



## The Buzz About Town

Prescott Stone Fabricators was delighted to provide the granite for *A Southern Season's* new store at University Mall in Chapel Hill. We were able to provide a Cooking School island that measured over 25 feet *with only one seam* by using our new *Factory Seam®*! Visit our website to see images of the process:

<http://www.prescottstone.com>



Did you know that Subzero recently acquired Wolf Appliances and that there is now an expanded line of Wolf products available? *Bishop's Custom*

*Kitchens* is Orange County's exclusive dealer for Subzero and Wolf products. Call Bill or Frances Bishop at 732-7775.

*Zinn Design Build* is the exclusive builder of a new subdivision called Larkspur in Chapel Hill. Located near I-40 off of Weaver Dairy Road extension, construction has begun on the first of 86 single-family homes. Priced from \$367,900, the neighborhood features a clubhouse, pool, and playground. Call Adam Zinn at 493-0099.

The *Eastern Carolinas Subchapter of the NKBA* held its inaugural meeting in Raleigh this past spring. An unexpected surprise was the absolutely fabulous hors d'oeuvres that were prepared and served by *Personal Chef Jennifer Cargile* (848-0001). The turnout for the meeting was excellent with over 40 people in attendance.



## Before & After



These Chapel Hill homeowners wanted to upgrade their kitchen counters and bring an infusion of color into the space that would complement their art collection. Minor cabinet modifications were required to accommodate a new wine cooler and to create a small overhang. Prescott Stone removed the laminate tops, made the necessary modifications, and installed Giallo Dorado granite with a minimum amount of disruption to this household.

## Prep Before You Set

“Prep Before You Set” is a major guiding principle here at Prescott Stone Fabricators. We are vigilant about only installing stone onto substrates that have been properly prepared. This is absolutely key for a successful installation. Though proper prepping may take additional installation time, we have found that it increases the performance of the stone and reduces callbacks.

Usually, in kitchens, prepping involves assessing cabinets to be certain they are level. We do this not only with levels but also with the use of a 14 foot aluminum extrusion. For masonry fireplaces, a standard masonry substrate is required to properly install a hearth. Installing a hearth beyond the footprint of the masonry and over onto the subfloor results in failure of the stone.

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When stone tile is installed over a concrete slab on grade, the concrete must be fully cured and free of moisture problems, oils, sealers, etc. Typically, proper curing takes one day for every millimeter of thickness. In most cases, allowing the slab to cure for 28 days is sufficient time.

When your customer selects a faucet, soap dispenser, etc. a word of caution: If it is to be used on 3cm stone, it is important to assess the need for an extension kit. In our experience, this is especially true with *Delta Faucets*. This



should be done at the time you order to avoid delays once your stone job goes into production.

### Builder of the Year: Governor's Club

One of Prescott Stone's preferred customers received last year's Custom Home Program Builder of the Year Award. Rocky McCampbell, owner of *K. Alan Company*, entered the North Carolina custom home market in 1991 after building in the Fort Lauderdale area. With a degree in Building Construction from Michigan State, Rocky parlayed his skills into creating and detailing distinctive custom homes. His service area includes the Triangle and he is a member of the Raleigh HBA. Located in Cary (but usually found on the jobsite!) Rocky can be reached at 467-0308.

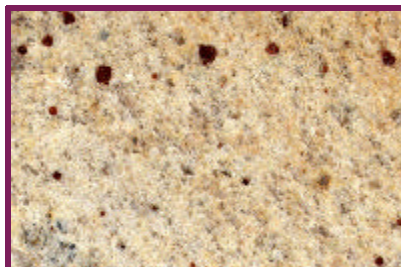
### Parade of Homes Gold Award

Congratulations to Cheri and Jim Melville of *Melville Builders*. They received the Best of Best Award in the Durham-Orange HBA Parade of Homes for their home in Southern Village. Two of the features in this home that make it so unique are an acid washed marble in the master bath and Verde Eucalyptus granite in the kitchen.

**Green Eucalyptus**



**Kashmir Gold**



**Giallo Dorado**

