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Sue Rawlinson

There's not a big to-do about it.

No over-the-top, expensive décor glittering and splattering the entire home.

No lengthy gift list and no need for year-long budgets to gift adequately enough to ensure happy faces from the kids.

Nope.

These are all reasons to LOVE Valentine's Day even more.

As holidays go, it's pretty relaxed. At best, dress up and scrub behind the ears for a nice dinner with your honey, write a sweet note, buy a simple, thoughtful gift for him and candy for the kids, and voila: Happy Valentine's Day.

Not that the sentiment isn't important. Yes, we cherish and celebrate those we love. We should do that year-round, but to have a day dedicated to intentional focus and celebration on those closest to our hearts?

That's precious awesome.

But the spirit of Valentine's Day thrives throughout the rest of this wintry month of February, too—don't you think? It's a time to feel cherished. To be comforted in warmth. And this relates to our homes just as profoundly as the hugs and smooches we might give and receive.

It's a season when we want to be home. We want to feel comfortable, cozy and grateful for the house that we call home.

Simply put, that's what this issue is about. It's about home-grown love. Within these pages, we've shared information on transforming a basement into usable, 'homey' space. We give direction on creating your own movie room in the house to entertain friends and to best snuggle-up for your favorite movie with your loved one. We even offered a fun checklist of must-haves to help make your home as cozy as can be.

See our chocolate lovers' recipe and do not miss this issue's HOME Room feature. It's a master suite you're sure to fall in love with.

So this February, embrace winter's chill.

Consider it motivation to focus on making your house perfectly your home. Love this month. Build a fire, pour a glass of wine—and then cheers to a house that's been transformed into your own home-grown love.

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for reading ...

from the editor

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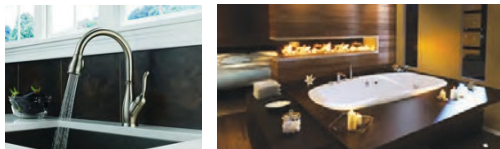
 



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15 Tips for a Warm

By Sue Rawlinson

It's cold. Days are short. And a chill blasts through the house each time the front door opens. But, instead of the chill making us bitter, let's embrace the cold as a way to more easily fall in love with our homes all over again. In the wintry month of February, it's the perfect time to focus on the indoors. To create a cozy warmth. And to ignite sparks of contentment that simply say, "I'm glad to be home."

How? Here's 15 tips to help warm your family's heart for home. 🏠



Sip a glass (or two) of wine.
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Tools. For those who prefer the scent and crackle of real wood a'blaze, a great fireplace tool kit is ideal.
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A fireplace. Yes, a no-brainer, but the options available are numerous. From a simple switch to flip on a flame to wood burning options, styles and varieties abound.

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Fuzzy pillows and a great wintry bench? Yes, please.

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Bling and glitz are all the rage for luxurious illumination at home. 🏠

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A lit Tiffany lamp defines unique class and style.

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For a better look at this amazing fireplace designed by Kelley Glaze, check out our HOME Room story in this issue. Yes, these are Swarovski® crystals paired with glass panels on this fireplace.

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Bromeliads

By Erin Dozois

There are around 3,475 known species of bromeliads, each varied in form and size. Its colors run the gamut of the rainbow from red to deep purple in addition to some shocking fluorescent shades. The best part? Virtually anyone can have a little piece of the tropics in their homes with this easy-to-care-for plant.



Name: Bromeliad (Bromeliaceae family)

Known for: A wide variety of large, intensely colored flowers and leaves with a tropical feel.

Why we love it: One might assume that 'exotic' is synonymous with 'high-maintenance,' but bromeliads aren't at all fussy and can live comfortably inside any home or office.

Fun fact: In the wild, bromeliads store water between their leaves, creating small pools, which make perfect habitats for many different species including small salamanders, tree frogs, crabs and damsel flies.

SELECTING AND PLANTING

Proper propagation will produce many future bromeliads. The easiest way to grow your own bromeliad is by planting its pups. Harvest these baby plants from the base of the parent plant when it reaches full maturity. The longer the pups are left attached to the mother plant, the faster they will reach their own maturity.

Remove each pup using a sharp, sterilized knife or scissors, cutting as close to the mother plant as possible without injuring

it. Replace the soil around the mother plant and continue to care for it as you did before.

Dip the ends of each pup in a fungicide and rooting hormone before planting them in a small four-inch pot with a light, well-draining medium. Use wood stakes to hold the plant up while it establishes a strong root system.

AFTER THE BLOOM

LIGHT. Bromeliads, like many tropical plants, need plenty of sunlight in order to thrive. Keep bromeliads in a bright, sunny area, but avoid long-term exposure to direct sunlight. This will bring out the plant's vibrant colors and encourage flowering and pupping.

