at home on the shore

orth Shore houses have always been known for their stunning architecture, world-class interiors, and gorgeous surroundings. Whether we're spending time with family, entertaining, or—as so many of us are doing now—working from home, we value our surroundings. Behind every swoon-worthy home is a crew of home and design professionals who transform our living spaces into reflections of our daily lifestyles. On the following pages, *Sheridan Road* is proud to feature some of the area's most sought-after interior designers, luxury homebuilders, and top-quality vendors and suppliers serving our communities. We hope you'll be inspired by these dynamos in our annual *Luxe Living* feature.

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This feature was greeted enthusiastically and will be a recurring annual series. If you like what you see in these pages and would like to recommend an outstanding home design professional for our 2024 feature, please contact us at features@sheridanroadmagazine.com.

DESIGN BUILD BROTHERS



Third-generation builders Maxx and Jack Klein say that design/build is in their blood. The brothers are focused on ushering Airoom Architects, Builders and Remodelers into a new era by innovating and integrating cutting-edge technology into every aspect of the business. For more than 65 years, Airoom has been a premier remodeling and custom home building company with a reputation for designing and completing high-end projects with superior service and craftsmanship—in the Greater Chicago area and across the country in regions including Aspen, Colorado; Miami; California; and Lake Geneva, Wisconsin.

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Jack and

Maxx Klein

What sets you apart from the competition?

When we propose a project, our clients know they are getting an Airoom project with unmatched quality and expertise, and exceptional service. Our team, our construction process, our knowledge base, our design skills, and our innovative approach are superior to others. Not to mention that all our work is backed by a 10-year service warranty.

Past trends you would like to see return?

Trends come and go, and each of our projects is unique and tailormade for our clients. To accomplish that, we spend hours with each client personalizing every last detail. We see our style as enduring without focusing on what is in vogue.

Trends on the horizon?

We guide our clients to work on making their homes timeless by not cornering themselves into a traditional, transitional, or contemporary style. People desire more comfortable and functional living spaces—inside and out—with features such as 10-foot folding glass doors, custom furniture, and hidden built-in cabinetry (for refrigerators, coffee and tea stations, and additional storage) so spaces seamlessly blend with their surroundings.

Favorite Mantra?

'Measure twice, cut once.' We take deliberate care to look where others do not; execution always lies in the details.

Most looking forward to in 2023?

One of the things we are most excited about is the opening of our new design-build studio location in historic downtown

Hinsdale. We have a lot of clients in the area and want to make the Airoom experience more accessible for everyone. This studio will be state-of-the art while embodying the hometown charm Hinsdale visitors love. It will even feature beautiful giant candy dispensers for neighborhood kids to enjoy. In addition, the Klein brothers are launching a game-changing new podcast called, Remodeling B.S., to help people make smarter remodeling decisions.

Airoom is located at 6825 N. Lincoln Avenue in Lincolnwood and 36 S. Washington Street in Hinsdale. For more information, call 847–325–5447 or visit airoom.com.

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Timeless with a Twist

Suzanne Falk Interior Design is a full service residential interior design firm on the North Shore. At the helm is Suzanne Falk, who brings her more than 25 years of creativity and design to every project. Suzanne worked for the DIY/HGTV network as a "ghost designer" on well-known shows like Kitchen Crashers and Flip or Flop Chicago.

How would you describe your design style?

Timeless using creative color patterns and unexpected twists.

How do you begin the design process?

By getting to know my clients, their interests, what they like and dislike. Designing is so personal, by the end of every project my clients become very close, like family.

What sets you apart from your competition?

I don't look at other designers as competition. To better help my clients, I am always curious and asking questions.

What inspires you right now?

I draw inspiration from everything and anything—a movie, practicing yoga, walking my dogs.

Best thing about 2022?

Figuring out a work/life balance and incorporating that in my daily routine. That balance allows me to spend more time with my son before he heads to college in fall 2023.

Most looking forward to in 2023?

Seeing projects completed from 2022. My firm is growing and it's so exciting to see what 2023 will bring us!

For more information, visit suzannefalkinteriordesign.com.



