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Bathing Beauties

Banner Plumbing Supply raises the bar with a posh new showroom.
By Tricia Hermes

Plumbing is hardly something to get excited about. A mere mention of the word, albeit a necessary inevitability of pedestrian life, is groan-worthy at best. So when we tell you that a once-sleepy little bathroom fixture company in Buffalo Grove (called Banner Plumbing Supply, of all things) is opening a new 14,000-square-foot showroom, we don't expect you to throw a party. But with products like the \$200,000 diamond- and pearl-encrusted vessel sink pictured below and high-end fixtures from names like Porcher and Hansgrohe, it's probably safe to say this 60-year-old suburban gem is going glam. Discerning homeowners are invited to check out the new, interactive space (and give those fancy fixtures a spin) when it opens later this month. Bring a designer or glean advice from one of their own. Not exactly a party, but not a bad place to see and be seen. Banner's new showroom is at 1020 E. Lake Cook Road in Buffalo Grove. Call 847/520-6100 or go to www.bannerplumbing.com. 



▲ This handmade glass vessel sink (Ocean Utopia by Bear Creek Glass) is not as fragile as it may appear. Once installed — either on top or slightly inset — the sheer thickness of the glass keeps the bowl consistent and solid. \$900 - \$1,600



◀ To call this sink the "Jeweled Bowl" is an understatement. With its simulated mother-of-pearl interior, cobalt-blue shell, and 183 diamonds and 18 black Tahitian pearls set along an 18-karat-gold rim, this is where function meets fabulousity. And with a \$200,000 price tag, it's art that you can at least pretend to use.