TEMPERATURE. Bromeliads are quite adaptable to temperatures ranging from 40 to 90 degrees Fahrenheit. What really matters is the humidity. Since wild bromeliads grow in tropical climates, domestic bromeliads crave warm, sticky air. If your home is too dry, try misting the leaves a few times a week.

WATERING. Wild bromeliads can be found growing on other plants, rocks, logs, etc., as opposed to growing in moist soil. During the warm seasons, water once a month and drain the excess moisture from the soil. Only water every other month in fall and winter.

SOIL. While wild bromeliads don't often make their homes in the soil, it doesn't mean they can't thrive in it. Domestic bromeliads love to grow in rich, organic matter as long as it is well drained. Try using succulent and cactus mix, orchid bark, worm castings and compost.

PRUNING. Pruning a bromeliad is relatively quick and easy. Simply remove dead leaves, or if the plant has a flower stalk, remove it after it has died.

PESTS. Though pest problems are rare for the bromeliad, they can be susceptible to mealy bugs and scale. Mealy bugs can come off with an alcohol-soaked cotton swab. Scale can be flaked away with a fingernail or dull knife. Though bromeliads are considered non-toxic, pet owners should keep them away from their feline friends—they tend to want to graze on the plant's crunchy leaves. 🏠

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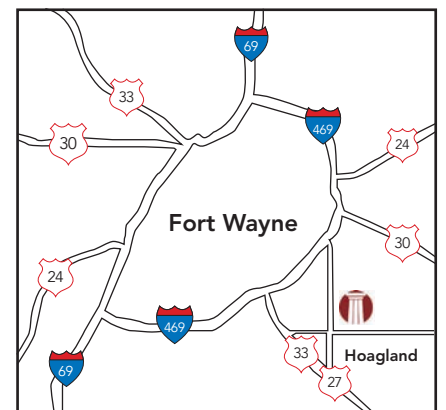


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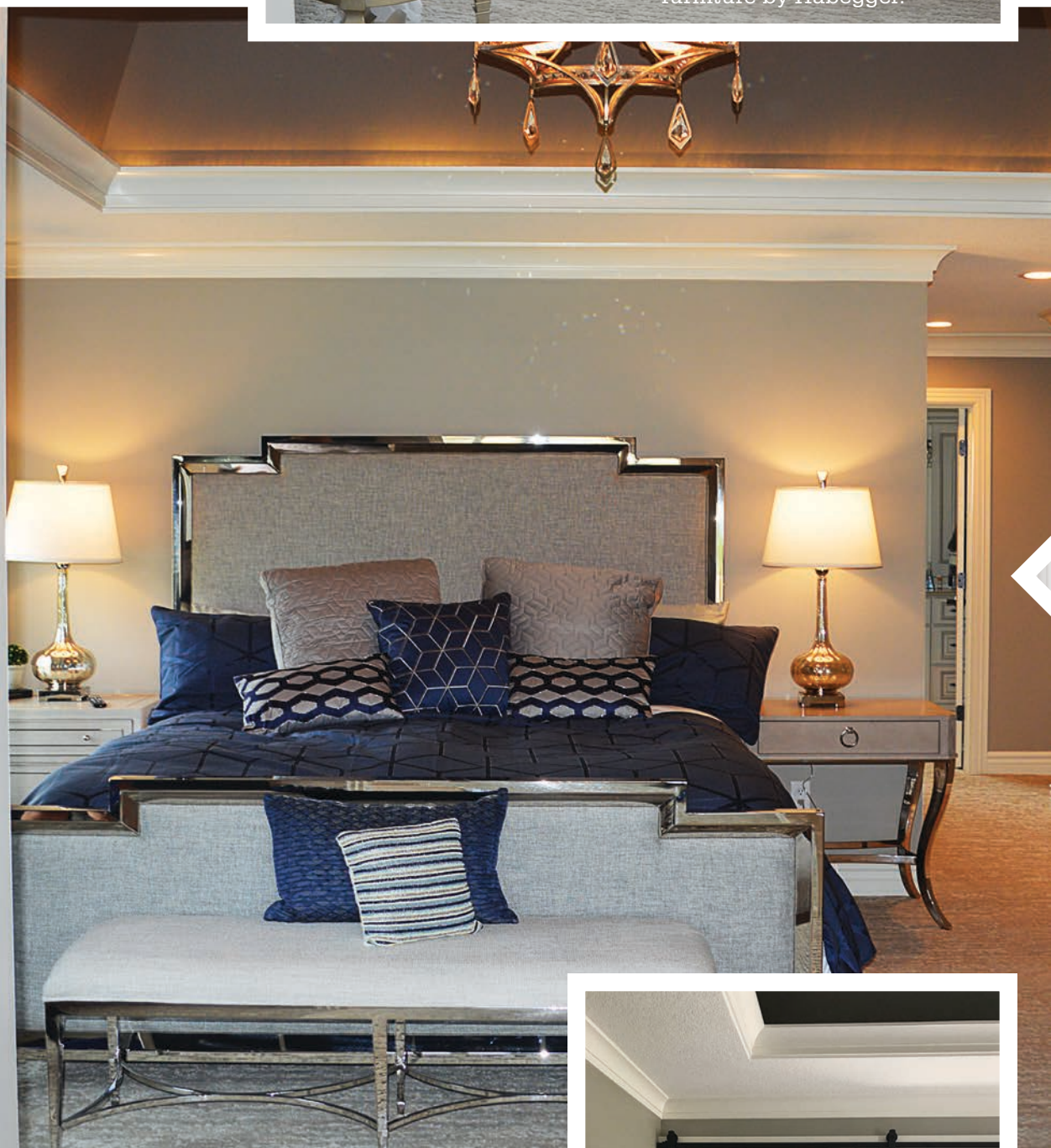
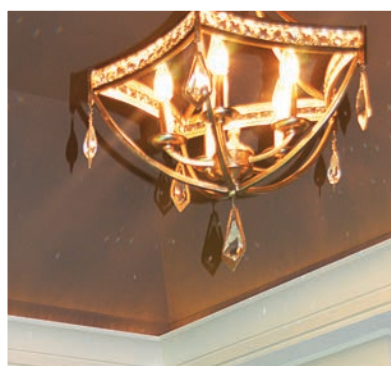
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The lighting throughout
the master bath, master
bedroom and sitting
area all have an elegant,
vintage bling.



