

Meet The Judges



DWANE ADLE, FASID, AIA, Comprehensive Design Group. As a leader in the design industry for more than 25 years, Dwane leads the development of luxury interiors and complex projects in residential, higher education, commercial, and hospitality. With a personal motto stating, "Design is more than just a job...it's my passion," his work has been featured in several publications including ASID ICON magazine.



KYLE HUNTOON, Hunt & Noyer Furniture. Kyle founded Hunt & Noyer in 2013 in Detroit to specialize in designing and handcrafting fine furniture with timeless modern style. In early 2016 Kyle was lucky enough to be selected to compete on ELLEN'S DESIGN CHALLENGE on HGTV. He was able to show the world his design skills and craftsmanship, and held his own against top designers for the majority of the competition, pushing himself to pursue new ideas and ultimately making pieces that he was proud to call his own.



CARI CUCKSEY, Host of Cash and Cari, HGTV. Inheriting her mother's passion for antiques and collectibles, Cari began buying, selling and trading when she was only 12 years old. Today, with more than 10 years of experience as a professional estate liquidator, she is still on the lookout for hidden treasure as she travels far and wide in search of anything she can flip and restore. Based near Detroit, Cari owns and operates RePurpose Estate Services, one of the most prominent businesses of its kind in Michigan.



SYDNEY DALY, Interior Designer, Kraemer Design Group. In June 2015, Sydney joined KDG- a leading, high-end architecture, interior design, and creative firm with 20 years of experience in historic renovation and comprehensive architectural consulting serving the commercial, multi-family, residential, hospitality and retail industries. Sydney has been committed to improving interior environments through functional and sustainable design since. She loves having the ability to practice her passion by contributing to the revitalization of Detroit.



RACHEL LUTZ, Proprietress, The Peacock Room. In 2011, Rachel Lutz maxed out a credit card and opened The Peacock Room, a women's apparel store in Detroit. She now operates four stores that generate over \$1 million in revenue a year. Her passion for historic preservation and design compelled her to open a new flagship in the Fisher Building in Detroit's New Center neighborhood, where she restored a 1920s fine dress shop. Her roster of retail consulting clients includes the Michigan Opera Theatre, the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, and the Detroit Yacht Club.



SARAH MACKLEM, Professional Home Stylist, The Yellow Cape Cod. Since 2009, The Yellow Cape Cod design studio has provided 100s of custom designs for real people around the globe through affordable online design service. Sarah, who is from Detroit, is also a contributor to Houzz and a featured Designer for The Property Brothers new platform Casaza. Along with her design experience, she has years of real estate investment experience through her past life as a Banker.



LYNNE PRATT, CSP, CGB, CAPS, Pratt Building Co. Lynne has been active in the construction industry for well over 25 years. She serves as a Director of the HBA of SE MI, past president of HBAM and as an NAHB officer as National Area Chair. Early in her career Lynne became active in her local Women's Council, served as local and state chair, and as the NAHB national council chair. She was named Woman of the Year in 2003, received the NAHB President's Award in 2001 and has been recognized as a leader in membership development, design and business management.



SARAH REEP, Director, Masco Cabinetry. Sarah Reep is a thought leader in kitchen and bath design. She researches markets, forecasts trends and speaks and consults on design in the home, the store and the studio. For 20+ years, Sarah has taught and practiced interior design and has directed product design for leading cabinetry makers. She regularly writes for Kitchen & Bath Design News and has been an expert consultant to ABC TV's Extreme Makeover: Home Edition.



HELEN VELAS, Interior Designer and Owner, Eleni Interiors. Helen, a long standing member of HBA, founded Eleni Interiors in 1993 and has successfully designed and collaborated with builders and developers across the country. Eleni Interiors is best known for its ability to identify the needs of select demographics, and for delivering high impact and timeless interiors. Projects include a wide array of multi- family amenity spaces, common areas, and model interiors.



TRACY WICK, SRES, MUP, Associate Broker KW Advantage, Tracy Wick Property Team. Tracy is a Seniors Real Estate Specialist in Michigan with over 25 years of experience as a real estate consultant and client advocate. Her 'Market Ready Makeover' program transforms homes from drab to fab benefitting sellers who desire timely sales and top market pricing.