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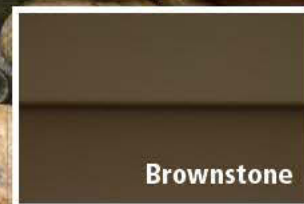
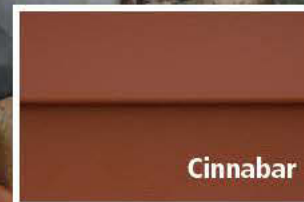
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welcome!



Sue Rawlinson

Hot summer days. A purple bicycle with banana seat. The kitchen freezer. And my dog.

Such were the necessities of August childhood days.

A daytime exploration on the bike. A post-adventure freezer door—flung open with my head stuck inside for an ultra-fast cool-down—and the remainder of days and nights with my four-legged pal.

There wasn't time to waste in August. School would again soon commence, so this pigtailed explorer had no time to spare on silly things like chores or eating my green beans. There were paths to explore, fish to catch, salamanders to chase and tricks to teach the dog. Within a few weeks, day-time freedom would be splitsville.

So, love the month of August and its opposite extremes.

In August, it's summer vacation and yet also back-to-school time. There's still plenty of sunshine to enjoy, but it's also time for fall project prepping. We appreciate the outdoors and enjoy bountiful garden harvests—and yet also prep for indoor projects.

August is about enjoyment and relaxation but also welcoming a return to routine schedules, practices and carpools.

Enjoy these 'dog days' of summer. Fit in a weekend excursion—and check off the bucket list at least one or two more adventures. And let's plan for a most productive, prosperous fall to come.

It's topics such as these within this August issue of HOME. See our fall maintenance checklist story, learn ways to maximize small spaces (particularly in the garage), check out an optimal home office and learn about painting, trellis projects and so, so much more.

And if you're looking for additional home-related inspiration, be sure to check out our article on the BANI Parade of Homes on page 26.

So help little Suzy catch salamanders and take a moment to watch little Joey play with the dog. Reap the benefits of produce from your gardening labors, and above all, enjoy the many summer moments just waiting to be had.

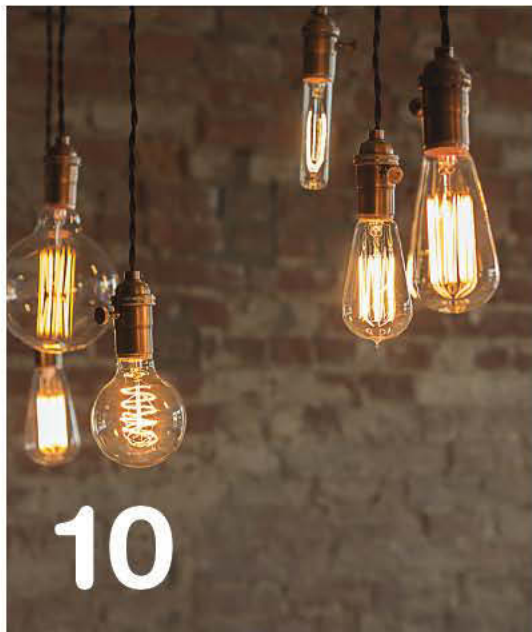
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Orange + Green



By Sue Rawlinson

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Orange and green: the colors of nature. During the month of bountiful harvests and the final stretch of summertime splendor, does it get better?

Introducing the daring, yet vibrant and energetic color of orange to an accent wall (or in your decorative home accents)—coupled with its nature-loving shade of green easily reflect and emit a feeling of electric, happy, yet natural beauty. Invite these colors into your home for a refreshing celebration of the season.

Enjoy a snapshot of HOME Living's August "Color It" home interior picks. Chosen just for you—from retailers in your backyard. 🏡



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Spice it up with Chili Peppers

By Erin Dozois

Chili peppers have been around for more than 6,000 years, originating in Mexico and spreading throughout the world. Today there are countless types of chili peppers to choose from (and in different species), each with varying degrees of sweetness and heat. They come in many different colors and shapes and can be found in a wide variety of ethnic dishes, including those from Southern Asia and Latin America.

Growing Chili Peppers

- Water regularly throughout the growing season.
- Feed weekly with a high potash tomato fertilizer once first fruits have set.
- Pinch the growing tip of the first flowering shoots to promote branching.
- Stake taller varieties.
- If not ripening properly, bring plants indoors and set on a warm, sunny windowsill.
- When growing indoors, open windows and allow insects to pollinate, or hand pollinate by moving from flower to flower, brushing the centers of each flower with a fine paintbrush.
- Harvest each by cutting them from the plant prior to the first frost.

Tip: It's best to keep chilis a little on the dry side. Stressing the plants helps to produce hotter peppers.

Fun Fact: Chili peppers contain a chemical called capsaicin which not only makes the peppers hot, but works as a topical analgesic for pain relief. Ingesting enough capsaicin can also trigger endorphins, bringing new meaning to the relationship between pleasure and pain.

Chili Chart

The following 10 common chilies are ranked by heat index. Enjoy the last ones on the list at your own risk.

*Scoville Scale: a measurement of the pungency (spicy heat) of chili peppers as reported in Scoville heat units.