This master bedroom
has Hollywood glam all
over—from the jeweled
lights to the chrome-framed
upholstered king bed from
Habegger Furniture.

Story and Photos by Sue Rawlinson and Kelley Glaze

In the month of romance, let's explore a master suite we're sure you'll fall in love with. This area defines luxurious rustic elegance, as created by designer Kelley Glaze with Kelley J. Interiors.



This suite has a
sitting room that can
be closed off by this
beautiful barn-style
sliding door.



The barrel-shaped faux metallic ceiling with wood beams is simply a work of art.

The master bath's granite in its light color complements the monochromatic elegance of the area.



This applied moulding cabinetry has a beautiful glazed finish—and the integrated mirrors really give this vanity the look of a custom piece of furniture.

These Artifacts Collection faucets by Kohler reflect the 'roaring '20s' timeless vintage style.

The two-way fireplace mirrors the Hollywood glam with a combination of Swarovski crystal and glass tile.



Notice the glass metallic accent in the shower and how it pulls the room's accents together. These custom, frameless heavy glass shower doors are the icing on the cake for this gorgeous tile shower.

The shower connects to an I-phone—so homeowners may program the shower to heat up before stepping foot from the warmth of the bed. How perfect for a cold February morning!

The master bath's floor is a rich wporcelain tile, showing the authentic look of natural travertine stone — but without the time-consuming upkeep.



The pedestal soaker tub is back in style! Many homeowners are tearing out their large Jacuzzi tubs and replacing them with a practical, comfy soaker tub like this one. 🏠

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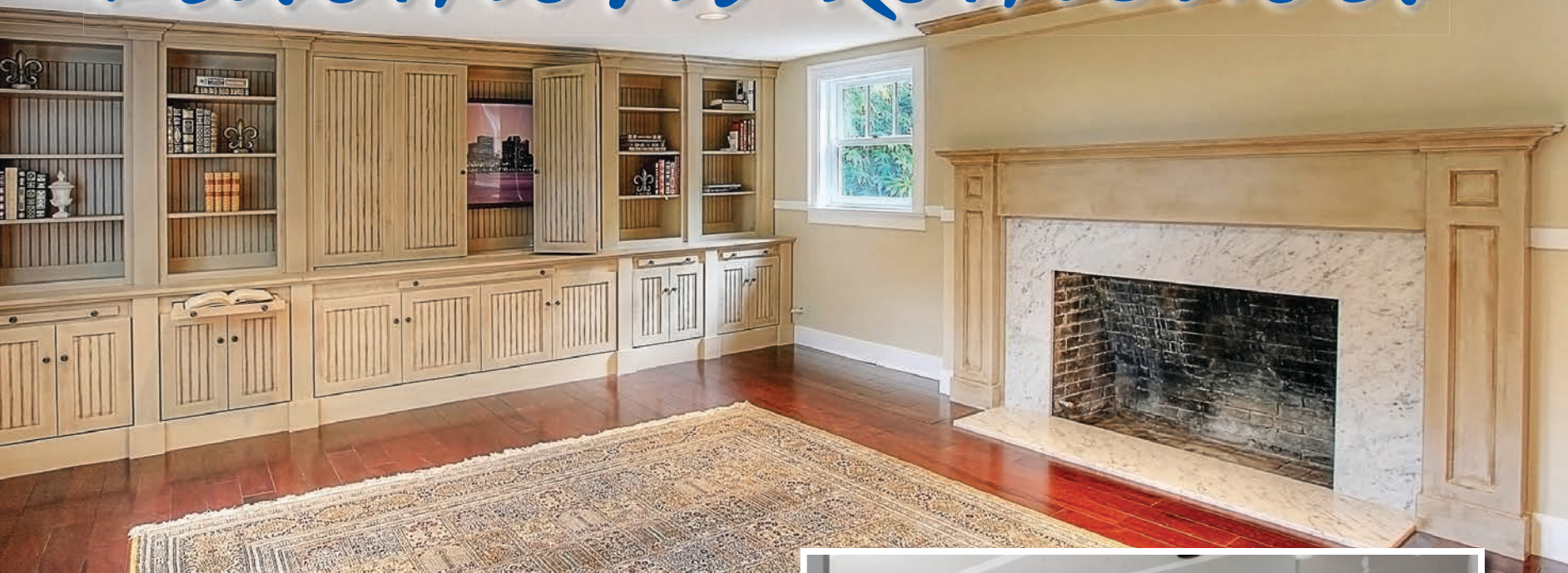
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Basement Remodels



