



Barbara McLane, ASID, CID By Design Kitchens, Etc.



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LEFT 2005 OC Philharmonic House of Design. This culinary entertaining style kitchen features innovative and elegant design solutions. It is equipped with Dacor state-of-the-art appliances, Cuisines Laurier cabinetry and Dornbraht gourmet faucets for two sinks placed vis-a-vis in the island.

TOP RIGHT This kitchen received a Platinum award for creative design. The use of geometric curves and clever choice of materials communicates elegance and brilliance; a splendid composition makes life and work in this kitchen an enjoyable experience.

Combining the best of European design with elegant form and function is the hallmark of interior designer Barbara McLane, who brings a wealth of knowledge to her interior design projects. Born and raised in Poland, she travels to Europe frequently. "I greatly admire the art and architectural heritage there," says McLane, "and I always come back inspired and ready to infuse some of the classic European style into my work."

After studying art history in Europe, Barbara studied architecture for four years at the School of Architecture at the University of Hawaii. She received her Fine Arts degree in Interior Design from Chaminade University of Honolulu in 1985. She worked for an architectural firm and upon moving to California, she joined an interior design team for a major homebuilder, and later also became an associate for several kitchen showrooms.

Drawing upon her vast experience, she established her Orange County-based company, By Design Kitchens, Etc. and it has been thriving ever since. For the last three years, she has designed exceptional showcase rooms for the Orange County Philharmonic House of Design, all which received media attention and were featured in various publications.

Barbara's design accomplishments can be seen in a large number of Orange County's beautiful, high-end custom homes. When she designs, she likes to begin with the kitchen because she perceives the room as the heart of each home. So important is the proper design of a kitchen that Barbara chose to specialize in that area. "The kitchens are the central focus of our homes today and they need to be highly functional and also equal in grandeur," says McLane. "It's where we spend a lot of time with our family and friends and therefore kitchens should be designed with sophistication to be enjoyable to work, entertain and live in."

After extensive consultation, she designs a kitchen to reflect all of the client's dreams and expectations. "To come up with a creative, unique and utmost functional design is an elaborate process," says McLane. "I enjoy stepping out of the box and coming up with creative ideas and innovative design solutions for all my projects." For Barbara, the kitchen truly is the heart of a home.