Bell

Spiciness: 1
Scoville Units: 0
Colors: red, orange, yellow, green, purple, brown
Uses: Great for eating raw on salads, sautéing, roasting or as a topping for pizza and sandwiches



Pimento

Spiciness: 1
Scoville Units: 100-500
Color: red
Uses: For stuffing green olives, roasting or eating raw with dip



Hot Banana

Spiciness: 2
Scoville Units: 0-500
Colors: red, orange, yellow, green
Uses: Is typically pickled or served with grilled meats



Poblano (Ancho)

Spiciness: 2 to 3
Scoville Units: 1,000-2,000
Colors: red, green
Uses: Ideal for stuffing to make chiles rellenos or are dried into ancho chiles



Pasilla

Spiciness: 2 to 3
Scoville Units: 1,000-2,500
Colors: green, brown
Uses: Good for sauces, roasting, grilling or dried for use as a condiment



Jalapeno (Chipotle)

Spiciness: 2 to 3
Scoville Units: 2,000-10,000
Colors: red, yellow, green
Uses: Stuffed with cream cheese or used in salsas



Serrano

Spiciness: 3
Scoville Units: 10,000-25,000
Colors: red, yellow, green
Uses: In salsas and can be pickled or dried



Cayenne

Spiciness: 4 to 5
Scoville Units: 30,000-50,000
Color: red
Uses: Usually consumed in its dried, powdered form as a condiment



Thai

Spiciness: 5
Scoville Units: 50,000-100,000
Colors: red, green
Uses: Thrown into Thai soups or puree them for curry pastes



Habanero

Spiciness: 5
Scoville Units: 150,000-350,000
Colors: red, orange, yellow, brown
Uses: Great for salsa, hot sauces or a fiery jerk chicken 🌶️





5 accessory must-haves

By Shannon Rooney

Get ready for fresh, bold colors, mix-and-match styles and lots of personality. This year's home trends have favored the bold, but most importantly, home accessories have become more custom.

"Consumers are seeking less mass-produced items for their houses and are looking for custom, one-of-a-kind handmade or artisan pieces that make their home a representation of their personality," said Heidi Anderson, owner of Dogwoods Home Decor. That includes dish towels with your state printed on them and signs listing the hotspots in your city.

Whether you go the custom route or not, take some of this year's accessory must-haves for a spin and create a look that really says "you."



Go Green

We owe this trend to Pantone. The company named "Greenery" the 2017 Color of the Year. A bright, fresh-feeling green, this color packs a punch. If you're shy about using bold colors, try it out in a few velveteen throw pillows or rehab an upholstered chair. Grab a Pantone sample jar from your hardware store and add a pop of color to a wood furniture piece or even a feature wall.

Magical Metallics

"We are not really seeing a trend in a hot color but are doing a lot of the mixed metals or wood and metal combinations," said Kristen Becker, lighting showroom manager at Wabash Lighting. Metallics have been popular the last few years in both home decor and fashion, and designers are coming up with new ways to use them all the time.

Go bold with a metallic dresser or nightstand, popular in bronze and silver.



Or replace your kitchen drawer pulls with matte metallic knobs for the mixed wood and metal look.

Coastal Colors

Express your softer side with muted tones and lots of texture. "White walls with gray blues and blacks in rugs, and fabric rugs with texture, like sisal and seagrass or wool," are popular said Anderson.

These colors and fabrics can help create a coastal cottage or farmhouse look. Add layers of texture with throw blankets in sea colors or a traditional tartan blanket in grey and cream.

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Light On!

"The Edison lights are still very popular, especially since the industrial look is so hot right now," said Becker. "They now have LED versions of the Edison light bulbs, which creates little to no heat, saves on energy costs, and has a much longer bulb life."

Edison lights are antique-looking filament-bulb lights that pay homage to carbon- or early tungsten-filament lamps. These bulbs are popular in lamps, pendants, chandeliers and even string lights. Incorporate them into your design for a vintage industrial look.

Take it Outside

Outdoor accessories are gaining in popularity as homeowners make their outdoor spaces extensions of their homes.

"Consumers are spending a lot on outdoor rooms and all the accents for them," said Anderson. Popular accents include outdoor rugs, candles, lanterns, furniture and pillows in a variety of colors.

Try an outdoor rug in a bold boho print or keep it traditional and relaxed with Adirondack chairs and coordinating pillows. And don't forget the string lights for a festive atmosphere year-round. 🏠



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Love This Look?



Story and Photos by Sue Rawlinson

Love this look? Good. We'll share how interior designer Jodi Golm for Timberlin Homes pulled it together.

Today's home office is no longer a messy, cluttered corner in the bedroom. Home offices, designed and built in the best way, now provide organized, functional space to optimize productivity and creativity. They also complement the home's interior décor, maintaining consistent style and feel to the rest of the home. Take a look at this homeowner's office space built by Timberlin Homes—and garner ideas for your own area of productive creativity.