By Steve Penhollow

If you need more living space in your house, the least expensive option involves a transformation of the basement.

So says Kevin Hunter of Windows, Doors & More.

"The cheapest way to add space is certainly in the basement," he said. "There's no question about that. You can't do a room addition and you can't (build additional levels) cheaper. The cheapest way to gain space is to gain it in the basement."

Basements can be reimagined any numbers of ways. They can be refashioned into adult rec rooms, kids' playrooms and home offices.

The most common reason that Hunter sees for basement remodels is that a homeowner needs an extra sleeping area, often for a teenager.

Considerations + Expectations

But there are a few considerations that some homeowners may not anticipate.

For example: An emergency exit.

"If someone is going to sleep in the basement," Hunter said, "you have to think about the potential of getting that person out in case of an emergency."

Hunter said he often installs something called an egress window.

An egress window is a window well escape system that may require some excavation.

"That sometimes makes people rethink the project but that's a major safety point," Hunter said.

A basement bedroom also often requires a basement bathroom, Hunter said.

This can be accomplished more easily, he said, if pipes are already roughed in.



"Where there's no roughed-in plumbing," Hunter said, "we can still handle it. We do it all the time. But it's certainly more costly."

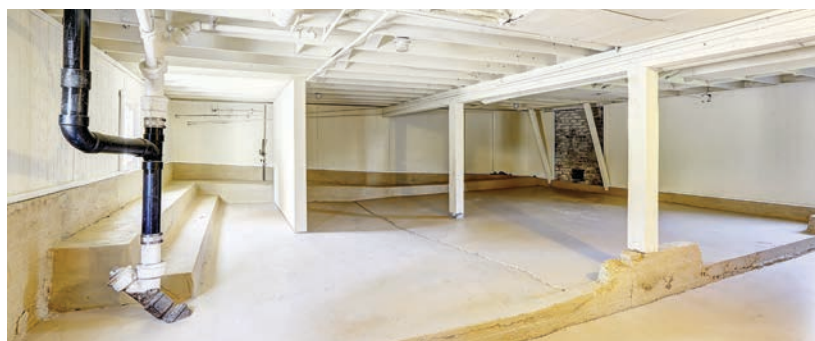
Basements + Water

Next on the agenda is addressing dampness.

Dampness must first be addressed outdoors, according to the Family Handyman website.

"The good news is that most water problems can be remedied by two measures: grading the soil to slope away from the foundation, and adding or repairing gutters and downspouts," Family Handyman said.

"The best waterproofing methods are those that address water leakage at exterior surfaces of the foundation," said Paul Fisette, director of building materials and wood technology at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst.



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Hunter said basements have a reputation of being cold as compared to the rest of the house so insulation is of paramount importance.

"Sometimes we'll even spray-foam the basement walls in order to get them to warm up," he said.

The goal of any basement remodel is to make the basement feel a lot less like a basement, Hunter said.

"The key is to make it feel like it's not a dungeon," he said.

Light It up

A subtle, well-thought-out lighting strategy is part of these efforts, Hunter said.

"Not your fluorescent lighting," he said. "That's what makes it look like a basement."

Adding daylight windows is helpful, but is not always possible, Hunter said.

Heated flooring can also help make the space, "so much more warm and cozy," he said.

There comes a point in some basement finishing projects when the homeowner decides to pull the plug, Hunter said, mainly because it begins to look like the metamorphosis won't be thorough enough.

"You've got to deal with what you got," he said. "That's why some people don't go to the extent of finishing the basement off. If they feel like they're not going to get good lighting in it—if they feel like it's going to be a dungeon-like atmosphere—that's oftentimes what stops them from doing it."

