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Time to say goodbye to granite!
Find something new for your counters—and much more—at The Novi Home Show
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NOVI, Mich., Jan. 8, 2018—While granite has dominated the kitchen scene for nearly two decades, there are more options than ever for kitchen and bathroom counters and you can see examples of these and traditional options at The Novi Home Show, January 26-28 at Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi.

According to Debra Christy, American Society of Interior Designer (ASID)-Michigan Chapter member, granite is a trend that is over and done, especially on higher-end homes. “The trend in kitchen design is calm, clean and simple and to let other elements be the focal point” she said.

Quartz solid surfaces are manmade using crushed natural quartz crystal mixed with a polymer, explained Christy. The countertop material is perfect for kitchen counters because the resin is anti-bacterial, remains immaculately clean (no staining or discoloration) and beautifully reflects the trend towards a more contemporary feeling in the kitchen.

Additional kitchen trends include two-toned cabinetry, rustic or industrial and copious amounts of natural materials like wood are leading the way.

“Wood is coming back big time,” Christy said. “We’re seeing eating and serving islands utilizing wood because it brings a lot of warmth to the area.” Advancements in sealers eliminate the fear of liquids damaging the wood.

Other trends include timeless subway tiles in a fresh matte finish or wall covering for a backsplash and the use of accent pops of color—especially with appliances. “Wall coverings—an upgrade to traditional wallpaper—are very utilitarian for a backsplash,” Christy said. “They are made of great materials with plastic in them to make them stronger and they offer a surprising depth of colors and texture.”

When budgeting for a kitchen remodel, Christy recommends spending the same amount on appliances as one would spend on cabinets. “Appliances have come a long way and people need to budget better for them. These are items you will be using daily for 10-15 years.”

Attendees to The Novi Home Show will be able to see all these kitchen trends and others with more than 45 kitchen-specific exhibitors.

Coupons are available at novihomeshow.com, Metro Detroit Dunkin’ Donuts locations, Indoor Outdoor Resource magazine, Detroit Newspapers Homestyle and The Novi Home & Garden Show Pinterest, Instagram and Facebook pages. Visit any of the participating Metro Detroit Home Depot stores for \$2 off advance tickets. Advance tickets, sponsored by Mosquito One, are also available online at novihomeshow.com. The Novi Home Show is at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi, on Grand River, south of I-96 between Novi Road and Beck Road. Show hours are Friday 2-8 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m.-8 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Adult admission (ages 13 and up) is \$10, senior admission (ages 55 and up) is \$9 and children 12 and under are free! Special “\$5 after 5” admission pricing Friday and Saturday. Parking is not included with ticket purchase. Register to win free tickets to the show at novihomeshow.com. For more exhibitor information, seminar schedules, coupons and advance tickets, visit novihomeshow.com.

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