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Thirty Years of Spectacular Showhouse Rooms

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Barbara Ostrom, A.S.I.D. is one of the nation's leading experts in design of classical and architectural detailing, she regularly consults with builders of high end residential and commercial installations. She has been participating in showhouses for over 30 years culminating in over 75 rooms. The residential clients of Barbara Ostrom Associates have included President and Mrs. Nixon, Michael Strahan, and Kimora Lee and Russell Simmons.