

Illinois Chapter

Winner of 2011 Design Contest is Announced by IFDA, Illinois Chapter Interior Enhancement Group, Inc., Kelly Guinaugh, Designer

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Photo: Eric Carlson

The Illinois Chapter of the International Furnishings and Design Association has announced the winner of its annual interior design contest. The winning design firm is Interior Enhancement Group, Inc. of Inverness, IL, founder/designer, Kelly Guinaugh.

Beautiful custom cabinetry was selected in nutmeg and charcoal finishes creating the warm, inviting atmosphere the client desired. The wood tones, fabrics, feathered granite, travertine and glass tiles are a perfect balance of textures.

The panel of judges was impressed with the attention to details in the beautiful renovation, notably the architectural features that were introduced to bring character into the space. The farm sinks were raised to accommodate the homeowner's height. One of the annoyances

with the kitchen prior to renovation was the low sink which caused her back pain. The design firm and cabinet maker, Eric Carlson, of Crafted Character, designed a raised base for the farm sink that provided a solution the homeowner's back appreciates.

A busy executive and single mom, the new kitchen had to be efficient as well as comforting after a long day at work. "The banquette we added provided much needed overflow seating for the friends her three daughters bring home regularly," explained Kelly. "While the heart of the kitchen is the island space which is perfect for their family to gather while mom prepares dinner and helps with homework."