- Built-ins were utilized to maximize the workspace. "These built-ins are custom created by our trim crew to fit the scale of the room properly," Golm said. The office's look was a collaborative effort between Golm and the homeowner. "She has a great sense of style and design aesthetic ... she was the brains behind the look and feel," Golm said.
- The flooring is a hickory, engineered hardwood designed to emulate the style of old French reclaimed floors.
- The corner seating vignette is scaled to fit with other items in the room; the window seat is also a built-in, providing additional storage.
- The desk's scale is right for the room. "It's not too large and the custom built-ins allow her to keep office equipment against the wall, keeping the desk uncluttered," Golm said.
- The opening behind the desk speaks to the feature wall in the adjoining room and elsewhere in the home where the same salvaged barn siding is used.
- The walls are a custom color and the barn door is a Timberlin signature. Golm designed the door and Timberlin's trim crew executed it beautifully with a multi-stepped process to assume a reclaimed character. 🏠



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By Deborah C. Gerbers

Painting the exterior or interior of the home is a great way to make a big impact. New paint always brightens things up, extends the life of the exterior siding product, and makes the interior feel fresh, clean and renewed.

Exterior painting is a big job and likely a long-term commitment—after all, this is the first thing people will see when looking at your house. Selecting the right paint color is key to ensuring your satisfaction, a new owner's approval in a potential resale, and also neighbors' satisfaction that you haven't chosen a garish color that simply does not fit the other homes' color scheme or architecture in the area. It's best to stick with more neutral shades like earth tones, grays and basic whites or creams that won't clash with other neighborhood homes. And most people would agree that painting the entire exterior of a house is a job best left up to the professionals.

For the interior, though, feel free to DIY and have fun with it. Though grays and other neutrals are quite popular, it can be fun to pick colors to suit the décor of your home. A more neutral wall color does allow more freedom to pick colorful, contrasting furniture and accessories. A fun accent wall is another way to add some bold color without painting an entire room.

It can be a little overwhelming to narrow down a paint color when there are virtually thousands to choose from, many of which are so similar it's hard to distinguish one from another. If you're unsure about how to choose the perfect paint color, ask the professionals for their input. For example, Maumee Paint & Supply has professional color consultants ready to help you decide. They also utilize the latest technology with the PPG Color Work Station, which is a digital retail palette display that will help simplify the color selection process for customers.

Denise Le, store manager at Maumee Paint & Supply, suggests customers take color samples home to look at them in their own lighting. "The store lighting can vary greatly from someone's home lighting," she said. "And a common mistake some people make is trying to pick popular colors they've seen on Pinterest. Once you start picking colors that are trendy, the whole house needs to be done to match."

Once you've finally chosen your color scheme, it's time to paint. For the DIY projects, keep the following simple tips in mind for a flawless finish.

Paint Tips from the Pros (maumeepaint.com)

- Line paint pan with foil for easy cleanup
- When taping off your trim, use a putty knife to press the edge of the tape down to ensure a clean line
- Save time by using a putty knife to place foil on the doorknob, tucking the foil behind the knob to prevent paint on doorknobs
- Clean walls before painting; after you have washed your walls with warm water and a small amount of cleaner, using a dry cloth will remove all remaining dust and minimizes bumps
- When waiting in between coats, wrap your brush or roller in a plastic bag or wrap to keep the paint from drying

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HOW TO MANAGE THE MADNESS:

Home Maintenance

By Barb Sieminski

Technology has not as yet come up with a way to automatically maintain our homes, so to keep our domiciles in tip-top shape we have to partner with our calendars. Keeping a timely maintenance schedule will save us time and money.

Herewith are some tips on maintaining your castle—and since we're heading into fall, most of these are specifically focused on that time of year.

- It's important to consider your heating system before the first frost. "The best way to extend your equipment's life expectancy, prevent unnecessary breakdowns, protect your family from potentially unsafe conditions (e.g. carbon monoxide poisoning), and keep your heating system operating at peak efficiency is to have your system serviced annually," said Bill Berning, Jr. with "Doc" Dancer Heating. "We know firsthand from our 70+ years' experience in business that the life expectancy of a furnace is increased when proper maintenance is done annually on your equipment."
- "There are few things more stressful than a wet basement," said Jim Lewis of DuHadway Corporation. "If our company waterproofs your basement and installs its battery backup, there is no maintenance. The computer on your battery backup monitors your system and can be checked by your cell phone."
- Check your water softener at least annually and refill with salt monthly, if needed.
- Check kitchen and bathroom sinks and tub drains for clogged hair, food particles, etc. at least weekly, if not every time after use. Also eyeball the sink, shower and bath caulking for



deterioration. Scrape mineral deposits from faucet heads and shower aerators.