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LUXE LIVING Nature's Design

Robbins Architecture uses timeless design principles of proportion, light, and materiality to shape a home. Principal Celeste Robbins weaves each of these elements with the client's vision to create a home that radiates warmth and elegance. The team at Robbins Architecture brings the artistry needed to meet any design challenge that comes along. Their projects have been featured in publications such as Architectural Digest and recognized with numerous design awards.

How would you describe your design style? Modern with warmth.

How do you begin the design process?

Our homes reflect each individual client's vision and aspirations. We begin by listening. Conversations with our clients reveal how they want their home to feel and function. Guided by this direction, we continuously refine the design until each wish list feels balanced and composed. We welcome the richness that comes with open dialogue and collaboration. We believe the layering of ideas paired with our careful study of scale and materials brings the warmth and timeless beauty that define our homes.

What sets you apart from your competition?

A home's connection to nature is a core principle of our practice. Whether the site is a lakefront, mountain landscape, or wooded ravine, our architecture celebrates the beauty of each surrounding and brings its inherent serenity into the home. Our mission is to deepen the connection between a home, its environment and the people who live in it.

Robbins Architecture is located at 976 Green Bay Road in Winnetka. For more information, visit robbins-architecture.com.



GREAT IMPRESSIONS

Located within the working portion of the A B Dick estate in Lake Forest, husband and wife team, R. Nicholas Loope, FAIA (Ryc) and Lynne Beyer, bring the STUDIO @ Westmoreland Farm™ to the North Shore. Ryc, an architect and licensed general contractor began his career in the offices of the renowned American architect Charles Moore before establishing his eponymous firm in 1979. Ryc, who is NCARB certified, actively licensed in numerous states, brings his extensive experience including serving as the President and Principal Architect of the Frank Lloyd Wright successor firm Taliesin Architects and contributions to more than 450 projects across the globe. By his side, Lynne is a second generation, award-winning interior designer. Her portfolio includes a wide array of projects in luxury residential interiors and boutique hospitality projects, including the Condé Nast award-winning Sanctuary Resort on Camelback Mountain. Together, Lynne and Ryc are excited to return to the Midwest and launch their next chapter, one which is sure to reveal their best work yet.

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What sets you apart from your competition?

Lynne: I really love learning about people, their needs, and finding the solutions that do not stress, but rather thrill the client. Making their lives less complicated through my experience and management of a project is one of our foundational goals. So many people can do the beautiful, visible work, but the business of the project must be handled masterfully, and I believe we do that well.

Ryc: We embrace both the art in design as well as the craft in building. We focus on our client's vision rather than a particular style or fashion.

What inspires you right now?

Ryc: The depth and richness of the American design ethos throughout the North Shore communities and in Chicago. **Lynne:** Finding items to repurpose—things with intrinsic provenance and classic value. We are masters at building on what clients have, editing carefully, and then finding the critical design elements and items needed for success.

Areas one should invest in?

Lynne: Good question! Investing wisely in whatever you procure is so important ... there are definite areas where that is critical for durability and quality. I am all for a bit of fun and whimsy, but I guide my clients to take all things into consideration when investing and making the best selections for their needs. **Ryc:** Quality natural materials in the hands of superior craftspeople constructed well, with a high level of fit and finish.

Best thing about 2022?

Lynne & Ryc: Moving into our property in Lake Forest! Also, meeting so many wonderful new friends and clients and having the opportunity to own a small piece of true American history.

Most looking forward to in 2023?

Ryc & Lynne: The launch of the STUDIO *@* Westmoreland Farm[™], new clients, and new opportunities for excellent design works.

The STUDIO @ Westmoreland Farm[™] is located at 549 King Muir Road in Lake Forest. For more information, call 602-377-0287 (Lynne) or 480-415-5281 (Ryc), or visit lynnebeyer.com.





NATURALLY INSPIRED



Classically trained at the Harrington School of Design, Sarah Dippold has spent nearly 15 years as Principle of her Winnetka-based design firm, Sarah Dippold Design. Through her eponymous atelier, Sarah helps clients coast to coast, implementing her signature tailored and neutral aesthetic. Her full-service firm has designed many residential homes both locally and nationally as well as commercial projects including the Hometown Coffee Shops and Uptown, a private event space in Glencoe. The design studio includes a unique gallery filled with one of a kind pieces open by appointment.

