

# the Fisher Focus

Winter 2009 Newsletter



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## A Weekend Resort in the Backyard

Whenever they get the chance, Kim and Kevin Nish like to travel to Newport Beach for a weekend getaway. When they decided to add more livable space to their Fairfield home recently, the couple was inspired by the idea of creating a weekend resort in their own backyard. The Nishes had their home built in 1993 and live there with their two children, ages eight and sixteen. They previously worked with Fisher Construction for an interior remodel. Kim Nish described that first experience with Fisher Construction as “perfect,” so it was natural for the couple to return to the company when

Fisher Construction worked with Dave Viola of Vacaville Pool and Russ Savage and Jill McClure of Scotland Yards to complete the Nish family’s backyard retreat. The kidney-shaped pool is enhanced by several visually appealing features. A 2-foot high wall with waterfalls is tastefully decorated with mocha, taupe and teal tiles. A bold arbor frames plants that are just beginning to bloom, while the rich brown quartz plaster “beach” area shines and sparkles with sun and water. A surrounding fence, adding privacy and a sense of structure, was carefully refurbished. The raised octagon hot tub is perfectly situated to take advantage

**“Working with Fisher Construction, I know I never have to worry. We trust them completely to get the job done right the first time. They’re almost like part of our family.”**

it was time to design and build their outdoor environment.

Kim Nish was particularly enthusiastic about working with Senior Designer Tiffany De Tomasi again, because they had collaborated so well together previously. For the pool and surrounding areas, Tiffany was able to expertly interpret and amplify Kim’s general outline of desires and ideas for the outdoor space into a final design that truly expressed what the Nishes were after.

of the beautiful views of Mt. Diablo. Adding to the resort-like feel of the space, a carefully designed putting green beckons, outfitted with regulation turf. Throughout the process, Kim appreciated the peace of mind that came from working with Fisher Construction. *“They were professional and business-like, always on the job to oversee the project. The job was completed right on schedule. We trusted Fisher Construction completely and we are very happy with the results!”* ■



# Design Notebook: Smaller Changes Can Make a Big Impact

*resolve to make your home more welcoming this year!*



Tiffany De Tomasi, CKD,  
CBD, Senior Designer

January has arrived and it's time (again) for all those New Year's Resolutions! The Christmas decorations are back in the attic, and now we cozy in for the winter. Hopefully, we have time to slow down, reflect upon the year just past, and think about the future. Spending more time at home, we often start dreaming about changes we'd like to make in our environment. With the current uncertain economy, many of us need to think of

ways to make reasonable and cost-effective changes when planning a remodel.

Fisher Construction can help you update and reorganize a room in ways you might not expect. While we do handle many big projects as a design-build firm, we can take on remodeling projects of almost any size, large or small. This could be the perfect time for you to make an appointment to assess possible changes, from a complete remodel to a room update or color enhancement.

**Here are some ideas to transform a room that is feeling a little tired, cluttered or dated:**

## Enliven Your Environment with Color

Examine the paint colors used on your main walls, ceiling and trims. Color can significantly impact your mood. People respond to color consciously and unconsciously—it is emotional and psychological. Changing colors in your home is relatively inexpensive, easy, and creates an immediate, exciting difference. You can go from cold to cozy in hours, from dated and dingy to fresh and inviting in no time at all.

## Introduce Interesting Mouldings

From crown moulding to new base boards, mouldings are often the finishing touch that makes a room feel custom-built. Mouldings add elegance and architecture to a room. Top and bottom mouldings can transform an ordinary kitchen cabinet into a finished furniture piece. When considering mouldings, also think about your fireplace mantle ... there are many beautiful ways to enhance your fireplace.

## Add Elegance with Hardware

New hardware immediately updates your entry door, and other doors throughout your home. There are many beautiful styles and finishes available to enhance your style. Cabinet hardware is also a must; it is like jewelry for your kitchen—from a subtle finishing touch to flashy “bling.” Hardware also helps protect the finish of your cabinetry.



## Get Organized with Storage Aides

There are many storage aides available to make your kitchen more organized and efficient, and your life easier. You can choose from pull-out recycle centers, tray dividers, roll-out trays and much more. One of the bonuses is that hard to reach areas become much more attainable.

## Revive Your Countertops

This is a great time to change that old tile counter in your kitchen or bathroom. We have some very competitive pricing on solid surface countertops. Solid surface countertops are easier to take care of, enhance the beauty of your kitchen and add to the overall worth of your home.

## Make Your Home More Livable with Universal Design

“Universal design” basically means designing for all ages. If you have someone in your home with disabilities or specific needs, Fisher Construction is educated and experienced in this area to help make your home safe and functional.

