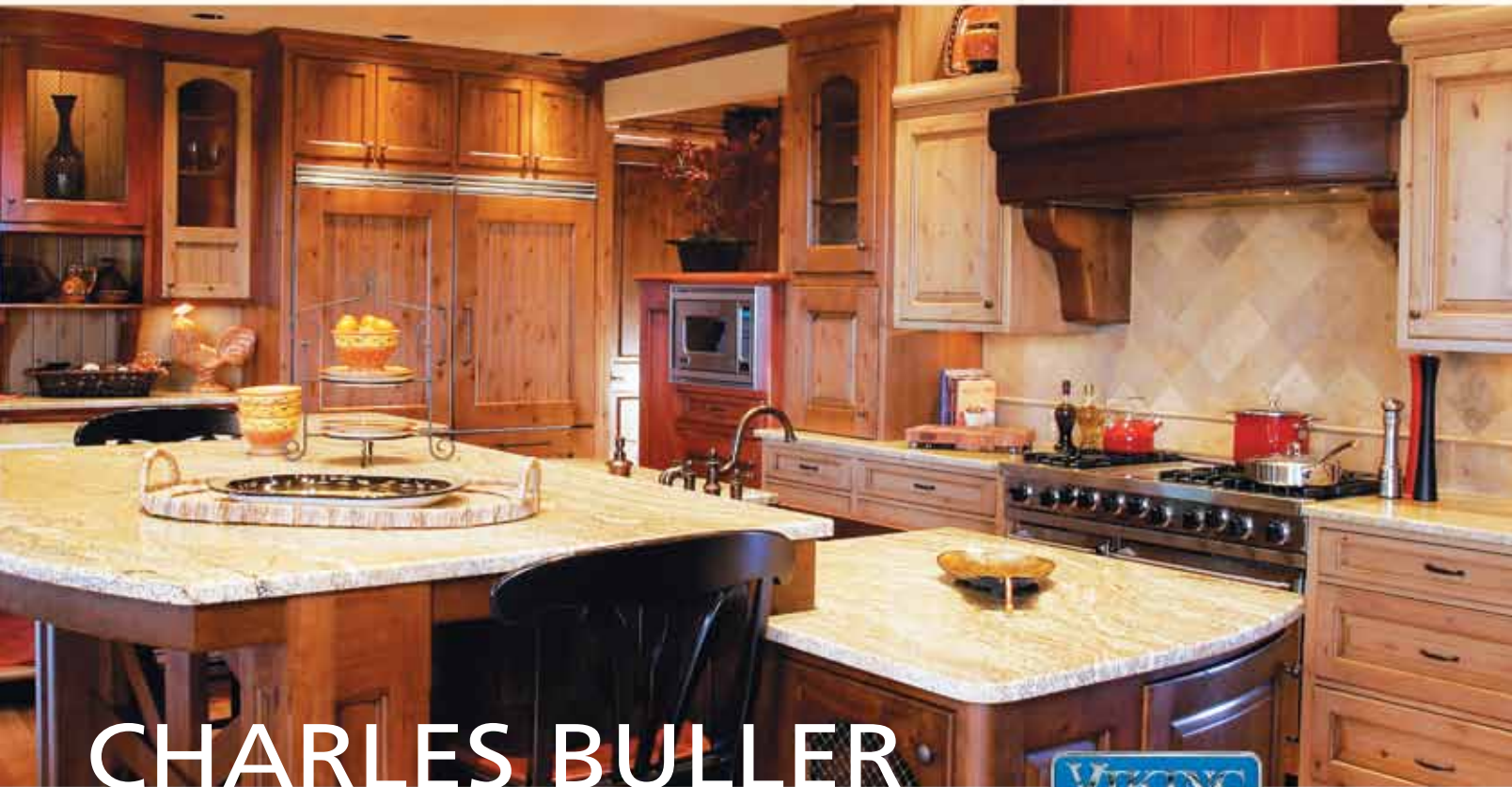


# THE EDGE



## CHARLES BULLER HONORED AS THE 2008 VIKING FEATURED DESIGNER



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The winner of the annual Viking Featured Designer Award for 2008 is Charles Buller, president of Park Place Wood Products, Inc., Oregon City, Oregon. His award-winning entry (pictured above and on the next two pages) is a chef's dream kitchen for the annual NW Natural Street of Dreams™ luxury-home tour that draws more than 100,000 visitors each year.

"I'm so excited to receive this recognition from Viking. We combined many different custom finishes, door styles, and furniture elements — all integrated into a very specially designed kitchen area," says Buller. "All my visions for a wonderful,

extraordinary, and quality kitchen designed around cooking activity were met by the full line of Viking professional products."

"The Viking Designers of Distinction competition is one of the leading design showcases in the industry," says Jim Gregory, Viking Range Corporation Director, Design Relations. "The entries we have received are excellent, and we are pleased to recognize Charles Buller's design as the grand prize winner this year."

