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WELCOME

This newsletter is designed to keep you informed of Chapter events, important member announcements and NKBA Approved CEU events.

If you have any announcements or you are hosting an NKBA Approved CEU event email your information to jsasaki@distinctive-online.com, please note you are responsible for the copy.

INDUSTRY NEWS

Blum Canada has outgrown its current head office in Mississauga, Ontario and construction is well under way on a new 61,000 sq. ft. building. It will house offices, visitor friendly showrooms and an automated warehouse.



Blum Canada's future home expected to be ready for fall 2020

"We have to prepare for the future and since our success has been built on quality products and service, we've designed this new building with those needs in mind." said Kevin Tratt of Blum Canada. "We'll have a much larger showroom to better showcase our product solutions and meet our customers' needs. It will allow us more space for demonstrations and to teach installations of our latest products," he said. This is a significant financial investment for Blum, one that will increase its current space substantially, and on a property that provides an additional two acres for future expansion.

The warehouse space will expand significantly thanks to a 24 metre-tall, 6300 pallet automated warehouse. Offices and showroom will occupy 10,000 sq. ft. each. The new facility will also incorporate numerous environmentally friendly building materials and techniques and charging stations for electric vehicles will also be incorporated.

The new building is expected to be completed in late fall next year (2020), but as far as Blum's customers are concerned, Tratt said they will not notice anything while the work is being done. Blum manufactures hinges, drawer systems, and other related fittings for the kitchen cabinet and furniture industry and employs 43 people across Canada.

CHAPTER EVENT

Become One of Canada's First Certified Living In Place Professionals (CLIPP)



The *Living In Place Institute* and the *NKBA Ontario Chapter* present Canada's first ever Certified Living In Place Professional class in Toronto this October.

October 2-3, 2019
7:30 AM – 5:00 PM

Blum Canada Ltd.
7135 Pacific Cir,
Mississauga, ON L5T 2A8



The Living In Place Institute is dedicated in providing CLIPP education to make ALL homes accessible, comfortable and safe. It is the ONLY education program endorsed by the National Kitchen & Bath Association (NKBA), the world's leading trade association for the kitchen and bath industry.

CLIPP education has been pre-approved for 16 hours of Continuing Education for members of the following associations:

- National Kitchen & Bath Association (NKBA)
- Interior Design Continuing Education Council (IDCEC)
- National Association of the Remodeling Industry (NARI)



The CLIPP Program May Meet CEU Qualification Requirements For Members Of The Following Associations:

- National Association of Home Builders (NAHB)
- American Institute of Architects (AIA)

Be among the country's first CLIPP and a leader in your industry.

CTA: [Click to register](#)

Seating is limited!

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EDITORIAL CONTENT

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CO-WORK IS THE NEW WORK

Welcome to a new way of working in an environment where innovation, collaboration and productivity are fostered on the daily. Imagine being surrounded by a community of like-minded individuals in a tailored atmosphere that helps you work best, collaborate, communicate, grow and make your own business a successful one.



Co-working is a world-wide phenomenon that's growing immensely and gaining traction all over the world. Co-working has revolutionized the way people work from freelancers, to digital nomads, to finance professionals and just about everyone in between. According to Ergonomic Trends, the number of co-working spaces globally is set to double to approximately 50,000 in the next 5 years.

Toronto is jumping on the bandwagon and as the third-fastest growing city for coworking in the world. So what does this all mean for the future of work? Well for one, co-working is cheaper than a regular office, allowing you to share your office with a community of professionals who can help to keep you motivated and engaged.

With less structure means more freedom to work when you work best; working in an environment that is built to be conducive to productivity, keeping you focused on the things that matter. According to Office Vibe, a coworking office environment made 64% of entrepreneurs more productive, 68% of entrepreneurs more focused, and 90% of entrepreneurs more confident.

Co-working is changing the nature of the workplace, giving people more control over their work lives and helping them to interact with new people in a social setting. Co-working spaces are becoming a new norm, the question is, are you on board?

Carly Nemtean is the Founder + CEO of The Collective Workspace, a co-working and lifestyle space designed for architects, landscape architects, designers, stagers, architectural technicians and vendors. For more information visit www.thecollectiveto.com.

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

We are pleased to introduce our new members for the first have of 2019:

Above & Beyond Interiors Inc. – www.aboveandbeyondinteriors.com

Details Construction and Development Ltd. - www.detailsbuilt.ca

Erin Interiors – www.erininteriors.com

Erica Design Interior Decorating Inc. - www.ericadesign.com

Lampert Renovations Ltd. - www.lampertrenovations.ca

Living in Place Network – www.livinginplacenetWORK.com

Lixil Canada Inc. - www.lixil.com

Lynne Millar Design+ - www.lmdesignplus.com

The Gatti Group Corp. - www.thegattigroupcorp.com

The Brick/Midnorthern Appliance Design Centre – www.brickcommsales.com

Vision By Design – www.visionvanities.ca

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NKBA SPECIALTY BADGE PROGRAM

NKBA has developed a brand-new educational micro-credentialing badge program, Badge holders are able to communicate focused knowledge in a particular aspect of the kitchen and bath industry. It distinguishes you from your peers as being well versed and educated in a single competency. It provides extensive networking and marketing opportunities to expand your professional growth.. Members may earn multiple badges to support their business success.

Remodeling Specialty Badge
Living in Place Specialty Badge
Cabinetry Specialty Badge
Floor Plans & Specifications Specialty Badge
Sales & Marketing Specialty Badge

To get started, visit nkba.org/badges and click on “Earn Your Badge.”

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PAST EVENTS

2019 ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT WAS A BIG SUCCESS!!

Thank you to all who attended our tournament this year and a special thank you to our sponsors!

It was at a spectacular day! The weather couldn't have been any better, the food was delicious, and the best part was spending time with each other!



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