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kitchens that cook!

Diversity of design is the main ingredient in the recipe for this year's annual tour of exceptional kitchens sponsored by the Junior League of Denver.

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Kitchens that reflect national trends, yet embrace Colorado's unique style, round out the ingredients for the kitchens tour, says Caro Williams, the "Kitchens That Cook!" selection chair for the Junior League of Denver. One of these cutting-edge trends, she points out, is the use of commercial elements in unusual ways. In addition, "We wanted to showcase highly functional kitchens that people say, when they see them, Wow, I hadn't thought of that before."

The tour, a "very important fundraiser for the league," is concentrated primarily in neighborhoods with close proximity to downtown Denver—Park Hill, Country Club and Washington Park. It will be held Sunday, June 10, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and tickets are \$20 in advance at www.jld.org or \$25 at the door of any of the nine homes on the tour. Other special events during the showcase include a \$45 pre-tour brunch and silent auction, demonstrations by chefs, food samplings and displays of unique floral arrangements and creative tablescapes.

For more information, visit www.jld.org, email kitchen-tour@jld.org, or call 303-692-0270, ext. 350.

190 S. Glencoe St.

This newly constructed home features a Tuscan-inspired kitchen created by Limited Editions Design. The warmth of southern Italy is reproduced in the ochre and terra-cotta floor tiles, the stucco range hood, handmade wall tiles and near tone-on-tone color scheme. A large two-tiered island

features a granite top and decorative posts. High-end appliances purchased from Roth Concept Center include a Wolf range and Asko dishwasher. Owners Doug and Hannah McKinnon also requested a hidden coffee bar, wine cooler, large pantry and glass-fronted cabinets where they can display their collection of antique pottery.

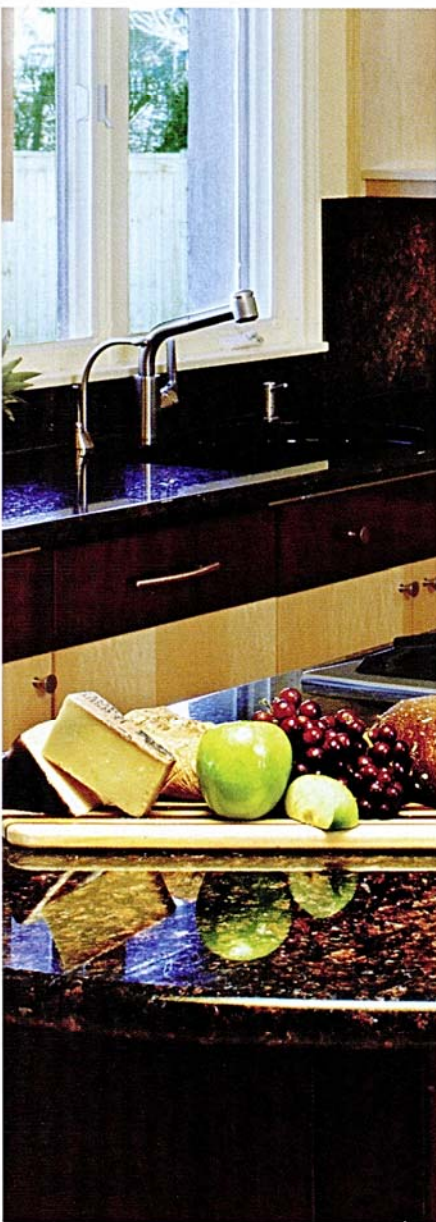
5401 E. Cedar Ave.

In her work with the L2 Gallery, Tracy Lewis often creates kitchens around an art piece or a breathtaking locale. So when she built her Frank Lloyd Wright-inspired home she wanted to reflect those sensibilities. The focal point of the contemporary kitchen is a trilevel island with varying surfaces. At the top, a hand-cast, underlit glass centerpiece serves as an art display. The kitchen also features an 18-foot-long butler's pantry that connects the dining room, kitchen and garage, making it possible for caterers to work behind the scenes.

