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By Chelsie Butler

K+BB proudly announces the winners of its 2015 Product Innovators Awards competition. The judges were tasked with choosing the winning products out of 130+ innovative kitchen and bathroom submissions. Awards go to both the Kitchen Product of the Year and the Bathroom Product of the Year, and two products were given an Honorable Mention. Still popular in its third year is a "Judges' Picks" category, where the esteemed judges are able to make personal choices of products they felt were also worthy of recognition. Our panel of four experienced judges, who are experts in the kitchen and bath industry, is introduced on the right. Congratulations to this year's winners!



Nar Bustamante is president and principal designer for Nar Fine Carpentry, with locations in Carmichael and El Dorado Hills, Calif. He is known for his eclectic and artistic designs and has changed the design landscape of homes and kitchens in California. Nar has received more than 50 design awards, his work has been published in multiple magazines and blogs, and he is a member of *Kitchen + Bath Business (K+BB)* magazine's Editorial Advisory Board. With each of his projects, there is a progression of ideas developing from one to the other, yet never leaving room for predictability.



Pamela K. Goldstein, CAPS/CMKBD/Allied ASID, is president of Atlanta-based Master Kitchen Bath Designer and Pam Sanchez Design. She serves as the vice chairman of the Education Committee for the Atlanta Chapter of the National Association of Home Builders; is a member of *K+BB's* Editorial Advisory Board; and has served as chapter president for the National Kitchen and Bath Association's Georgia/Tennessee Chapter. Pam is an aging-in-place health educator and trainer and is collaborating on a book to educate adults about environmental home modifications for aging in place.



Miriam Weinreb Lissak is the president of New York City-based Weinreb Schultz Design Associates, and her new interior design company – MWL Design Group – is being launched this fall. Her portfolio includes high-end residential and corporate, commercial and specialty retail installations. She is a member of the American Society of Interior Designers and is NCIDQ certified. Miriam has won multiple awards and has been featured in such publications as *Architectural Digest*, *Interior Design*, *The New York Times* and *NYPPost*, as well as on Bravo Network's "Property Envy."



Chuck Wheelock, a 27-year kitchen industry veteran, is president of Wheelock Design Associates (formerly Wheelock Maidique) in Old Greenwich, Conn. His re-branded firm creates one-of-a-kind kitchen, bath and home designs with unique characteristics that exude a client's lifestyle and personality. The full-service firm is vertically integrated to offer clients appliances, as well as expanded capacity to accommodate new private-label cabinetry designs. Wheelock has corporate, educational and residential architectural design experience in the U.S. and Middle East and is also a member of *K+BB's* Editorial Advisory Board..

Galley Ideal Workstation

by The Galley

The Galley Workstation is a functional place for prepping, serving, entertaining and clean up - indoors or out - all in one convenient place. It is available in six standard sizes, as a single- or double-bowl model, and can be specially ordered in custom sizes. The workstation, which ranges in price from \$2,195-\$8,345, includes a culinary kit available in black or white high-density resin or natural bamboo. The kit contains one or more of a variety of accessories, including cutting boards, stainless steel colanders and lidded bowls with custom platforms, drain racks and Ideal Flow drain covers. The judges feel this product allows homeowners to entertain in a novel way and loved the idea of prepping in or over the sink without having to clean off countertops afterward.



QuickDrain USA's WallDrain

The innovative WallDrain sits flush along the shower wall - eliminating the harsh look of a traditional shower drain. Designed by Josef Erlebach, the product ranges in price from \$1,390 for the 48-in. model to \$1,830 for the 72-in. model. According to QuickDrain USA, it has patented a slope trough for the WallDrain to ensure that all water and debris are removed after each use, and no other drain manufacturer offers this. The judges also said they have seen nothing else like it on the market. It is easy to install, and the company offers length adjustability for an exact fit with trough extensions. The cover is removable with magnets, and water passes under the cover instead of over it - making it easy to clean.

Cascara by MTI Baths

Pam Goldstein loves the tub's functional wide ledge (universal design feature) as a seat for entry and exit, and she says the company will install curved grab bars on opposite inner walls to allow for stable movement inside and out.



Reality Sink by RCKsinks

Miriam Lissak experienced an "a-ha" moment with this sink and marvels that it had not yet been introduced. She appreciates being able to conceal the dish drainer below the counter line with an integrated, low-profile rack while still maintaining a nice, usable kitchen sink.



P`7350 Design by Poggenpohl & Porsche Design Studio

Nar Bustamante chose this because he says mitered frameless cabinetry is such a rare, fine, elegant touch. According to Poggenpohl, it is the first kitchen manufacturer to produce this finish with the aid of leading-edge, high-precision manufacturing techniques.