Viking created the competition to provide a national showcase for design excellence as part of its commitment to foster professionalism in kitchen design. To be eligible, submit your project information to [VikingFeaturedDesigner.com](http://VikingFeaturedDesigner.com).



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# Charles Buller



Magnificent custom cabinetry and a Viking kitchen help achieve a 'high-end European look' for this Oregon dream home.

When Charles Buller designed the chef's dream kitchen for a Northwest lodge-style home with an amazing view, Viking products were among the must-have features. "Viking was my first choice because I wanted to use high-quality appliances for this kitchen that was being created for a culinary enthusiast," says Buller.

#### Inspired by an incredible vista

The Providence House in rural Oregon City, Oregon, has a magnificent view of a private forest and nearby mountains. The design and architecture are inspired by its surroundings and emphasize elements of natural beauty and openness. As a result, the home's 585-square-foot kitchen's features include vaulted ceilings and wooden beams, double islands, and a dazzling array of custom craftsman-built cabinetry from Buller's internationally renowned company, Park Place Wood Products, Inc.

In addition to a 48"W. Viking dual fuel range, the spacious kitchen includes two Viking dishwashers, two 36"W. Viking bottom-mount refrigerator/freezers, as well as a Viking warming drawer and microwave oven. "I love the refrigerator/freezer combination because its wide span allows us to use custom cabinetry to make it look like an armoire," says Buller.

The kitchen's 132 feet of custom wood cabinetry was crafted from No. 2 Alder. Buller



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says, "People love the feel of this knotty wood with character." Because of the size of the kitchen, Buller, who likes to design what he calls 'extreme kitchens,' used extraordinary cabinet finishes in four different colors.

### Solving the design puzzle

"Designing a kitchen is a bit like working on a puzzle," says Buller. "You solve the big issues first, then the rest of the pieces fall into place. The kitchen is a very integral part of this house, so we tried to make it special," says Buller. For instance, since he wanted to create a lot of visual interest without having a massive use of cabinetry, some doors feature wire mesh inserts. "We tried not to overdress the kitchen, but to get maximum design results by using symmetries," he explains.

One goal for the kitchen design was to achieve "a high-end European look," where things serve multiple functions. "My claim to fame is making design factors work many ways," says Buller. "The more reasons they work, the better."

In addition to his "intense, extreme wood-work," Buller's design aesthetic draws upon his background raising Angus cattle and Morgan horses. The latter are extremely versatile, he says, "just like my woodwork products." Since he wants his kitchens to be user friendly in a myriad of ways, the use of knotty wood and glazes for the cabinetry makes it

easy to touch them up if necessary. He chose hardwood floors because of their appearance and durability. "The more it's used, the better it looks," he explains. "I want every element to be useful, not just a trophy."

In addition to a separate dining room, The Providence House includes another space for cooking, dining and socializing: an outdoor kitchen with stunning views, outfitted with Viking products that include a grill, beverage center, warming drawer, and outdoor cabinets. The approximately 400-square-foot outdoor kitchen also features a fireplace and sink.

### Commitment to community service

The Providence House in Oregon City is one of several Buller has worked on for the annual NW Natural Street of Dreams luxury-home tour. Founded in 1976, the Street of Dreams® program in Oregon hosts more than 100,000 visitors each year. A significant portion of the net proceeds from The Providence House is used to support families with medically fragile children served through the Providence Center in Portland, Oregon.

Buller, whose commitment to community service is evident from his active participation in the design of The Providence House, is also pleased that over the years the NW Natural Street of Dreams has bestowed many awards on him for his designs. The Providence House in Oregon City received both the Realtor's and People's Choice

### VIKING INDOOR PRODUCTS

- 48"W. Dual Fuel Range with 6 Burners and 12"W. Griddle
- 48"W. Built-In Custom Ventilator for Wall Hood
- 36"W. Bottom-Mount Refrigerator/Freezer with Full Overlay (2)
- 30"W. Warming Drawer
- 24"W. Undercounter Dishwasher with Full Overlay (2)
- Microwave Oven and Built-In Trim Kit

### VIKING OUTDOOR PRODUCTS

- 41"W. T-Series Ultra-Premium Gas Grill
- 48"W. Outdoor Wall Hood
- 36"W. Electric Warming Drawer
- 15"W. Refrigerated Beverage Center
- 24"W. Stainless Steel Refrigeration Cabinet
- 18"W. Stainless Steel Trash Cabinet
- 41"W. Stainless Steel Grill Base with Warming Drawer Access
- 18"W. Stainless Steel Three-Drawer Cabinet
- 36"W. Stainless Steel Sink Cabinet

awards for Best Kitchen.

"It really confirms my sense of design when it's well-received in terms of function and aesthetics," says Buller. "I've been doing design work for 35 years and winning these awards gives me the energy to keep doing it."

Buller does not work alone, however. He acknowledges the importance of such partners as Basco Builders Supply Company in Portland, his source for the Viking products that are, along with his company's custom cabinetry, important components of his award-winning kitchen designs. For more information, go to [ParkPlaceCabinets.com](http://ParkPlaceCabinets.com).