How would you describe your design style?

Tailored, yet textured and full of earth tones set against neutral palettes.

What inspires you right now?

Nature, travel, art, my family, and so much of the world around me. I've lived in Colorado, as a result the mountains and outdoor lifestyle are a huge inspiration. In Chicago, there are the most beautiful beaches! Nature grounds me and recharges me. My clients are another source of inspiration. They each bring unique goals, lifestyles, and personalities to our projects.

Most looking forward to in 2023?

An exciting new project in California and collaborating with some incredible architects on new projects locally.

Sarah Dippold Design is located at 906 Green Bay Road in Winnetka. For more information, visit sarahdippold.com.

On SOLID Ground

For more than three generations, Lewis Floor & Home has been the go-to resource for flooring including carpet, tile, hardwood, vinyl, laminate and rugs plus wall tile, countertops, cabinetry, and window treatments, all available with professional installation. Conveniently located on the North Shore, Lewis Floor & Home design consultants help design the perfect space for every home.

What sets you apart from your competition?

Our selection is outstanding and includes an extensive line of in-stock products including carpet, tile, vinyl, countertops, and area rugs. Our in-stock collections provide the very best in quality, value, and design, and they are our biggest competitive advantage. Installation services are available, and our professional installers approach every job with the skill of a fine craftsman.

Design trends you are most excited about in 2023?

One of the top flooring trends is large format tile—it's the perfect way to make a space look and feel bigger and is easier to clean with fewer grout lines. It's also showing up in the bathroom. We're seeing marble, granite, and quartz slabs used on shower walls, rather than tile with heavily grouted shower walls.

Most looking forward to in 2023?

We are excited to announce a partnership with Stark Carpet this spring. The grand opening event showcasing our new Stark showroom will be held April 14-16. Lewis will be the exclusive dealer on the North Shore and the only other Stark showroom in the state of Illinois.

Lewis Floor & Home is located at 1840 Skokie Boulevard in Northbrook. For more information, call 847-835-2400 or visit lewisfloorandhome.com.

Good Bones

After graduating from the University of Alabama, Laura Kaufmann began her creative career in kitchen and bath design more than 20 years ago. Before starting her own firm, Kaufmann spent 15

years learning the nuances of renovation, while focusing on custom cabinetry on the North Shore. In 2018, Laura launched her own design firm, LBK Design Group, specializing in kitchen design. Kaufmann's LBK Design Studio in downtown Lake Forest opened its doors in 2022, welcoming clients looking for classic style design with modern touches.

How do you begin the design process?

I love having my initial meeting at my client's home. They can tell me what works, or more importantly what doesn't work, and I can see how they want to evolve in terms of style and function. This is the time for us to go through their social media saves, inspirations, and for them to give me their ultimate wish list for the areas we are focusing on.

What sets you apart from your competition?

My true love of kitchen and bath design. When I walk into an initial appointment at a client's home, I can envision how the new space will look by the time I leave. I feel that my approachability sets me apart from my competition.

Design trends you are most excited about in 2023?

More organic, earthy colors for cabinetry. When used in the right setting, those become timeless. I'd love to see people use more natural stone as well.

Areas one should invest in?

Cabinets are the bones of your kitchen, and you want these to last as long as you are in your home. Also invest in the right contractor—this will make all the difference in the world.

LBK Design Group is located at 297 E. Illinois Road in Lake Forest. For more information, call 901-301-1099, visit lbkdesigngroup.com, or follow @lbkdesigngroup on Instagram.





Designer Julie Dunfee Moore was destined for design. From a young age she was inspired by her

family of artists and love of beautiful spaces. After searching for a career that was both fulfilling and fun, Julie found her calling in interior design and created North Shore-based Julie Dunfee Designs. As she expands across the nation, Julie takes on every project with a fresh perspective and goal to create spaces that represent each of her client's unique tastes, personalities, and lifestyles.

