



# Luxuria Living



## LUXURIA SHOWROOM— A REFLECTION OF REAL LIVING

Rembrandt said, "Practice what you know, and it will help to make clear what you do not know." I feel the same principal guides me in my life's work. So, as I labored over the floor plans of my first Luxuria Showroom, I treated each room as if it were in a client's home. I wanted my entire company to experience living and working in the kinds of spaces we create every day.

Some of the details you see in our offices include: a European arched grotto/fireplace built with Chalet stone . . . natural wood beams as a structural element . . . chandeliers that create intimate spaces . . . hand selected furnishings and pieces of art . . . thick cased panel mouldings . . . and surface textures within flooring, countertops, and various organic woods. There is even a children's playhouse.



I was honored to have over 500 guests at our Grand Opening in late October. If you have not seen the showroom, please contact me. It will be my pleasure to give you a personal tour.

*Note: 100% of the Grand Opening's proceeds went to local charities. Building a Cure fund raising group benefitting Comer Children's Hospital Neuroblastoma Research (in honor of Matthew Bittker) and A Million Tomorrows breast cancer foundation (founded by Susan Maman).*



# Scenes from our grand opening



## A EUROPEAN HOME IN RIVERWOODS



*Classic, European-inspired elegance includes brick "cobblestones", a limestone turret, simulated divided windows, custom carved front doors with leaded glass windows, limestone columns and a stone porch.*

Ursula's vision, including a castle-like exterior and an ornate interior (tumbled limestone floor, art pieces, paintings, sculpture, furniture, etc.). One key element is a wet bar with a niche-pass through to the butler's pantry . . . perfect for entertaining.

The home is like living in a richly decorated French castle, but with high speed Internet, flat screen TVs, a fabulous kitchen, the latest security system, computer controlled lighting and electronics, and plenty of personal space for every family member.

Thank you Ursula and Gary, for your confidence in my team and myself.

Ursula and Gary Geppert had a passion for classic old world architecture. Ursula, originally from Poland, has fond memories of her childhood in Europe's storybook neighborhoods.

"Must haves" included formal and informal entertaining spaces, and state-of-the-art electronics. Gary's businesses (Isotec and Gepco) manufacture the latest in innovative technology. I understood immediately that we needed to combine exquisite classic design with ultra-modern technology.

In the design phase, we tapped into

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Clockwise from upper left:

*Ursula & Gary Geppert, Jeannine Scheck  
Ami & David Handler  
Sari & Mitch Kovitz, Jeannine Scheck  
Jana & Tom Donahue*



*Straight from the heart . . . a completely functional, modern kosher kitchen designed around family keepsakes.*

## **A MODERN, FUNCTIONAL KITCHEN CREATED AROUND HEIRLOOMS**

Following the first phase of their own remodeling project, David and Ami Handler recommended us to their parents, Ray and Arlene, who wished for a kosher kitchen.

Originally the space was cumbersome, so we eliminated the existing kitchen, mud room, laundry room, and walls. The completely new kitchen has separate dairy and meat areas, a separate baking area, and a breakfast nook. We included a functional island, gave the walls a copper finish, and added all new cabinetry, countertops, hardware and appliances.

Worth more to Arlene than all the riches in the world, are her antique collectables handed down from her grandmother. So, we nestled them on a wrought iron display etagere and designed the kitchen around them. Today, the living heart of this gracious home is rooted in over a century of priceless memories.

# 4 TOP 4 REMODELING TIPS

## **CREATING ART TO LIVE IN**

### **○ | NUMBER 1**

*Do not be afraid of color. Be brave, be daring, and do not fear color, movement, or texture.*

### **○ | NUMBER 2**

*Art is not a design theme. Art should speak for itself and not be decorated around.*

### **○ | NUMBER 3**

*Opposites attract. Create a formal elegance that allows for a comfortable, relaxed, casual sophistication.*

### **○ | NUMBER 4**

*Remodel with your parents in mind . . . design for wider hallways and doorways, and a stacked walk-in closet for a potential future elevator.*

## A DREAM COMING TRUE



*Jeannine Scheck, President*



*Sketches, blueprints, elevations and interior design drawings are coming true for this North Shore Luxuria Home's client. Soon they will build a lifetime of memories filled with family gatherings, holidays parties, casual and formal entertaining, a place for friends to share time and life's precious moments . . . a place called home. Currently under construction, this home is planned to be finished and furnished in 2008.*



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Real estate is the largest industry in the nation. But that is based on a vast government viewpoint—and we all lead individual lives. If you are ready to build the home you always wanted, or if you plan to be in your existing home for many years to come and want to remodel, then the best time to call us is now. Life goes on—and it is finite. Your home should inspire you and your family to achieve more each day, be it in business or health, good values or spiritual awakenings.

We all experience ups and downs. If we focus on balance and avoid the economic swings of peaks and valleys, we can enjoy living life to its fullest. Every moment you wait is a moment lost.

The economy is cyclical and we are approaching the impending upswing. By the time it is in full motion, you can be living in the new, or newly remodeled, home of your dreams.

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