Spice Rack Storage System by Dropout Cabinet Fixtures

Pam Goldstein appreciates that the hardware of this shelf-filled wall pullout column comes out and down to the user, allowing counter storage to stay in place. It is great for universal design applications because it brings high items down for easy and safe access.

Perlick's Signature Series Sottile Wine Reserve

According to Chuck Wheelock, this is the only 18-in. undercounter unit that includes a refrigerator, beverage center and a wine reserve. It is ideal for slim islands, credenzas and cabinetry and provides flexibility without sacrificing storage capacity.



KOHLER's DTV+ Digital Showering System

Miriam Lissak appreciates this all-in-one unit with so much flexibility; it is completely digital, aesthetically pleasing and functional. It adds technology to plumbing for everyday use.





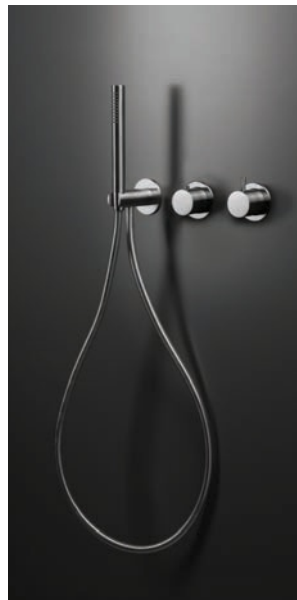
Lincoln Top Plate by Federal Brace

Pam Goldstein says this product is a game changer for countertop installation, giving clean aesthetics with hidden safety and structural integrity. She feels it can replace steel rods and corbels.



Broan's **Sensonic Speaker Fan**

"A Bluetooth speaker device in the bathroom? YES!" said Nar Bustamante. "You know we all like to rock out here!" This affordable fan also provides powerful but quiet ventilation in a sleek, minimal design.



Victoria + Albert's **Ionion**

Chuck Wheelock likes this freestanding tub's compact footprint for smaller spaces. Its subtle, oval silhouette and clean lines give it an understated, modern edge. Cast in volcanic limestone, he says it speaks to him on a spiritual, island level.

INOX Stainless Steel Shower System by Blu Bathworks

Chuck Wheelock appreciates this shower system's sleek Italian style with stacking diverter valves for vertical or horizontal installations and its modern, minimal look. Its modular design allows for a personalized showering experience.



KOHLER's **Veil Intelligent Toilet**

According to Miriam Lissak, this is technology-meets-plumbing; it is multifunctional and beautiful to look at - far away from the traditional lines of a toilet and bidet. It offers a touch screen and hands-free operation and is hygienic and state of the art.

What's Hot in *Ranges & Ventilation and Bathroom Faucets & Sinks*



For a timeless yet low-profile look, **Zephyr's** ICON Touch Controls are integrated into the hood's form and combine with LED lighting in several colors. These diffused LED lights create accent lighting with even distribution, as opposed to bright hot spots.



Time, a single-hole lavatory faucet from **Aquabross**, brings together a circular body with a sleek, flat spout. Evoking the dial of a timepiece, the lever releases cold water at four o'clock and hot water at eight o'clock. Made in Italy, Time retails at \$529.65 in polished chrome.



GE's new freestanding ranges include edge-to-edge cooktops as well as Bluetooth technology and a dual-purpose burner that gives the option of an oval or round burner. This will accommodate a Dutch oven or an extra-large, integrated griddle.



Featuring a sleek design, the **Electrolux** front-controlled freestanding gas range can easily replace a back-control freestanding range with a built-in look. The oven comes with convection technology, an oval burner, a griddle and a Perfect Taste Temp Probe that monitors cooking food.



The new Loft bathroom Collection from **American Standard** includes two rectangular lavatory sinks crafted from fine fire clay. Shown here, one model features a one-hole ledge and overflow opening for single-handle faucet installation, while the other has no ledge or holes and can accommodate a vessel faucet.

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The **SMEG** Pro-style Aesthetic Line, 36-in. all-gas range comes with three cooking modes: gas, convection and broil, as well as defrost and a fan option for static gas. There are four shelf positions and an air-cooled, triple-glazed, removable door and heavy-duty, cast-iron gates.

Designed for minimalist settings, **MTI Baths'** new Boutique Collection Vanity Sinks are available in 12 variations (Parsons style shown) with squared legs or a more modern waterfall style with solid sides. Also available is a floating shelf, which comes in four lengths up to 48 inches.



Delta Faucet Company's first joystick lavatory faucet, the Tesla Collection, draws from gently curved, organic shapes found in nature. Paired with TempSense Technology, an LED light at the base of the faucet changes from blue to magenta to red to indicate water temperature.



LG is introducing six new cooking ranges that feature the company's ProBake Convection technology. By moving the heating element from the bottom of the oven to the back wall, there is consistent heating on the top and bottom of every dish.



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