Some homeowners discover that they really can't live in their basements, Hunter said. "That's why people either build up or build out," he said. "They feel they can't achieve the comfort level they seek in the basement."

But with the proper planning, realistic expectations and direction from experts, basements can truly be a great addition. 🏠

"Ideally," Fissett told *Fine Woodworking* magazine, "moisture protection is achieved through the combination of controlled surface runoff, applied foundation damp-proofing, effective subsurface soil drainage, and the installation of an effective perimeter drainage system."

The success of any damp-coating product applied to interior walls, Fissett said, is dependent on how well you have directed water away from the foundation.

Before framing the build, a vapor barrier must be installed. This may look like a plastic sheet material, placed against walls. Studs, insulation and drywall are then placed on the exterior of the plastic sheeting. This is the best way, experts say, to create a barrier that keeps the basement both dry and warm.



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Lights, Camera, Action! Home Theater 101

By Lauren Caggiano

Chilly February nights were made for cuddling with your honey. (After all, February is when cupid strikes his bow.) What better way to spend some QT with that special someone than by cozying up with your favorite movie in your own special media room? Follow these steps to create a movie room in your abode—and don't forget the popcorn.

Start with the “where.” Though it is possible to convert any area of your house into a home theater, your requirements and budget will largely dictate the direction you take. Typically, the garage, spare bedroom, living room or basement are the most suitable areas for setting up a home theater. Do your research to understand the different variables involved in transforming each of these areas into your dream space.

Pick a theme. Do you prefer home tech or ‘homey’—or somewhere in between? Either way, comfort is key.

Get the goods. A screen is essential to the movie-watching experience. You need to buy something that falls into your budget but will deliver the full experience. It can vary between a screen and a projector (for a very authentic movie-like experience) or a giant big screen TV. As a home theatre should deliver the full sensory experience, don't skimp on sound. Go for a subwoofer and make sure you have the speakers arranged in the optimal acoustic fashion so the sound is not distorted. When in doubt, seek the help of an audio pro.

Customize for comfort. This is your time to relax and sprawl out. A large sectional or high-end recliner would work. Make sure the arrangement suits your purpose. For example, three to five high quality leather cinema loungers are your best bet if you are going to entertain friends frequently. Ottomans and other furniture accessories can add to the aesthetics. Don't forget plenty of blankets and pillows.

Think dark. There is a reason why most theaters in the world opt for darker colors on walls and ceilings. You can do the same in your room. If you have windows in your movie room, consider covering them with standard curtains to block out light.

Room-darkening shades do the job, too. You can install room-darkening shades for about \$30.

Flooring matters. For acoustic reasons, the floor of your movie room should never be wood, concrete, tile or linoleum. Use a plush carpet if possible, just like at the movies.

Don't forget practicality. With an entertainment center comes a lot of wires, naturally. If not properly situated, they can be hazards in more ways than one. It's best to take the time to get them in order, especially for ergonomic reasons.

Let there be light. A windowless room may sound ideal, but you will probably still want just a little bit of light while you are watching your movie. Everything is better with the right lighting treatment. LED lighting gives off a cool vibe and allows for adjustment in intensity. A dimmer switch is a viable option for living room setups.

Make it your own. Movie posters and memorabilia add a kitschy feel. You could even add an old-fashioned popcorn machine to complete the vibe.

With such an amazing space, you'll be all ready for action! 🏠



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Garden Plans to Get Dirty

Plan for raised beds... here's how...

By Cathy Shouse

When there are more warm, sunny days than cold, frost-covered ones, getting back to nature becomes very appealing. For many, gardening is a favorite pastime.

"A lot of people love gardening," said Matthew Felger, hardscape manager at Felger's Peat Moss. "It gets you outside, gets your hands dirty, and you're breathing in the fresh air. It's almost like therapy for a lot of people."

Gardening in raised beds is a common way to satisfy the itch. But know this: there is a right and a wrong way to create raised beds. Planning is essential. So here's the lowdown on how to get started. And while you're at it, sketch in an outdoor fireplace and landscape lighting for the ultimate outdoor oasis.



How high should beds be?

- Ranges from about eight inches to three feet
- One foot high works well/uses less soil



Soil choices

- Mix of brown topsoil, black topsoil and peat moss
- A specialty mix
- Top off with mulch



Pricing the soil

- An 8- by 10-foot bed that is one foot tall uses about three cubic yards of soil
- A standard soil mix costs about \$20 per cubic yard



Indulge yourself with the proper accessories

- Don't skimp on gloves in your favorite design to protect your hands
- Slather on plenty of sunscreen
- Get that big floppy hat that is calling your name

Go for the gold

Gayle Shuster, general manager at Crescent Avenue Gardens, recommends that gardeners working in raised beds get the machine designed for the task: a Stihl Yard Boss Mini Tiller (\$369.95, and a wheel kit is no extra charge through June). "These are good for raised beds. They're lightweight, about 20 pounds, so that you can lift and put it in."