- Check your roof for loose or damaged shingles and leaks. Craig Winters of 3 Rivers Remodeling suggests having your older roof (15-20 year range) inspected, including the flashing around the chimney and any wall flashing where the siding touches the roof. "Also, the vents and rubber gaskets on the pipe stacks that come out of your roof start to fail after 12 to 14 years, depending on sun exposure. Inspect those areas in the fall, prior to winter's snow load and again in the spring. Roofing products usually only last about 14 to 20 years. This is due to the lower-end shingles on most homes and the installation being done with staples, not nails. Choose a local company with a good track record, proof of liability insurance, a BBB report and a list of prior customers as references."
- When using the lawnmower for the last time in the fall, let the gas drain from the machine before storing it.
- Eliminate leaves and debris from gutters and downspouts in the fall and spring to prevent buildup.
- Take snow blowers and other motorized winter equipment in for an inspection and tune-up before they're actually needed during a potential Great Blizzard of 2017-18.
- Matt Momper of Momper Insulation notes that if your home was built prior to 1960, "there is a good chance you have no insulation in the exterior sidewall cavities and a less-than-adequate level in your attic. If your walls are uninsulated, on a cold, windy day you can feel air coming from the drywall penetration (outlets, plumbing penetrations, or in the unfinished basement, look at the rim joist). Remember that re-insulating your home reduces energy consumption, both in the winter and summer and makes your living environment more comfortable. When looking for an insulation contractor, always check the BBB or ask your neighbors about their experience. If the company has been in business for a long time, then they must be doing it right."
- Since you'll soon be spending more time indoors this fall, you also should consider the condition of your ductwork.

Resources:

3 Rivers Remodeling, Fort Wayne, 260.482.5558, 3riversremodeling.com
Doc Dancer Heating, A/C & Generators, Fort Wayne, 260.744.3251, docdancer.com

DuHadway Corporation, Fort Wayne, 260.426.2000, duhadway.com

Four Seasons Design & Remodeling, Angola, 260.665.2772, craftsman-design.com

Momper Insulation, Fort Wayne, 260.432.7543, momper.com

Rock Creek Irrigation, Huntington, 260.437.2921, rockcreekirrigation.com

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Berning with "Doc" Dancer said. "Duct Armor is a rubberized air duct liner which restores deteriorating, rusted in-ground ductwork. Aeroseal is a ductwork sealing process that locates and seal leaks from the inside of the ductwork. We liken it to 'Fix-A-Flat' for your heating and cooling system ductwork, including those hidden behind walls and under insulation."



- Power-wash windows and sidings annually to help with visibility, especially on foggy mornings when watching for the school bus.
- Hire a pro to check and pump your septic tank every three to five years. Many of today's tanks are designed with enough space for that amount of sludge.
- In September, seal cracks in windows and doors with caulk or weather stripping.
- Annually change the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. 🏠



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By Erin Dozois

Welcome to the dog days of our Indiana summer! These sweltering, muggy days might have you feeling a bit sluggish, but a gardener's work is never done. In fact, August is one of the busiest gardening months of the year, what with harvesting crops and preparing for the next growing season. But fear not. Here's a list to keep you on track:

Tasks

- Water garden weekly if there is inadequate rainfall.
- Plant leafy greens like lettuce and spinach for fall salads.
- Gather and dry or freeze herbs and flowers.
- Order spring bulbs, shrubs and trees for fall planting.
- Aerate, dethatch, fertilize and level the lawn.
- Reduce lawn maintenance by keeping your mower blade on the highest setting.
- Deal with late-season pests with a spray of water from the hose.
- Treat diseased plants, and remove diseased foliage before leaves drop.
- Pick up fallen fruit from fruit trees to limit insect infestations.
- Prune vigorous climbing plants, and train them around trellises.
- Label perennials with garden stakes.

Project: Build a greenhouse

Addicted to gardening and dreading the cold season? There are a wide variety of greenhouses you can construct, depending on your needs and budget.



A-frame

One of the most common greenhouse structures, A-frame houses are made post-and-rafter style and covered in glass or less expensive polycarbonate glazing panels.

Hoop houses

Easy and inexpensive to build, hoop houses are constructed with aluminum or PVC pipe and plastic sheeting.

Lean-tos

This greenhouse shares a wall with your home, traditionally built off the back of the residence making utilities easier to access and construction costs lower.

Windows

Greenhouse windows, even bay windows, are an excellent option for growing herbs and small plants indoors.

Cold frame

The most cost-effective option, cold frames are easy-to-build wooden-and-glass or -plastic structures made to fit over your existing outdoor garden. 🏡



