-alone built-in microwave drawer, the Sharp Insight Pro, can be placed at the most convenient height for frequent use. The drawer opens at the touch of a button. There is no need to remove the dish from the oven to check or stir the food. Attendees at the 2005 Kitchen and Bath Industry Show voted the Insight Pro the Best New Kitchen Product of the show.

Every year amazing new kitchen appliances are introduced to the market, each one promising to make our daily life more comfortable and efficient. Here are a couple of recent award-winners.

The world's first built-in capsule coffee system, the Miele CVA 2000 series, uses sealed Nespresso capsules, each containing just enough ground coffee for one cup. The appliance produces coffee, espresso, cappuccino, milk froth or simply hot water. The system can be set up underneath or integrated with the cabinetry, and it does not require a fixed water supply connection. The CVA 2000 series won Miele the prestigious international Red Dot award for product design.

■ Kitchens have become so much more than functional spaces in which to prepare meals. Homeowners are making very personal design statements with their kitchens. From elegant countertops to stylish wood cabinets, today's kitchens provide a virtual feast for the eyes. The most impressive feature of many kitchens is the stainless steel professional range or cooktop with the mighty hood overhead. And don't forget the grand finale—the decorative backsplash—strategically located between the two.

Make a Splash

It is when designing this important focal point in the kitchen that some of the most creative juices get flowing. Trendy backsplash treatments in contemporary-style kitchens range from copper or stainless steel tiles, to small glass mosaics. In more traditional-style kitchens, murals are popular using hand-painted ceramic or porcelain tiles, ink-impregnated tumbled marble, or laser-etched granite. Each of these products allows homeowners the chance to individualize their kitchen spaces in imaginative ways. □



Select your favorite photograph and StoneImpressions will turn the image into a unique stone mural for your backsplash. The inks used to create this fruit basket mural on tumbled travertine have penetrated permanently into the stone and are guaranteed for 75 years. The image is protected by two different sealants. Always use mild, non-abrasive cleaners for maintenance.

2005 CotY Award Winner Entire House

Our client loved her 1920s-style home and its location, but she needed additional space to create a master suite and bonus area for her grandchildren. Because the house is located in the historical North End of Boise, she wanted to maintain as much of the feel and look of an older home as possible. She wanted to salvage and reuse any of the existing finishes, if possible, including some of the unique handmade cabinetry, doors and mouldings.

After getting over a couple of hurdles with City Hall associated with set backs and “grandfather rights,” Bill Keilty worked with our client to design living space that both was functional and kept with the theme of an older home. The biggest design challenge was to come up with a design for the main floor to accommodate the stairs for her new second story. Since we were “hand-cuffed” with a second story height limitation, we handstacked the roof to create enough living space. This resulted in the stairs needing to be situated in the center of the main floor. We made the stairway the focal point upon entering the home, but relocated the entry door so the stairs were not immediately in view of the door.

In blending styles with more modern amenities, our client requested a jetted tub and walk-in shower but went with the black and white checkerboard composite flooring and pedestal sinks. A glass-block window was added in the shower and large skylights were installed in the master bathroom and grandkids’ play room for more natural lighting.

Inside the original study was a built-in bookcase/hutch that the homeowner requested be preserved and re-installed. It took meticulous effort to remove the old custom hand-built cabinet, but with a few minor repairs, painting and some patience in installation, the unit appears to have never been moved. The original moulding and door headpieces were unsalvageable, but we were able to create a three-piece stack system that was almost a perfect match to the original mouldings.

Our client selected a bright, vintage red paint for the exterior, and each room of the house has a special color that she selected to give it her personal touch. Everything associated with the house: design, colors, landscaping and her collection of antiques and family heirlooms, makes the home very warm and welcoming. □

