

Premier Edition

CHICAGO HOME BOOK

A COMPREHENSIVE HANDS-ON GUIDE
TO BUILDING, REMODELING, DECORATING,
FURNISHING AND LANDSCAPING A HOME
IN CHICAGO AND ITS SUBURBS.



Photography: Peter Wodarz

A MILIEU DESIGN INC., Peter Wodarz: "Enjoyment of the well-placed weed... Sod bust-ups return, replacing high maintenance lawns with diverse plantings of native species, creating outdoor environments which celebrate the seasons. Awareness of our Oak Savannah and Prairie past, leading to diverse, sustainable landscapes. The outdoors will become an extension of our interior spaces, with perennial-bordered pathways acting as hallways connecting private exterior spaces."

B PELLA WINDOWS & DOORS, Rick Hides: "With window treatments becoming an ever growing concern in today's interior design, Pella has expanded the between-the-glass options: adding raise-and-lower slimshade blinds and more colors of pleated shades. This gives greater freedom than ever before in designing interior treatments."

OAK PARK DESIGNS, Alan Peyton: "In our custom cabinetry business, we're using more materials that replicate materials used in homes built sixty or eighty years ago. If a homeowner is putting new cabinets in a Prairie-style house, he's likely to go with Prairie-style cabinets, instead of raised panel cabinets."

RUGO/RAFFENSPERGER LTD., Steven Rugo: "Hybridization of authentic historic styles and modern planning, especially in informal living areas."

SCHEMA DESIGN, Paul Sorensen and Tom Longhi: "The biggest revolution we're seeing in our practice is the expansion of our services back to the time when architects were considered the master builders, involved in the building process from conception to completion. We're going beyond being 'just the architect', to being a construction manager, helping our clients through the building process."

"As far as design trends go, our clients today are building spaces that blend the kitchen, living room and dining room into one active living space — sometimes called the 'great room.'"

"An architectural movement that has been happening in other parts of the country, and that our firm is currently testing, is toward an 'old neighborhood' feel that reflects our desire to connect more with our neighbors. We're building houses on smaller lots, closer together and closer to the street, with front porches and garages in the rear."



'GOD IS IN THE DETAILS'

KEMPER CAZZETTA,

John Cazzetta: "We are finding that most of our residential clients are downsizing their space requirements and increasing their 'quality finishes' budget. Volume spaces are being replaced with more efficient, yet more detailed, finished spaces. They are finding that 'God is in the details'."



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