How would you describe your design style?

My belief is that a client's home should be as unique as they are and so I don't have a particular design style. I listen, collaborate, and provide the easiest design experience for my clients so that they feel comfortable in their own homes.

Trends you think people should avoid?

Trends come and go. I advise my clients to avoid any trend that does not fit with their personal lifestyle.

Areas one should invest in?

I believe kitchens are important to keep up to date because this is a room where a family tends to spend a great deal of time and an updated kitchen adds to the resale value of the home.

Best thing about 2022?

I learned how to have patience given the massive supply chain issues I had to deal with. I also expanded my business into the Dallas market with a major home remodel.

Most looking forward to in 2023?

Creating beautiful designs in the Chicago and Dallas markets and having fewer supply chain issues!

For more information on Julie Dunfee Designs, call 312-286-8461 or visit juliedunfeedesigns.com.

CLASSICALLY MODERN

Jennifer Morrow, founder and principal of Jen Marie Interiors, specializes in full-scale residential commissions and custom furniture. Her 18-plus years designing and building luxury residences gives her a unique perspective to interior design.

How would you describe your design style?

I gravitate towards a crisp design line, finished with a rich blend of materials. In a Lincoln Park home, we achieved a well-balanced combination of modern detailing based on classic design principles—a commissioned solid brass room divider, architectural lighting, and handsome textiles to round out the space.

How do you begin the design process?

After collaborating with the client, we start our ideation process of visual im-

agery. Once inspired, we navigate the selection process and curate the palette for our client's tailored environment.

What sets you apart from your competition?

My 18 years of luxury design and construction goes well beyond textiles and finishes. We specialize in unique projects which reflect our clients' lifestyles and personalities.

Jen Marie Interiors is located at 404 Green Bay Road in Kenilworth. For more information, call 224-408-2932 or visit jenmarieinteriors.com.





Mother-daughter duo, Jamie and Olivia Schachtel are the perfect team. For more than 25 years, Jamie, owner and Head Designer at Jamie Schachtel Design Group (JSDG), has been at the forefront of design. After beginning her career as a women's couture clothing designer and manufacturer, her interest in home design blossomed and she started designing children's rooms while owning a high-end retail furniture store in Lincoln Park. Realizing she had immense passion and talent in the field, Schachtel opened her own eponymous, full-service design studio and showroom 20 years ago. Following in her mother's footsteps, Olivia officially joined JSDG in 2018 as an Interior Designer, after years of growing up in the industry and studying at University of Wisconsin-Madison. Today, both Jamie and Olivia, along with their six skilled team members, have one of the North Shore's premier showrooms and in November 2022 launched a carefully curated e-commerce shop—ignitedlivinghome.com—featuring hand-selected home décor.

How would you describe your design style?

We lean toward neutral colors with a layering of textures throughout a space. We believe each design should flow into the next area so that every room feels connected.

How do you begin the design process?

We begin by interviewing the client to discuss their needs and inspiration. After that we meet in our full-service showroom and present our clients with curated selections, drawings, and hand-picked finishes.

What sets you apart from your competition? Our showroom and team. Having a beautiful space to meet with clients and trades makes the design process much more efficient. Our ability to show clients 2D and 3D drawings helps them visualize our design in real life. Our team tracks all orders, inspects each selection, and makes sure the process goes on without a hitch.

Most looking forward to in 2023?

Exciting new construction projects and continuing to make our clients happy.

Jamie Schachtel Design Group is located at 591 Roger Williams Avenue in Highland Park. For more information, call 847-433-9013 or visit jamieschachteldesigngroup.com.



LUXE LIVING GROUNDED DESIGN

A Texas native who grew up surrounded by creativity, Emily Mackie is no stranger to creating her own entrepreneur path. Emily's irreverent and experiential approach to interiors design is her hallmark at her Wilmette-based luxury design firm, Inspired Interiors. With projects spanning the nation, Emily's brand now includes Inspired Luxury Homes, a custom home building company. She is breaking barriers with her female-led business in a traditionally male-dominated industry with her unparalleled eye for design and attention to detail.