In today's home aesthetics and functionality have equal importance. Attention to design, color, texture, space and function are essential to a successful space. Whether your taste leans toward craftsman, traditional or contemporary, Fisher Construction makes sure your style is reflected in each room and tailored to your specific needs. ■

## Partner Spotlight: Vacaville Pool

*18 years creating beautiful pools in vacaville and fairfield*

Vacaville Pool specializes in pool renovation, new construction and service, and has been creating beautiful pools for properties in Vacaville and Fairfield since 1990. President Dave Viola spoke with us recently about Vacaville Pool, and the project they recently completed with Fisher Construction (featured on page one.)

### Fisher Construction: What are the newest trends in pools?

Dave Viola: The equipment is constantly evolving, but I would say one of the stand-out trends is the new digital nature of pool control. Almost all pools are now self-chlorinating, and can be controlled with wireless PDAs. People can use hand-held devices to easily monitor and control their pools from inside their homes.

### What should customers think about when considering adding a pool to their property?

The custom inground gunite pools we specialize in can be designed to fit any space, in any shape or size, so really the most important consideration should be how you will use your pool. Some people just want a water feature added to their home and don't plan to use the pool much.

## Celebrating the Season

*a joyful annual holiday party*

Our annual holiday party welcomed a festive group of clients, staff, subcontractors and friends to Fisher Construction's showroom in December 2008. Guests enjoyed a fabulous feast prepared by Gigi Warshawsky, along with plenty of wine, sparkling beverages and holiday cheer. ■



Others want a pool for family activities and entertaining.

If your family likes to play sports in the pool, there are special design features that can accommodate that. And for those who want a certain look, there are designs that mimic ponds, or lagoons with waterfalls. Also, for families with small children, there are excellent safety options to choose from, including automatic covers with locks.

### What types of decorative options are available?

We've done pools with many different types of finishes, including all glass tiles, glass mosaics, decorative tiles, and much more. We're currently working on a pool where all the stone is coming from a quarry in Mexico.

### How is Vacaville Pool different from other pool companies?

We pay very close attention to detail, and we are "on the job" from start to finish, with personal oversight from the owners. We are hands-on to make sure everything runs smoothly, from design to construction. ■

## Supporting Opportunity House

*2008 festival of trees*

Fisher Construction supported Vacaville's 2008 Festival of Trees, benefitting Opportunity House, which provides emergency shelter, food, and clothing to homeless Vacaville families. Pictured below in front of one of the festival trees are: (left to right) Fisher Construction Project Manager Oscar Martinez, Cathy Houck, Norma Watson, Dennie Hanson, Fisher Construction Senior Designer Tiffany De Tomasi, and Linda Sousa. ■



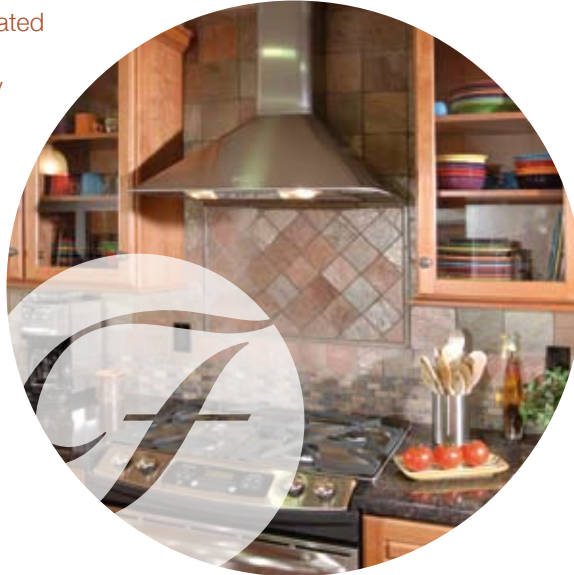


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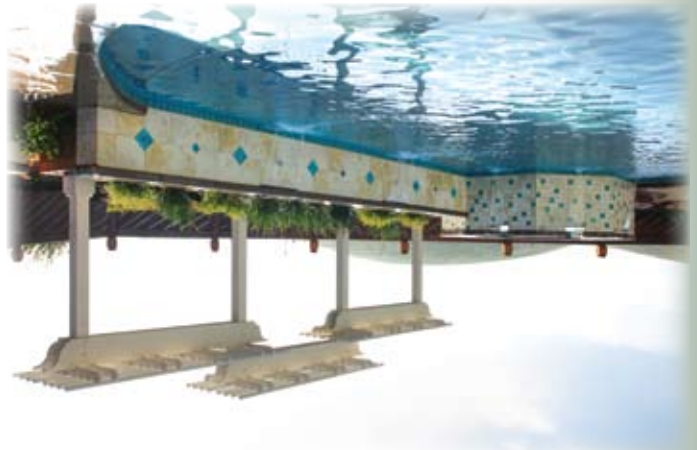
Certified Kitchen and Bath Designer  
Tiffany De Tomasi, CKD, CBD

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“Fisher Construction’s design-build process was perfect for us. If we knew we were going to love our new home so much, we would have done the remodel a lot sooner!”

— T. Lizarraga

*Concept to Creation*



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