Best tip:

Put your gardening friend, extension office, and garden store on speed dial! 🏠

Advantages to raised beds

- Less bending down to garden and harvest
- Dual function, as a retaining wall



What is your goal?

- Vegetables for your table
- Flowers for beauty and their aroma
- Flowers to attract hummingbirds

Pick your spot based on plant needs:

- Will your plants need full sun?
- Sheltered from cold?
- Shade?



What materials are needed?

- Landscaping concrete blocks
- Natural stone/boulders
- Timbers
- Old tires

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Be a Stainmaster

in Your Own Home

By Barb Sieminski

With the holidays behind us, winter's slush among us — and spring cleaning around the bend, it's a great time to focus on cleaning your home's carpeting.

Many expert carpet shampooers recommend having the carpet cleaned at least once a year for optimum care. Should you do it yourself or hire a professional? (We hear you mentally clapping at the last suggestion.)

If you're a die-hard DIY, however, and want to rent a steam clean shampooer, make sure you know what you're getting into. Most steam cleaner rentals use detergent and hot water extraction to extract the dirt from the carpet and cost anywhere from \$35 to \$50 per day plus the cost of the emulsion. These rentals advocate using their own cleaning solution rather than a third party's brand, which may damage your carpet.

The risks you run with using a rental machine rather than hiring a professional carpet-cleaning service include (1) too much time because the machine could be too small and take more time to clean your area, or too large and consume too much power; (2) oversaturation, where the drying time could take longer than 24 hours, risking mold or mildew infestation; (3) hard to use—they could be cumbersome to maneuver in small spaces; and (4) equipment failure where it might break, incurring more costs and having to redo your floor covering.

If you would rather use your own choice of mixtures, here are some eco-friendly recipes you can use to get out tough spots, stains and odors. Vinegar and baking soda are top favorites here and Oxi-Clean is great for both laundry and carpet stains. So are Begley's all-natural Household Stain and Odor Remover or Biokleen Carpet & Rug Shampoo. Citra Solv is another green cleaner with the pleasant scent of lavender bergamot. Not only can these gentle mixtures clean carpets, most also work on upholstery. For more tips on removing specific blood, red wine, and grape juice stains, foot traffic imprints and odors, fall back on your old friend Google and check the internet for a wealth of information on specific carpet spot removals.

Want to try a professional cleaner but you've never used one before? You may wish to check the BBB or Angie's List prior to making any calls to locate a company that can dry clean or deep



clean your carpets. Fall back on a friend with spotless floors to learn what he or she uses to keep carpeting so immaculate.

Carpet cleaning costs depend on square footage, cleaning method used, stain removal and carpet type. Also, expect to pay extra for getting out tough spots, stain resistance or correcting carpet discoloration.

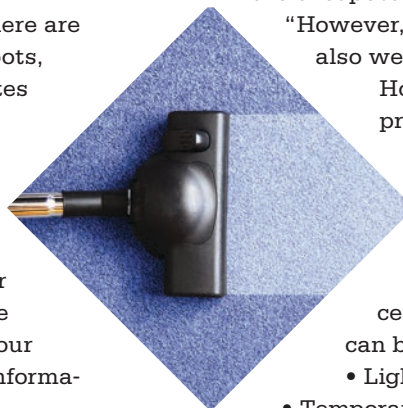
One popular carpet type is polyester, which is stain-resistant, said Mike Clifton, sales manager of K&N Carpet. "Polyester is also the cheapest of the three types of carpet we sell," said Clifton.

"However, the trade-off is that while it's more stain-resistant, it also wears faster than other materials."

Hot water extraction is the preferred method used by professional steam carpet cleaners. Prepare ahead of time for the company's visit with these hints:

- Remove pets from the area to a quiet place.
- Most cleaners will move coffee tables, chairs, couches and smaller items as standard practice but not china cabinets, entertainment centers, antiques, pianos, etc. Beds, dressers and desks can be moved for an additional charge.
- Lightly vacuum the carpet beforehand.
- Temporarily remove small pieces like dining room chairs, magazine racks, floor plants, etc. into another room

Now that we've outlined some smart choices for sparkling carpets, isn't it time to get started? 🏠





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Easy Oreo Truffles

Chocolate lovers? This one's for you.

Thanks to Allrecipes.com, we can all share the scrumptious chocolate-y love of the Valentine's season. Be creative with your toppings and swirl your own design with dark chocolate drizzle, white chocolate drizzle or sprinkle with red sugars for an extra festive look.

