



Above: Jim and Mary Livingston at their Livingston Kitchens Showroom in Deer Park. Left: This large, spacious Nantucket style kitchen was designed to accommodate a large family with entertaining in mind. It features a white quartzite island with soap stone on the perimeter of the kitchen. Wood Mode® back panels and cabinetry were custom-designed to include functional archways for this kitchen that allow a flow into other rooms in the home.

## Livingston Kitchens Celebrates Its 10-Year Anniversary

MARY AND JIM LIVINGSTON started their careers together in 1992 when they owned and managed the Wood Mode Dealership's Smartrooms at the Merchandise Mart. During that time, their business revolved around residential remodeling, and working with builders, contractors, and developers. One of their largest projects was to furnish cabinetry and other amenities within the 600 Lake Shore Drive Chicago property for every unit. The job required breaking out architectural drawings, pricing the jobs, and bidding the job. They won the business for this multi-unit condo development and stayed within the budget.

They worked at the Smartrooms until 2007, when their plans to open showroom in the greater Barrington area were realized. They formed a family business in 2006 and spent about one year building out their beautiful showroom in Deer Park which

opened in July 2007. Jim, an award-winning designer and one of Wood-Mode's Masters Club winners for more than 20 years, has been in the design business for 35 years. His career began in the '70s as a designer of custom furniture pieces for designers and specialty shops. Today, he is best-known for his design excellence and is one of Wood Mode's most innovative and recognized dealers in the country. He is a Certified Kitchen Designer (CKD).

"Our designs are unique to each client," Mary says. "All of our staff have five to 10 years of experience and went to interior design schools, with some specializing in building and engineering." Mary's role is to run the business, including sales and client support. Together, they believe in the Wood Mode product line. "Wood Mode is an all-American company, one that has been owned by the same family for 75 years," Mary says. "They are known for their quality construction and fine

finishing, and their products come with a lifetime warranty."

The Livingstons client base spans the greater Chicago area including Barrington, as well as Florida and other states where homeowners are seeking a talented design/remodel team.

Livingston Kitchens is full-service design firm featuring Wood-Mode fine custom cabinetry. The Livingstons and their design team specialize in designing and recreating any room in the house resulting in the finest interior architectural vision imaginable. And while they believe the kitchen is the heart of the home, their services include the everything from floor plans to custom designs and redesigns of bathrooms, kitchens, libraries, and more. To learn more, visit Livingston Kitchens at 21760 W. Long Grove Road in Deer Park, or call 847-726-2007. Visit online at [www.livingstonkitchens.com](http://www.livingstonkitchens.com). 