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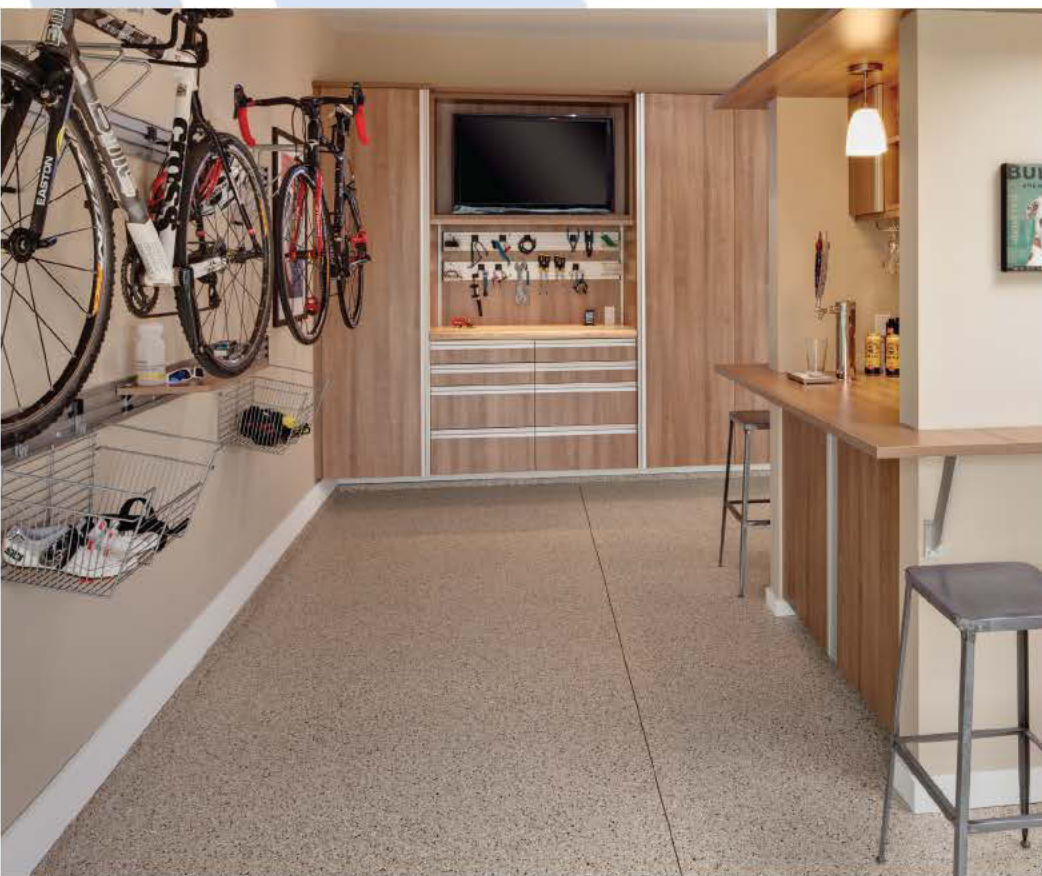
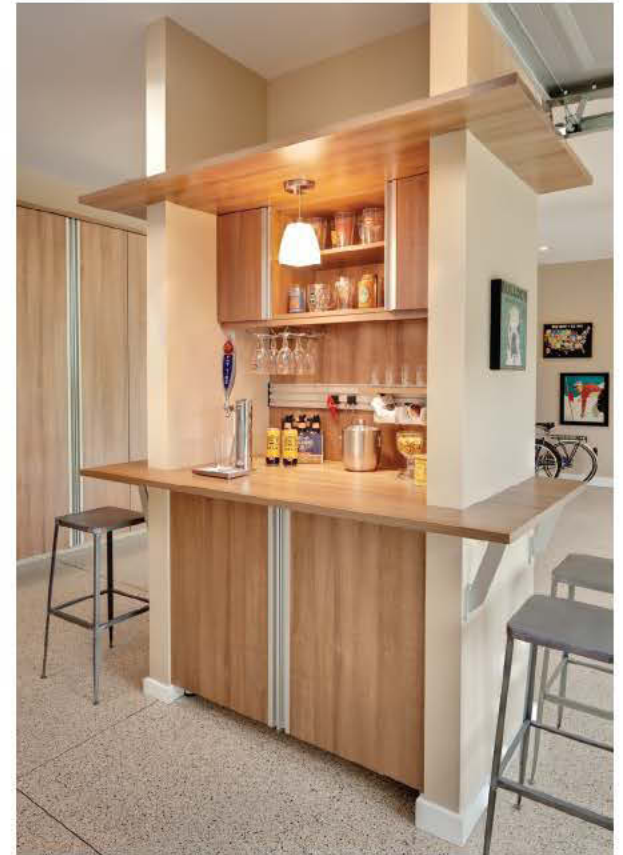
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Small Spaces Made Super: garage + attic makeovers

By Lauren Caggiano

Our garages and attics are often afterthoughts when it comes to home maintenance or renovation. We devote time to keep our living spaces neat and tidy. Why stop here? See what local experts have to say about maximizing small spaces—and cutting down on stress at the same time.

1) Embrace your walls. Wall space is limited in most any garage, so the answer is to think vertically. Turn your wall space into a storage system to hold everything from your pruners to your garden hose. Keep tools and supplies you use regularly within reach and lesser used items up above.

2) Get smart about parking. Banging the car door into the wall will ruin your day. Who knew a kid's toy could save the day? Simply place a pool noodle on the wall to provide a buffer between your vehicle and the wall. Or, hang a tennis ball from the garage ceiling so you'll always find the right spot. Voila! No more scratches and dents.

3) Think multi-use. If you've got room in your garage and somewhere else to park the car, consider converting that

space into more than just a storage space. Converting sections of the garage into office space and gyms are common ways to make your space more functional. Just make sure it's climate controlled or else you'll be miserable in extreme temperatures.

Also, epoxy flooring can make the space versatile and look higher end. Today's garages are hardly shabby. "Garages don't look like garages anymore," said Jim Lewis, president of DuHadway in Fort Wayne. Dan Bobiya of Quality Coatings agrees: "When thinking resale value (quality flooring) can enhance the property value." There is also a functional consideration. With quality coatings, it protects the flooring like a sponge. In his words, "it absorbs stains and road salt that eventually will deteriorate the concrete."