EASY OREO TRUFFLES

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 (16 ounce) package Oreo Chocolate Sandwich cookies, divided
- 2 (8 ounce) packages Baker's Semi-Sweet Baking Chocolate, melted
- 1 (8 ounce) package Philadelphia cream cheese, softened

DIRECTIONS:

1. Crush 9 of the cookies to fine crumbs in food processor; reserve for later use. (Cookies can also be finely crushed in a resealable plastic bag using a rolling pin.) Crush remaining 36 cookies to fine crumbs; place in medium bowl. Add cream cheese; mix until well blended. Roll cookie mixture into 42 balls, about 1-inch in diameter.
 2. Dip balls in chocolate; place on wax paper-covered baking sheet. (Any leftover chocolate can be stored at room temperature for another use.) Sprinkle with reserved cookie crumbs.
 3. Refrigerate until firm, about 1 hour. Store leftover truffles, covered, in refrigerator.
- *Tip: How to Easily Dip Truffles*
Place truffle ball in melted chocolate to coat; roll if necessary. Lift truffle from chocolate using 2 forks (this will allow excess chocolate to run off) before placing on wax paper. 🏠

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Fort Wayne Boat Show & Sale

By Ray Balogh

Nearly 60 exhibitors from Indiana and Michigan will offer products, services and financing at the 37th Fort Wayne Boat Show and Sale Thursday through Sunday, Feb. 15-18, at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum, 4000 Parnell Ave.

On display will be boats, personal watercraft, accessories, piers and other nautical amenities.

The family-friendly event will also feature recreational items and services such as wet suits, skis, water toys, out-board motors, lifts, docks, boat covers, boat repair and upholstery, scooters, golf carts and patio furniture.

Additional highlights of the boat show include representatives of HOME Living who will be on hand to greet visitors and hand out free issues of the monthly magazine.

The Indiana Department of Natural Resources will conduct a free boater

education and water safety class on Saturday, Feb. 17. The class will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., with the doors opening at 8:30 a.m. Participants may register at the DNR booth during the boat show or may sign up online at www.register-ed.com/programs/indiana/agency:25.


The class will provide general information concerning boats and maintenance, what to do in emergencies, how to make your experience safe and enjoyable and the laws pertaining to watercraft operation. Children under 11 years must be accompanied by a parent or guardian and everyone under

18 must give the instructor a completed and signed liability release form with the parent or guardian's signature. For more information, call the DNR at 260.244.3720.

For more information on the Boat Show event, visit fortwayneboatshow.com.

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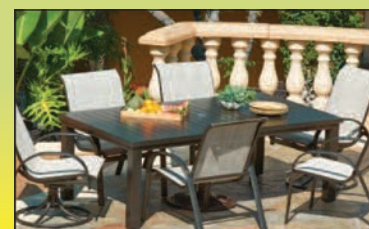
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FEBRUARY calendar

By Ray Balogh

1-25 ANGOLA: Toboggan Run at Pokagon State Park

Refrigerated toboggan run operates with or without snow. \$13/hr. per toboggan. 5:30 p.m.-9 p.m. Friday, 10:30 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, 450 Lane 100 Lake James. 260.833.2012.

1-April 8 FORT WAYNE: "Fairy Tales" Winter Garden Exhibit

Adults \$5, children (3-17) \$3, children (2 and under) free. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday (until 8 p.m. Thursday), noon-4 p.m. Sunday, Botanical Conservatory, 1100 S. Calhoun St. 260.427.6440
botanicalconservatory.org.

4 DECATUR: Flea Market

Nearly 100 indoor vendors, hot food available. Sponsored by the Adams County Coin Club. 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday, Riverside Center, 231 E. Monroe St. (Highway 224 East). Contact Carla at 260.517.8182
facebook.com/decaturingianafleamarket.

6, 13, 20, 27 FORT WAYNE: Little River Ramblers

Hike and explore the interesting plants and wildlife of Eagle Marsh. Sponsored by Little River Wetlands Project. Free admission. 9 a.m.-11 a.m. Tuesday, Eagle Marsh barn, 6801 Engle Road. 260.478.2515
info@lrwp.org, lrwp.org.

7 FORT WAYNE: "Dancing with the Stars: Live! — Light Up the Night"

Standout performers from season 25 of the popular television competition, featuring salsa, waltzes, high energy group numbers and other dance genres. Tickets ranged from \$100 to \$595.35. 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Fort Wayne Embassy Theatre, 125 W. Jefferson Blvd. 800.745.3000
fwembassytheatre.org.

8 FORT WAYNE: Breakfast on the Marsh: Miami Plant Uses

A member of the Miami tribe will share the various applications for consumption and medicinal use of native plants. Call to preregister. Free admission. 8:30 a.m.-9:45 a.m. Thursday, Indiana Wesleyan Education & Conference Center, Room 102/104, 8211 W. Jefferson Blvd. 260.478.2515
info@lrwp.org, lrwp.org.

