

Klaffs Bath Trends Expo for the Trade Attracts Hundreds

The bath could be the most important room in your home



Klaff's Bath Ramon Alvarado and an attendee.



Builder Ryan Fletcher, CTC&G Tracy Heinemann & Joe Nagame



Albian Brito (Terra Tile & Marble), Kerri Boshka (KLAFFS), John Ingles, David Gasch (Terra Tile & Marble)



Jeff Passero & Klaff's designer Nick Geragi



L-R Stephanie Rapp (Stepahnie Rapp Interiors), Andrea Williams (Fairfield Interiors), Sarah Weiland (Tusk Home + Design), Christina Roughan (Roughan Interior Design)



Dave LaPierre, Klaffs Joe Passero & Ryan Fletcher

Think your kitchen is the heart of your home? Think again! Consider BainUltra's point of view. The global leader in baths and the spa experience, believes that the bath is just as, if not more important to today's consumer.

On International Bath Day in June, Klaffs held a major bath event for the trade at their flagship showroom. Interior designers, architects and builders from Fairfield County, Westchester County and New York City streamed in to meet 30 exhibitors, take in the 40,000 home products on display, and hear CTC&G editor, DJ Carey speak about today's Bath Trends.

KLAFFS Norwalk showroom offers 35,000 square feet under one roof, and



represents the largest selection in the Northeast. Originally designed by the famous Broadway stage designer Ralph

Alswang, the stunning displays change often, so there's always something new and exciting to see at KLAFFS!

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CTC&G magazine sponsored the event and editor, D.J. Carey gave a fascinating and entertaining presentation on bath trends.

“Joe Passero has everything here . . . I was at NKBA in May, but I should have just come to Klaffs!”

– D.J. Carey

Why bathrooms? Why now?

Design and technology have transformed the bath into the perfect place to unwind at the end of the day. Tubs are deep enough to soak away stress. And Bain Ultra offers bath therapies like Hydrothermo massage® AromaCloud® aromatherapy, chromatherapy, and Thermo-therapy®.

BainUltra express-shipped one of five models in its new Opalia™ line of oval therapeutic baths, for Klaffs Expo attendees to preview. Opalia baths are designed to celebrate the elegance, grace and symbolism of elliptical shapes. The oval inner shell can be centered, off-centered, or oblique from the center.

D.J. saw a lot of copper at NKBA, because of its microbacterial properties, and freestanding tubs in every shape and size, along with freestanding tub fillers,



Bain Ultra

which provide freedom to place the tub anywhere you want it.

The eternal debate—of whether to soak in the tub or lounge in a hammock—has just been rendered moot, thanks to this stunning carbon fiber hammock tub that lets you do both at the same time. Made by the UK company SplinterWorks, it's called the Vessel, and it makes for an awesome centerpiece for your bathroom, assuming you've got the room for it - and the cash! And foam core insulates the



Hammock carbon filter bathtub

tub, keeping your bath water warm. It's also large enough to fit two, in case you want to share the experience. Available in black, red, blue, yellow, pink, bronze, and silver.

According to

Carey, “there’s more wallpaper in baths, and industrial look faucets with knarled accents are the biggest thing out there.”

Manufacturers have even revolutionized the toilet to accommodate today’s focus on luxury and convenience.



Watermark wallpaper (at left) & industrial faucet

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KOHLER intelligent toilets

“People don’t like to touch the head. It’s like the easy chair for that thing we all do. Hence the trend to electronically controlled heated, self-cleaning toilets.”

– D.J. Carey

KOHLER intelligent toilets cleanse themselves, and feature heated seats and warm-air dryers for unrivaled comfort - with nightlights for added convenience.

At the NKBA, D.J. was impressed with Coastal Shower Doors, a Florida company that combines cutting-edge manufacturing with ultramodern design to create unique shower enclosures.



Back to the future

Let’s end with a flashback to 2013, when a HOBI winning bath, designed by Chris Pagliaro, and built by Brindisi & Yaroscak, was a herald of the future. Four years ago, it featured many of this year’s cutting edge trends, including an all wet room, where everything can and does get wet; a double infinity tub with waterfall tub filler, riverstone and a lot of concrete.

Klaffs supplied the Aquabrass shower head and sink faucet, Rocky Mt. Hardware tub filler, Robern vanity and medicine cabinet and Kohler toilet. The five-setting shower head has integrated colored LED lighting. The vanity medicine cabinet has a safe for prescription drugs and a built in refrigerator. The entire floor, plus the tub are heated. ■