

# Beach Beauty

## Day at the beach inspires new bathroom

Whether you're looking to refresh your kitchen, modernize your bathroom or complete a new home office, the folks at Interior Craft, the new Buschman Homes remodeling division will help you every step of the way.

For the past fifteen years, Buschman Homes has been building award-winning homes in Lake and McHenry counties. Brothers Mark and Gary Buschman take pride in the way they have personalized their new homes by offering buyers complete customization services with townhomes in the \$200,000 price range up to single-family homes in the \$300,000 range.

"Our policy allowing our buyers to change anything they

wanted is unusual because other builders in this price range typically do not allow changes in their homes," said Gary.

The remodeling business was a natural outgrowth of our customization process according to Gary. "We hired Ann Kennedy, an experienced kitchen and bath designer who works with individual homeowners and walks them through the labyrinth of the remodeling process."

Their most recent project is a bathroom in a fifteen year old Gurnee home. The homeowner was inspired by a relaxing day at the beach. The DelMastros envisioned a calming master bathroom retreat which emerged from the "sea, sand, and sky" theme.



"Sea, sand and sky" was the theme chosen by the DelMastros for their bathroom remodel.

The vivid colors from their artwork also provided inspiration for the newly remodeled bathroom suite. Additionally, they desired a design with clean lines and surfaces, more storage, and a café space adjoining the new breakfast bar.

"Ann Kennedy took my vision and brought it to life," said Lillie DelMastro. "She and the Interior Craft team executed every detail beautifully and made the whole experience less stressful and very pleasant. And they completed the job on time as promised. Now when we enter our bathroom, we feel the warmth of the sand, the shimmer of the sea and the colors of the sky", said Lillie. She believes that the remodeled bath made her home more appealing and helped her vision of retirement in a sunny beach house edge closer to reality.

The material and color selections were a primary component of the project. The 21" x 21" earthy porcelain tiles underfoot

connect with the warmth of the natural cherry cabinetry to provide the sandy beach scene. The large tiles set on an angle generate visual movement through the room and a sense of spaciousness.

Vibrant hues of the sea are reflected in the aquamarine glass Kohler® vessels and iridescent glass mosaic wall tiles. Soothing shades of a blue sky surround the space on the walls. Incorporating the glass mosaics into the shower niche and whirlpool backsplash adds a colorful accent and unifies the tile design. The variegated shower tiles flow from the darkest shades of sand on the base to the lightest on the ceiling.

A half wall behind the vessels integrates with the Homecrest® cherry cabinetry and oval mirrors set against the rich wood backdrop. Clutter no longer accumulates on the countertop, but tucks neatly away into the 42" tall, reduced depth wall cabinets or generous drawer storage.



The remodeled bathroom features a breakfast station designed to incorporate a microwave and under counter refrigerator into the hutch.

Overhead, four recessed can lights on a dimmer switch concealed in the wood soffit illuminate the vanity area. Creative placement of the outlets eliminated interference with the shimmering glass mosaics. Rope lighting and Xenon under cabinet lights were also utilized to highlight the glass tile. An innovative solution from Broan® combines a recessed can light for shower applications with an exhaust fan, removing the unattractive exhaust from the middle of the ceiling.

Brushed nickel finishes replace the original dated polished

chrome and brass fixtures. Details including the decorative European rail hardware and elegant ceiling mounted lights coordinate smoothly with the Kohler® faucets and shower door hinges and handle. These selections created the casual, contemporary feel the homeowners sought.

The DelMastros wanted to enjoy a morning cup of coffee or prepare a quick snack in the privacy of their bathroom. A breakfast station was designed to incorporate a microwave and under counter refrigerator into a furniture-like hutch. Boxed,

wood columns rest on the Corian® countertop of the snack bar and connect to the wall cabinets.

Sandblasted glass in the cabinet doors match the privacy glass in the window above the whirlpool tub and provide ample storage space while keeping items obscured. The adjacent bay window transforms into a sitting room, where a cased doorway was added, creating an inviting foyer from the master bedroom.

The overall effect makes this bathroom suite a place where the homeowners enjoy getting ready for work and unwinding

in the evening. Transcending simply function, this retreat alleviates stress, calms the mood, and awakens the senses... almost like a day at the beach without the sunburn!

Interior Craft's innovative and experienced professionals will design, manage and install your new kitchen, bathroom suite or home office. The Buschman Homes' reputation for quality and the professional team will ensure results that will exceed your expectations. Call (847) 265-0230 or visit our website at [buschmanhomes.com](http://buschmanhomes.com).