How would you describe your design style? Imaginative, cheeky, original and adventurous

How do you begin the design process? By getting a 360-degree understanding of clients' needs, goals, wish list, and dreams.

What sets you apart from your competition? My love for art and design is equal to that of

my love for spreadsheets and processes.

Who inspires you right now?

All my fellow female founders! I network in a group of female CEOs founded by my friend Courtney Wright (see Lady Boss Podcast on YouTube). The journeys of all the female founders always inspires me.

Design trends are you most excited about in 2023?

One, how many ways can I hide LEDs to illuminate a space; two, plumbing and electrical products that have voice-activated technology (I finally don't have to learn all the buttons!); and three, window treatments made from woven metal—or anything from woven metal!

Best thing about 2022?

Personally—all the milestones my three children hit. They are my world and they constantly inspire me. Professionally—many fabulous new clients that I love, several big awards, and finishing a five-year-long San Francisco project!

Most looking forward to in 2023?

Finishing 'The Art of Living Show House' in Wilmette in April/May. After it is over—a culmination of two years of VERY hard work—don't try to find me. I will be on a remote beach with countless piña coladas!

For more information on Inspired Interiors & Inspired Luxury Homes, call 773-728-0419 or visit inspiredinteriors.com or inspiredluxuryhomes.com.

Thoughtful & Timeless Architecture

For 17 years, GTH Architects partners Jeff Harting, John Toniolo, and Betsy Gensburg have specialized in architecture, interiors, and landscape design throughout the U.S.

How would you describe your design style?

We pride ourselves in not expressing a particular style. Our love of our projects is the diversity of styles and diversity of our clients and their distinctive needs and desires.

How do you begin the design process?

By carefully listening to our clients' needs and thoughts and then creating designs that reflect those ambitions.

What sets you apart from your competition?

We provide an intimate relationship with our clients and work with each client on an individual basis.

What inspires you right now?

Many inspirations come from regional as well as historical influences.

Design trends are you most excited about in 2023?

Clients are looking for practicality and function with less embellishment and more relaxed design elements.



Trends people should avoid?

Trends are fine. They are a movement that shapes us and our lifestyle and environments. Fads are what needs to be avoided. It's perfectly fine to be daring but not because the bandwagon says you should!

What areas should one invest in?

Any part of your home that will inspire you and make your functional and aesthetic life more wonderful.

Best thing about 2022?

International travel and working abroad in the U.K.

Most looking forward to in 2023?

Continuing to create thoughtful and timeless designs and to allow that design process to evolve.

GTH Architects is located at 105 Revere Drive, Suite F2, in Northbrook. For more information, call 847-715-9395 or visit gtharchitects.com.

Since 1980, his passion for people and the opportunity to design interiors that clients thrive in has been what drives Britt Carter. Britt Carter & Co. not only provides furniture, rugs, and accessories, but they also offer professionally created window treatments, shades, and wallcoverings, and provide installation. From the first interview to completion Britt Carter & Co. takes care of everything—something they've mastered in their 40 years of serving North Shore clientele.

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How would you describe your design style?

Our style is current and relevant to our client's personality. We don't put ourselves in a box of traditional, transitional, or contemporary design, rather we design based on what works best for our clients and their preferences.

What sets you apart from the competition?

Experience; I've been doing this for 40 years and been at the forefront of new products and design trends coming in my entire career. With a 25,000-square-foot showroom, our clients love the fact that they are able see and try the products our team is suggesting for their project. When you walk through the doors, you can see our design style and easily make a judgment of whether our design style may suit you or not. Some designers can only offer

photos, but in the Britt Carter showroom, you are able to feel, touch, and sit upon the upholstery that may be included in your potential project. We are also able to keep our pricing competitive because we work directly with the factory and don't have to go through a third party such as the merchandise mart.

Most looking forward to 2023?

Moving forward with new clientele and new projects; 2022 was an amazing year filled with excited clients and we're looking forward to more of the same in 2023.

Britt Carter & Company is located at 1350 S. Skokie Highway in Lake Forest. For more information, email info@brittcarter.net or visit brittcarter.net.

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