4) Go high tech. Technology makes homes smarter than ever. Did you know you can open your garage door upon command?

iPhone users can take advantage of this feature made possible with Siri.

5) Divide and conquer. You likely have multiple uses for your garage and attic and a variety of things to store there. Divide that space into multiple, distinct zones and it'll be easier to find things and put them away faster. For example, you could organize by tools, toys, gadgets, etc.

6) Retrofit your space. When in doubt, make improvements to save you hassle. Lewis suggests installing an elevator system in the attic. He says this makes it easier for homeowners



Before

Better Organized Spaces



After

Resources:

3 Rivers Remodeling, Fort Wayne, 260.482.5558, 3riversremodeling.com

Better Organized Spaces, Fort Wayne, 260.444.2459, betterorganizedspaces.com

Big C Lumber, Edgerton, Ohio, 419.298.2371, bigclumber.com

Custom Quality Homes, Fort Wayne, 260.416.0306, customqualityhomes.net

DuHadway, Fort Wayne, 260.426.2000, duhadway.com

Four Seasons Design and Remodeling, Angola, 260.665.2772, craftsman-design.com

Quality Coatings, Montpelier, Ohio, 419.485.4308, qualitycoatingsllc.com

Windows, Doors & More, Fort Wayne, 260.399.6043, wdmfactorystore.com



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to load and move items around without having to carry them up the stairs and risk injury. You can take it to the next level by making the opening wider and installing metal steps. Or, check out the Versalift system by Custom Quality Homes Inc. This system provides ease in storage from the garage up to the attic.

7) Look up. A lot of garages today have tall ceilings. This is an opportunity for space-conscious homeowners. Lewis says high shelving and a pulley system can make it easier to retrieve out-of-reach items.

These methods are easy and will make you wonder why you didn't make the investment sooner. Limited spaces can still provide big organizational solutions—with just a little help from the experts. 🏠

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Climbing Plants: Trellises and Growing Tips

By Beth Behrendt

A flower-covered trellis is the gardener's go-to for adding visual interest. Trellises can shade a sunny spot, hide unsightly architecture or turn a fence into a wall of color. Add vertical beauty to the garden with these experts' suggestions.

Brianna Dailey, retail associate with Plant Center, said, "The best perennial options for sunny areas are clematis, climbing honeysuckle, wisteria or climbing roses.

These come in a variety of colors: purple, red, pink and even orange."

Seasonal salesperson with Arbor Farms Nursery, Deb Zumbrun, concurred that clematis are well suited to our area and bloom from spring into fall. She said, "Clematis are perennials that like shady roots with sunny tops. Sweet autumn clematis likes more shade."

"Honeysuckle vines and wisteria are perennials that prefer sun," said Zumbrun. "Honeysuckle are very fragrant and are particularly attractive to hummingbirds."

For shady spots, both Dailey and Zumbrun recommend perennial climbing hydrangea, which produces beautiful white, lacy blooms through the summer.

Zumbrun said climbers like "American bittersweet and Dutchman's pipe are native perennials. The Bittersweet needs both male and female plants, so the female will have the showy berries."

Annuals also work. "A voracious climber is the tropical Mandevilla," Dailey said. These flower in red, pink, white or a combination. They have an incredible growth rate—within days it will latch onto its trellis, and within a week it could climb a foot."

"Black eyed Susan vine is an easy-care annual that is popular because of its many yellow and cream flowers," said Zumbrun. "Both the black eyed Susan vine and the Mandevilla prefer sun."

Trellis types

Dailey said when it comes to the trellis, "We recommend wood over metal. In the sun, a metal trellis may scorch the plant."

Zumbrun elaborated, "Trellis size is probably more important than material or shape. Some of the larger vines, like wisteria and honeysuckle, can grow to 20 feet. They also get very woody so need a support that can hold their weight—like pergolas or arches. Clematis and climbing roses are smaller—8 feet or so—and trellises can be smaller."

"Wood trellises may not last as long as metal," said Zumbrun, "but may be more unobtrusive against a wall. Metal trellises can be decorative on their own; so a plant, such as a rose, allows the trellis to also shine."

"Train" the plant

Zumbrun explained, "Vines climb by several methods, so use a trellis that is compatible. Roses need to be trained to trail through the trellis opening. Larger openings will allow for its woody stems. Climbing hydrangeas are

self-clinging, so a porous wood or other material is best. Clematis twine, so they need compact trellising to be able to support themselves."

"Use twist ties to attach some of the branches to the trellis," said Dailey, "this will help it to climb up to the next section."

Bring your garden to new heights with

flowering trellis plants. 🏡



Homemade Freezer Pops

By Sue Rawlinson

Freeze! In the heat of August's gorgeous, hot sunshine, what's more refreshing than homemade freezer pops to soothe the summer sun? Make it for yourself, make it for friends or surprise the little ones with these tasty treats.

