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Viking Awards Viking Kitchen Designer of the Year for 2016 to Rebecca Reynolds and Lori Gilder

Greenwood, MS (January 1, 2017)—Viking Range, LLC, the leader in residential kitchen technology, has named Lori Gilder and Rebecca Reynolds as the Viking Kitchen Designers of the Year. Designers from around the United States were vying for the coveted honor to become the 2016 Viking Designer of the Year to be awarded at the 2017 National Kitchen and Bath Industry Show in Orlando.

Lori and Rebecca are Interior Designers/Kitchen Designers, and cofounders of Kitchen Design Network, a multi-media network devoted to all things kitchen, based in Beverly Hills, California.

Lori Gilder is an award-winning Architectural Interior Designer known for her clean, architectural lines and comfortable California Modern style. She closely collaborates with her clients to create high-end, relaxed, modern spaces influenced by Spanish, Mid-century Modern, and traditional California Ranch style.

Specializing in luxury home renovations, Lori Gilder is known for her clean architectural lines and classically contemporary interiors. She has been a featured guest of multiple HGTV shows and as a contributor to television, print and digital media platforms. Her award-winning firm specializes in custom solutions for homes and vacation properties throughout the United States, Canada and Mexico.

Rebecca Reynolds is one of the top kitchen and bath designers in the United States. Her award-winning portfolio of luxury projects can be seen throughout New England, the Southern states, California, as well as Europe.

Rebecca believes it's her passion for cooking, food culture, travel, art and coastal living that provide her with unlimited sources of inspiration to create beautifully designed, functional and well collected homes.

Her work has been widely published in local and national publications, gracing the covers of several and is prominently featured in recently published kitchen design books.

Rebecca has teamed up with Los Angeles-based, award-winning, Architectural Interior Designer, Lori Gilder, to co-found the Kitchen Design Network, an online resource for kitchen planning, inspiration and education open to designers and consumers.

Reynolds speaks regularly around the country as a kitchen and bath expert and is an active member of the National Kitchen and Bath Association.

Their winning kitchen design concept for this 1905 Historic craftsman bungalow in downtown Napa California was to create a highly functional and classically modern kitchen environment that would honor the home's traditional roots at the same time incorporating fresh design elements that exude a more youthful modern look - an aesthetic that captures the true essence of the young homeowners' personalities.

Lori Gilder describe the project; "What we lacked in square footage, we gained in volume. High ceilings can make a small space feel more expansive. We took advantage of the height in the main kitchen area and designed a tracery ceiling detail which draws the eye up, creates architectural interest and adds some show-stopping elegance to the space."

Rebecca Reynolds added; "It was extremely important to maximize every square inch of space. We increased the opening between the kitchen and hallway by several feet allowing us to include a small 2' x 4' "mobile island" into the long and narrow kitchen space. Adding casters allows the homeowners to move it anywhere in the kitchen. It can function as an island, buffet or bar cart – a multifunctional piece that is perfect for any type of entertaining. Proof that small and compact can make a big impact."

Viking professional appliances in the kitchen include a 36" 7 series Dual Fuel, 36" Custom Ventilator System, 24" Custom Panel Dishwasher, Undercounter Microwave Drawer and a 36" Bottom – Freezer Refrigerator.

As the 2016 Viking Kitchen Designers of the Year, Lori and Rebecca were featured in a 2017 ***Architectural Digest*** ad and also receive a Viking Professional Range as well as a Viking Professional 10 piece cookware set.

Entries for the 2018 Viking Kitchen Design Competition are now being accepted through October 31, 2017.

Design professionals interested in entering the Viking Kitchen Design Completion can visit www.vikingrange.com/designers to enter.

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