Catch up on the latest news and events from NKBA Southern California Chapter.

Have you attended one of our meetings yet? Register from our e-mails, links below, or register at the door for our Chapter Meetings.
We can't wait to see you!

STAY CONNECTED:

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Chapter Event:
Tuesday, April 17th

Presents:

Are you ready to go Brando, or Monroe for a Hollywood style, Red-Carpet reveal?

NKBA So Cal is ready for another FIRST! We love being the first to see the Column Refrigeration from Jenn Air! Hope you can join us for a festive evening celebrating this new collection -

- Advance Registration ONLY -
- OPTIONAL Bus Transportation Provided
  Bus departs from OC at 3:00PM -

Are you ready for the Red Carpet - with Jenn-Air?

We will be transported to Los Angeles, in style, to a private suite at the highly acclaimed
Redbird is a modern American, downtown, Los Angeles restaurant in the cathedral-turned event venue Vibiana. Redbird's chef's will showcase cooking demonstrations on the Jenn-Air products installed on-site.

Enjoy innovative, chef prepared dishes, paired with creative cocktails and a snazzy historic setting, as our host Jenn-Air unveils their newest collection: Column Refrigerators and Freezers.

This will be an evening to remember - you'll be left with stars in your eyes! I promise!

**Meeting Information & Registration**

Tuesday, April 17th, 2018 5:00PM - 8:00PM  
Red Bird  
114 E. 2nd Street.

Los Angeles, CA 90012

**REGISTER NOW!**

**Upcoming Events:**

**May 15th, 2018**
Ferguson Bath, Kitchen & Lighting Gallery  
6 Cushing #100  
Irvine, CA 92618

**June 19th, 2018**
Location TBD

**July 17th, 2018**
Mode Distributing  
4945 E. Hunter Ave.
Past Events:

**Design Box Challenge March 28th 2018**
Our very own Natalie DiPiazza participated in our sponsored program, the Design Box Challenge on March 28th.

Percy Floyd Productions added 5 new photos.

Here is a look at Natalie DiPiazza’s space of West Coast Remodel Services. Her mid century modern space makes us feel like we are back in Palm Springs during Modernism Week. Congratulations Natalie on a well done space! #designboxchallenge #nkbasocal #lamdc #dacor #sherwinwilliams #greenlivingroom #westcoastremodelservices #nataliedipiazza

March 20th 2018 MSI Stone, Orange, CA
We had so much fun at our March meeting at MSI Stone in Orange. We were transported to a garden party of live music, and drinks when were were swept
indoors for vendor tabletops and dinner. Amazing raffle prizes were won by many attendees! Thank you to all for joining, it was a wonderful evening!

AKBD Study Group
There's still time to join our 2018 AKBD Study Group, led by CKD Rachel Hutchens of the NKBA Southern California Chapter. They held their first introductory online class this past Saturday. Jeopardy was played and prizes were won! If you’re on the fence about joining, reach out to Rachel for more information. Cost to attend all classes is a ONE TIME fee of $50.00.
Industry Opportunities

**NKBA.org**
**Complete your profile!**

Your e-mail is your log-in to the new [www.nkba.org](http://www.nkba.org) website. Your password should have stayed the same!

The new NKBA website has been designed to show off your business, produce the best possible search engine results and help you take your career to the next level. It all starts with your completed profile. Log-on today and create a profile to get the maximum benefits.

Update your info to the most current and up to date information anytime at [www.nkba.org](http://www.nkba.org). We get our roster lists from the information you've provided to NKBA so be sure it's current!

New features are being added frequently!

**NKBA.org**

**Certification**

**AKBD Bundle Package**

* NKBA members, you can now save over $150 and start your path to NKBA Certification with the AKBD Bundle Package - everything you need to prepare for the AKBD Exam in one easy purchase.

Bundle Package includes:

- Exam application fee
- Exam fee
- NKBA Professional Resource Library books - a 9-volume hardcover set
- 30 education hours of on-demand exam prep courses
- Certification Study Guide
- AKBD online practice exam
- Flashcards
- NKBA Kitchen & Bathroom Planning Guidelines
- Shipping & handling in US & Canada

*Applicants must document a minimum of two years' experience to qualify for the AKBD exam. The price for NKBA member is $1499.*


**2016 NKBA Certification Update**

All NKBA certified members were sent a hard copy letter that describes the changes to the NKBA certifications, effective on July 1, 2016. These changes were developed under the guidance of the Certification Task Force, in collaboration with the Exam Test Board. The changes were approved by the NKBA Board of Directors during the Fall 2015 meeting.
Beginning July 1, 2016, the NKBA will offer a new certification exam that identifies a certified kitchen and bath design expert through a single exam. Candidates for the new Certified Kitchen & Bath Designer (CKBD) will no longer need to sit for both the CKD and CBD exams. Candidates will have access to the CKBD exam year-round.

The CMKBD qualifications will now encourage promotion of consumer and industry awareness, industry leadership, and mentoring new designers.

Students at NKBA accredited college programs may now sit for the Associate Kitchen & Bath Designer (AKBD) exam prior to graduation. Students must complete a minimum of 85% of their Kitchen and Bath coursework to be eligible.

All NKBA certified members are now required to earn 20 CEU hours per two-year cycle. This change will be effective beginning with the next CEU cycle on July 1, 2016 - NKBA University offers free CEU approved webinars every month (12 per year). A member can earn 24 free CEU hours from the comfort of their home or office. The new CEU requirement of 2.0 CEUs (20 hours) during the 2-year cycle is within the industry norm.

**Sponsorship:**
Interested in hosting a meeting or becoming a web sponsor? CLICK HERE to learn about the benefits and the types of sponsorship opportunities available through your local NKBA SoCal chapter.

**Your Contributions Count!**
Do you have an interest in contributing content to the next Newsletter? Then WE want to hear from YOU!

For submissions, contact Jennifer Beavers at communications@nkba-socal.org!

**Employment Opportunities:**
Did you know that the NKBA Southern California Chapter has a page on our website listing a variety of employment opportunities? If you're looking for a job in the kitchen and bath industry, or are looking to make a change, CLICK HERE to check it out!

Also, take note that members can post job openings by contacting:
communications@nkba-socal.org

**About NKBA Southern California Chapter:**
The mission of the National Kitchen & Bath Association is to enhance member success and excellence by promoting professionalism and ethical business practices, and providing leadership and direction for the kitchen and bathroom industry. With more than 36,000 members in 50 states and seven Canadian provinces, the NKBA promotes the interests of all facets of the kitchen and bathroom industry.