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## What's Been Happening

**W**elcome to 2015! 2014 certainly ended with a bang with our year end Holiday Party held at Fiesole-Mistral in Skippack, NJ. Over 60 members attended! We like to thank Weinstein/Kohler, Keifers, and Caesarstone sponsoring the event which really contributed to a fabulous evening. We will be reserving our spot back at Fiesole-Mistral with the 'Grand Slam' eight piece band for this year's Holiday Party, so mark your calendars!

January kicked off the year with KBIS. We would love to hear from anyone who attended and who wants to share a product, a thought from the key note speaker, or any training you attended.

February was our first meeting for the year which was held at the Dal-tile Philadelphia showroom. We had three speakers educating us about custom shower installation, as well as the newest plumbing fixtures and technologies. Once again the attendance was great with over 60 members in attendance. We are hoping to repeat the amazing turnout at the April meeting. On April 14 2015 at 5:00pm we will be at the Fretz state-of-the-art showroom located at the old Naval Yard in Philadelphia The topic, "Outdoor Kitchen", is a subject first for us. We will be sharing this event with the Susquehanna Chapter, so save the date! Please visit our web-site for up and coming events and news.

## What's trending with the Kitchen & Bath industry in the UK?

*ARTICLE BY TREVOR FORGAH-GRIFFITH*

<http://www.idelick.com/domesticdesign/>

Watch the video and enjoy seeing what's happening across the pond!



**HomeTech Renovations, Inc.**

**Named Local Winner in the 2015 Contractor of the Year Awards**

**HomeTech Renovations**, Inc. of Fort Washington PA, was awarded the 2015 Contractor of the Year Award as part of a design/build competition in the residential kitchen remodeling category for a kitchen renovation valued between \$60K - \$100K. The winning project was for a client in Philadelphia, PA.

The Contractor of the Year (COTY) Award is widely considered the premier completion of its kind throughout the remodeling industry. Preliminary judging took place in Montgomery County in December 2014 and January 2015, and included a panel of six distinguished judges with extensive knowledge of design and construction. Judging was based on problem solving, functionality, aesthetics, craftsmanship, innovation, degree of difficulty, and entry presentation.

David Cerami, CKBR and President, thanked all those who were involved with the award winning project. "Without a total team effort, this award would have not been possible. Special thanks to our client, Lois S. who made this possible!"

Please view this award winning portfolio at:

[http://www.htrenovations.com/  
kitchen\\_bathroom\\_design\\_portfolio/  
Urban\\_Contemporary\\_Philadelphia\\_PA.htm](http://www.htrenovations.com/kitchen_bathroom_design_portfolio/Urban_Contemporary_Philadelphia_PA.htm)



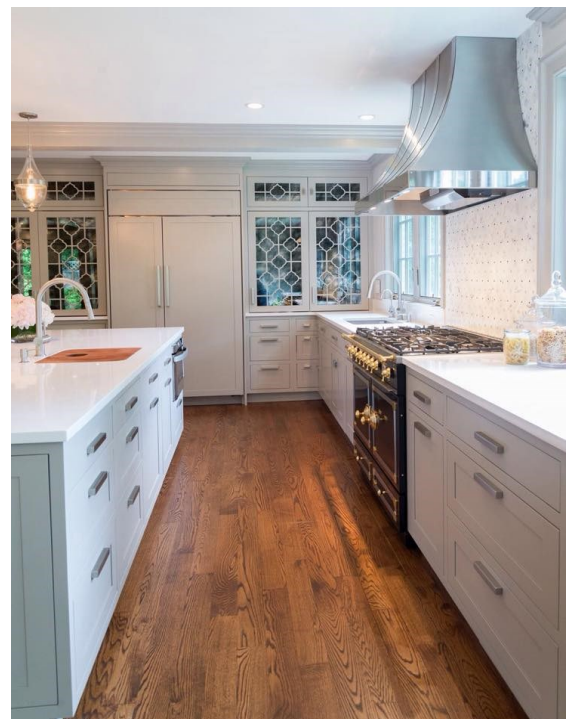
**Emily O'Keefe**

**2015 NKBA Design Contest winner for Medium Kitchen-First Place**

“Last year, I had the privilege of working with an Interior Designer on her own personal Kitchen. We had worked together on projects before for other clients, but this was going to be something very special for her and her young growing family. There were many functional aspects in which to incorporate into the design, but there were also some personal touches which had to hold their rightful place in this project as well”.

To see more pictures and to learn about Emily O'Keefe:

<https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.781229125246262.1073741830.198266336875880&type=1>





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# Newsletter

## UPDATES TO THE NKBA PRL MANUALS

The NKBA has made an extensive update to the Professional Resource Library (PRL) Manuals. Last year (2014), four books were consolidated and heavily revised into two separate books, allowing for the addition of two highly anticipated books .

This affects anybody who has not gotten their testing done or is looking to sit for the test in the near future. Please let Nina Green (VP of Education) know if you have any questions!



***Please note, we are always looking for sponsors. If you like to sponsors the Holiday Party or any other events we have for the year, contact anyone on the board; we'd love to hear from you!***

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