Blueberry-Lemon Freezer Pops

Ingredients:

- 30 fresh, washed blueberries
- Zest of one lemon
- 1 cup vanilla yogurt
- Popsicle molds

Directions:

1. Puree the blueberries until smooth.
2. Mix in lemon zest.
3. Alternate adding blueberry puree and vanilla yogurt into popsicle molds.
4. Cover the mold, add popsicle sticks and freeze for at least 7 hours (preferably overnight).
5. Once ready to eat, run mold under warm water to loosen popsicles.

Tip: change to strawberries or any other fruit in your puree for a wide variety of sweet, refreshing deliciousness! 🏠

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August Calendar

By Ray Balogh

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eagles theatre.com.



2, 5, 9, 12, 16, 19, 23, 26, 30 AUBURN: Farmer's Market

Through October. Local vendors sell produce, flowers, herbs, spices, baked goods and other products. Free admission. 7 a.m.-1 p.m. Wednesday and Saturday, east side of Main Street between 7th and 9th streets. 260.925.3113

daba4auburn.org.

3-5 HARLAN: Harlan Days

Food, rides, games, car show, free entertainment, arena events, craft tent, live music, parade, 5K race, more. Free admission. Thursday through Saturday, Harlan Community Park. 260.657.5108

harlandays.com.

3-6 WABASH: Artsfest

Includes Jazz on the Lawn, gallery walk, concerts, bourbon tasting, movies, plays, family festival, collage workshop, Dinner in the Spotlight. Admission charge for some events. Thursday through Sunday, various venues. 260.563.1102

honeywellfoundation.org/artsfest.

4 AUBURN: First Friday

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5, 12, 19, 26 FORT WAYNE: Farmer's Market

Through Sept. 9. Vibrant open-air outdoor market sponsored by Young Leaders of Northeast Indiana. Free admission. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, corner of Wayne and Barr streets

yni.org/farmers-market.

9-12 NORTH MANCHESTER: Fun Fest by the River

The area's largest family festival includes live entertainment, food and craft vendors, car show, parade, basketball and baseball tournaments. Free admission. Wednesday through Saturday, Manchester Market Square. 260.578.3009 or 260.982.7644

northmanchesterchamber.com.

11-13 COLUMBIA CITY: Mihsikhinaahkwa Pow Wow

Native American dancing, storytelling, demonstrations, crafts, art, food, buffalo stew feast, silent auction, flute music. Children's day Sunday. Adults \$4, children 12 and under free. 5 p.m.-7 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday, Morshes Park, 1035 SR 205. 260.244.7702

miamipowwow.org.

16-20 DECATUR: Kekionga Festival

Historical reenactments, living history village, Taste of Decatur, motor sports festival, 5K run, food. Free admission. Praise and worship service 7 p.m. Wednesday; festival runs 4 p.m.-8 p.m. Thursday, 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday, downtown and Riverside Center. 260.724.2604

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17-20 NEW HAVEN: 40th Annual Maumee Valley Antique Steam and Gas Festival

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19-26 HICKSVILLE: Defiance County Fair

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25 FORT WAYNE: "Color to the Classics"

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27-Sept. 5 AUBURN: Auburn Cord Deussenberg Festival

Collector car auctions, parade of classics, cruise-in, live music, ice cream social, craft show, flea market, antiques, food, more. Sunday through Tuesday, communitywide venues. 260.925.3600

acdfestival.org.

30-Sept. 4 VAN WERT: Van Wert County Fair

Adults \$7, youth \$5, 12 and under free. Grandstand: general admission \$2, box seat \$3, pit pass \$15. Wednesday through Monday, 1055 S. Washington St. 419.238.9270

vanwertcountyfair.com. 🏠



August Books

By Steve Penhollow

Summer is on the wane, which is a perfect excuse to squeeze in some last minute entertaining. Here are two books to help you make the most of August get-togethers.



The Life-Changing Manga of Tidying Up: A Magical Story

by Marie Kondō

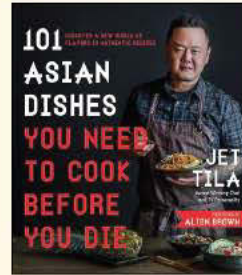
Ten Speed Press; \$14.99

ISBN-10: 0399580530;

ISBN-13: 978-0399580536

There surely isn't any shortage of books on cleaning, organizing and reducing clutter.

But author Marie Kondo may have found a new spin to put on the genre. The word "manga" in "The Life-Changing Manga of Tidying Up: A Magical Story" lets potential readers know to expect a Japanese-themed comic book. It tells in pictures the story of Chiaki, a young woman living in Tokyo who struggles with messiness in all aspects of her life. A cartoon version of Kondo comes to the rescue. Kondo, inventor of the KonMari Method, is surely no stranger to the household organization game. She has written several bestsellers along those lines. But "The Life-Changing Manga of Tidying Up: A Magical Story" may be accessible to certain readers in a way the prior books were not. The illustrations (by Yuko Uramoto) make Kondo's methods extraordinarily easy to follow.