4500 Montview Blvd.

The kitchen addition to the Reitzigs' 1940's Tudor-style home was a team effort that included Living Design Studios,

Left: Thurston Kitchen & Bath mixed materials in this contemporary kitchen at 5639 Montview Blvd. for art lovers Don and Lynn Burnes (also see p. 58). Right, above: Limited Editions Design created a Tuscan style kitchen in a newly constructed home at 190 S. Glencoe. Right, below: Tracy Lewis of L2 Gallery created this modern kitchen to complement her Frank Lloyd Wright-inspired home at 5401 E. Cedar.





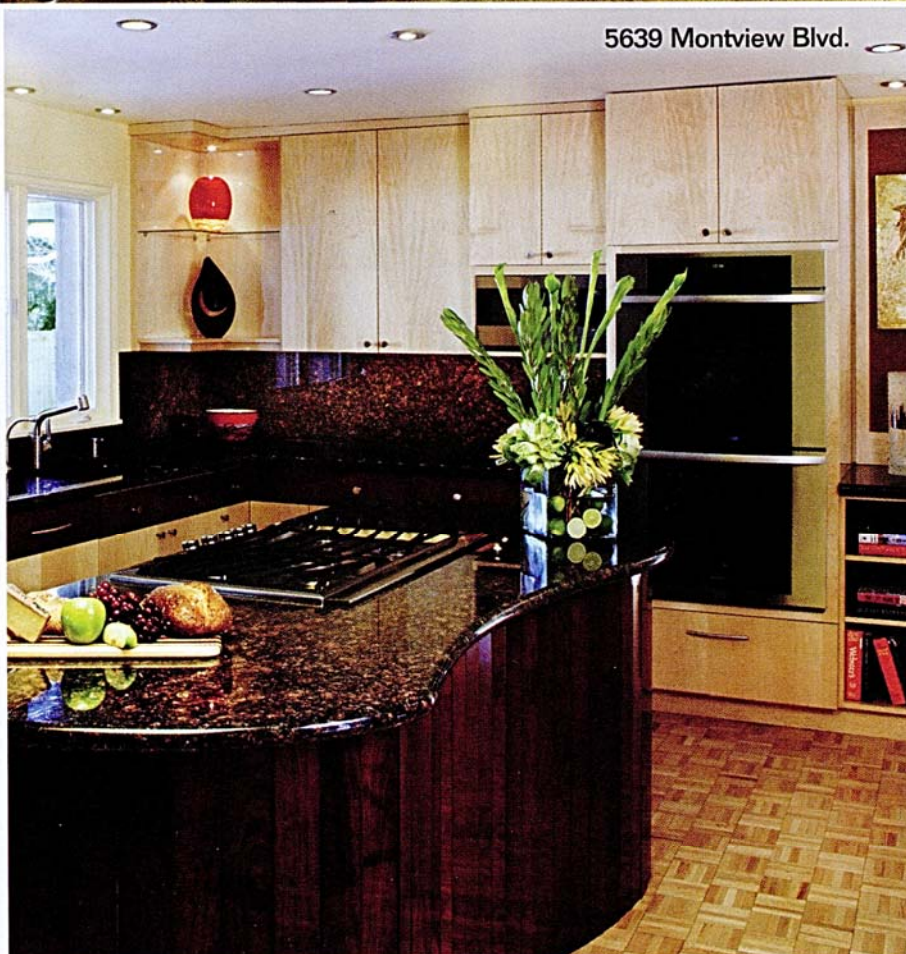
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Above: Living Design Studios led this kitchen addition with a French Country flair at 4500 Montview Blvd. Right: At 5639 Montview Blvd., Thurston Kitchen & Bath created this serpentine-shaped cooking island with a Viking range.

a custom metal designer and manufacturer. CitySide Remodeling, Baer & Hickman Architects, Judy Robins Interiors and kitchen specialist Patricia Bainter from Chefstyle. Altogether they have crafted a space that leans toward French Country...yet has a whiff of the urban. The room employs recycled materials such as iridescent tiles (some of which are reclaimed beer bottles), a bronzed mirror backsplash, and custom-made copper range hood, sinks and bar countertop.

5639 Montview Blvd.

Art lovers and homeowners Don and Lynn Burnes sought a unique kitchen, so when remodeling entered their plans, they turned to Thurston Kitchen & Bath. Designer Jill Folwell used sleek lines, bold contrasts and a mix of materials and



5639 Montview Blvd.