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# Kitchen Winners!

Outstanding kitchens from the 2013 Kitchen & Bath Industry Show



*"Raise a Glass" is the winner of the Best Kitchen and 1st Place Large Kitchen awards. It features a blend of woods, stainless steel, concrete and glass. Photo by Dennis Martin.*

**G**lass in all its glory—hand-cut, hand-blown and LED-lit—was creatively used by the winning designers in both the Best Kitchen and the Best Bath in the 2013 Design Competition sponsored by the National Kitchen & Bath Association (NKBA). The category winners in this annual contest were revealed on April 18th at an exclusive Design Competition Awards event at the Republic in New Orleans, during the 2013 Kitchen & Bath Industry Show (KBIS).

The KBIS winners' circle encompasses six categories—small, medium and large kitchens, small and large bathrooms, and powder rooms. In addition, the NKBA Design Competition recognizes Specialty Awards for Before and After Kitchens and Baths, Budget-Friendly Kitchens and Baths, Green Design and Universal Design.

"We take great pride in announcing to the public the topnotch kitchen and bath designers that our industry has to offer," said 2013





(Above) "Beach Ball" is the 2nd Place Medium Kitchen and also the winner of Budget Friendly Kitchen. It has a Gulf Coast color palette, with white glass-front cabinets featuring turquoise backs that keep plates and glasses in the limelight. Photo by Greg Riegler Photography. (Below) "Copper Elements" is the 3rd Place Medium Kitchen winner. Fanciful swirling metal pulls, fun red wall elements and copper backsplash offer wit and whimsy. Photo by Cabin 4D Images.



has conducted a design contest since 1965. That year, the winners were Danish Modern and Spanish-style projects, and a kitchen with lavender blue cabinets accented by wallpapered soffit and ceiling.

This month, *Lifestyles & Homes* features the professionally designed, prize-winning kitchen winners. Next month the bathroom design awards will be showcased.

### 2013 KITCHEN DESIGN WINNERS

#### Best Kitchen and Large Kitchen - 1st Place

Wendy F. Johnson, CKD, CBD  
*Designs for Living*  
Manchester Village, Vt.

"Raise a Glass" — This kitchen translates into some serious cooking and baking for her, and also a computer center and seven-stool raised bar area. With the focal point being the glass wall and views of a private golf course beyond, a large center island forms the heart of the space, open to an elaborate wall of cooking, refrigeration and storage. Not to be missed is a small second island providing an intimate dining space for two.

The combination of warm linear rift oak and cool stainless steel cabinets of varying heights provides a serene balance to the interior, and the floating LED-lit glass bar, colorful cabinet glass, recycled glass tile backsplash and pendant lights add the right amount of drama. This visually interesting, yet functional space serves up a blend of woods, stainless steel, concrete and glass — perfect for that weekend escape.

**PRODUCTS:** Cooktop: Wolf; Dishwasher, Miele; Ovens: Wolf; Microwave Oven, Miele; Refrigerators: Zub-Zero; Ventilation: handcrafted metal with custom copper finish; Cabinetry: Bentwood, St. Charles; Countertops: Dex, ThinkGlass, Grothouse Lumber; Faucets/Fittings: Waterstone; Lighting: Task, Tech; Sinks: Mila, Kohler, Link-a-sink; Flooring: Marble Tile.