101 Asian Dishes You Need to Cook Before You Die: Discover a New World of Flavors in Authentic Recipes

by Jet Tila

Page Street Publishing; \$21.99

ISBN-10: 1624143822;

ISBN-13: 978-1624143823

This month's article on chilies might give some readers a hankering for spicy recipes. Well, they need look no further than this popular new book from Tila, a chef, restaurateur and "Cutthroat Kitchen" judge. He has assembled here an expansive assortment of recipes (both spicy and non-spicy) from myriad Asian cuisines. It's like a greatest hits package of Asian favorites including Korean short ribs, pho, banh mi sandwiches and pad Thai. These are dishes designed to please a plethora of palates. The book is packed with tips and techniques that only could have come from someone with as much hard-won knowledge as Tila possesses. 🏠

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By Lauren Caggiano

Your home is your castle, so you might as well make it fit for a queen. Get inspired at the Builders Parade, a home tour event scheduled for later this month and hosted by the Builders Association of Northeast Indiana (BANI) and Branch counties for nearly four decades. BANI is a local resource for the building community and consumers.

What can you expect from the parade?


Think new ideas, outdoor living and landscaping, innovative technologies, great space planning and upscale design. In other words, you'll find inspiration high and low. Select builder members of BANI open up their best homes for the public to walk through for ideas and information. Prepare to be wowed!

This year, the builder members showcasing their homes are: Mike Gepfert Homes, Musson Builders, A&D Specs and Bob Buescher Homes. This year all the fun will take place Aug. 24-27. Homes will

be open from noon to 5 p.m. The cost to purchase a passbook to tour all the homes is \$10 per person. A passbook will be required for admittance into all the homes.

Passbooks can be purchased at any Campbell and Fetter Bank (Angola, Auburn and Kendallville locations), Wayside Furniture, Four Seasons Design and Remodeling Showroom, Homes by JICI Office or at any of the 5 homes on the tour. The BANI website (www.ba-ni.com) provides addresses for each home. Each passbook contains a ticket page with tickets and a map with directions.

"Complete the Tour" is a great way to encourage all tour-goers to tour each home. Contest Instructions and page can be found in the passbook. Tour-goers must get the "Complete the Tour" page stamped at each home. Each stamp is specific to each home. Once you have toured each home (and had your ticket stamped), simply drop your "Complete the Tour" entry in the last home you go through. If done correctly, you are automatically entered to win a \$500 cash prize from a drawing done at the end of the tour.

Win or lose, the tour is designed to be a pleasant experience for everyone. Who doesn't like to dream (and plan) a little every now and then? These are homes that capture our interest; the tour provides an inside look at these homes of beauty. For more information about the home tour, visit www.ba-ni.com. 



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Kevin Hunter

Windows, Doors & More

By Emily LaRue

A summer job right out of high school led Kevin Hunter to his calling. The job was with a window extrusion company and he liked the work. He even stayed on and worked there through his college years. It's a good thing he seized that window of opportunity. Today he is the owner and general manager of Windows, Doors & More and has been with the company for 18 years.

Windows, Doors & More is practically one-stop shopping for everything home improvement. Obviously, they sell windows and doors, but the 'more'? That covers everything from the materials for exteriors, decks, room additions, and kitchen and bath remodeling. Even 'more' is they not only sell the products, but perform the installations as well. And they stand behind both products and installations 100 percent. With an elaborate showroom on Washington Center Road, the question of 'how's this gonna' look in my house?' is gone. Fully furnished (scaled) homes are on display and customers can see for themselves how the products will look in their own homes.

What attitudes and philosophies guide you in business?

I'm driven to succeed. I work to take great care of our customers and their homes while providing some of the very best products available. And I demand quality from our people. A business philosophy which guides me is, 'People don't plan to fail, they fail to plan.' This all starts with setting an excellent plan in place. If we get off track on a project, our team can usually trace it back to the original plan not being correct.

What do you enjoy most about your work?

I still enjoy working one-on-one with customers, putting a plan in place for their homes. Sometimes they're not sure what they want, and I take pleasure in that process of guiding them in their decision making. I handle the marketing as well, which I enjoy.



Photo by Sue Rawlinson

What are your greatest achievements with the company? And challenges?

The greatest achievement has been transitioning the company into other areas of expertise such as roofing, building room additions, and kitchen and bath remodeling. We've also had success growing our core business of windows and doors.

The showroom has been a creative endeavor. We have a Neighborhood Showcase, which consists of five different home styles, all situated around a cul-de-sac. We have a ranch, cape cod, contemporary, lake house and two-story styles. Each home is complete with siding, roofs, bathrooms, kitchens, etc. Customers come here for ideas and to see what their own houses will look like.

As far as challenges, finding the right employees with a like-minded commitment to customer satisfaction comes to mind.

What's your free time look like?

My wife of 28 years, best-selling romance author Denise Hunter, is my biggest cheerleader—and I'm hers. In fact, if I may brag about her, the rights for two of Denise's books, "A December Bride" and "The Convenient Groom", were purchased by The Hallmark Channel. And in the adaptation of "A December Bride", Denise and I each made cameo appearances in the film. When we're not wearing our Hollywood hats, we like traveling together. We have adventurous spirits so we go to new places each time we travel. I enjoy participating in our church music team. And though we never get up there enough, I love lake time at our home on Lake James with family and friends. 🏡

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