8 FORT WAYNE: "Presidential Crossroads"

Dr. Patrick Furlong, retired history professor and Indiana Historical Society member, will speak on Hoosiers in national political history. \$20; advance reservations required. 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Thursday, Historic Sweeney Homestead, 1424 W. Jefferson Blvd. 260.747.1229
settlersinc.org.

8 WABASH: LOCASH

Country duo singer-songwriters Chris Lucas and Preston Brust fuse modern country and classic rock. With special guest Gunslinger. \$50/\$29/\$19. 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Honeywell Center, 275 W. Market St. 260.563.1102
honeywellcenter.org.

9 FORT WAYNE: 4th Annual ChocolateFest

Chocolate fountain and desserts, live band, silent auction, dinner, cash bar. Benefit for Riley Hospital and other children's charities, hosted by John Chapman Kiwanis Foundation. \$40/person. 6 p.m.-9 p.m. Friday, Turnstone Center, 3320 N. Clinton Ave. 260.637.8184
johnchapmankiwanis.com.

10 FORT WAYNE: WMEE Baby Fair & Family Expo

Crafts, bounce houses, tricycle races, animals and more. Parking \$5 main lot, \$8 preferred lot. 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Allen County War Memorial Coliseum, 4000 Parnell Ave. 260.482.9502
memorialcoliseum.com.

10 DECATUR: Decatur Artisan Craft Market

Craft vendors and direct sellers of handmade crafts, jewelry, candles, soaps, baked goods, home decor, clothing and accessories, wood and metal items. Breakfast and lunch available. Free admission. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Riverside Center, 231 E. Monroe St. 260.223.7828
facebook.com/adamscountywintermarket.

10 FORT WAYNE: All Heart Pajama Drive and Brunch

Bring a pajama donation, new and in original packaging, and learn how to become a volunteer ombudsman. Raffles, prizes, mimosas, free brunch. 10 a.m.-noon Saturday, Parkview Stadium Lounge Suites, 1301 Ewing St. Space is limited; register by calling Aisha at 260.469.3161.

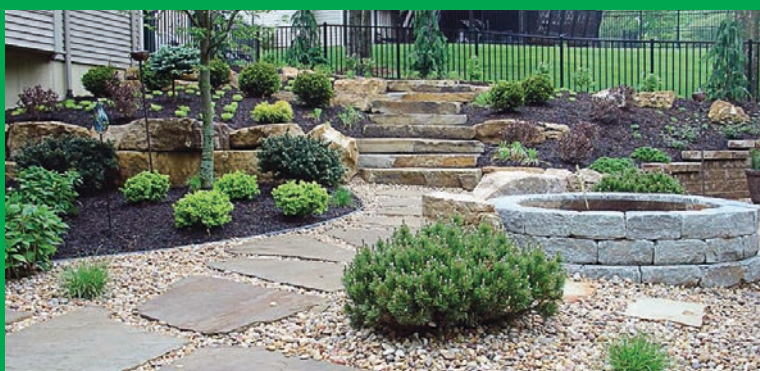
13-14 FORT WAYNE: "Chicago the Musical"

Enjoy a universal tale of fame, fortune and jazz; show-stopping songs and astonishing dance numbers. \$65/\$50/\$35. 7:30 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, Fort Wayne Embassy Theatre, 125 W. Jefferson Blvd. 800.745.3000
fwembassytheatre.org.

14 FORT WAYNE: Short Hikes for Short Legs: Winter Birding

Creating a treat for birds that do not fly south for the winter and then take a short hike to search for the winter feathered friends. Boots recommended. Free admission, open to children 3-5 accompanied by responsible adult. 9 a.m.-10 a.m. Wednesday, Eagle Marsh barn, 6801 Engle Road. 260.478.2515
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February Books

By Steve Penhollow

February tends to be the month when winter feels longest, so here are a few fascinating books about home design and food, respectively, that should help get your mind off the cold.



The Maverick Soul: Portraits of the Lives & Homes of Eccentric, Eclectic & Free-Spirited Bohemians

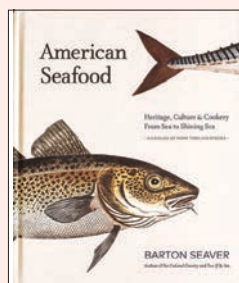
By Miv Watts and Hugh Stewart

Hardie Grant \$50

ISBN-10: 1784880434;

ISBN-13: 978-1784880439

Coffee table tomes showcasing the home decorating philosophies of various celebrities are always fun. But they're rarely as funky as Miv Watts' "The Maverick Soul: Portraits of the Lives & Homes of Eccentric, Eclectic & Free-Spirited Bohemians." Watts' book is about people who are renowned for thinking out of the box in all areas of their lives. The residences featured in the book have not been prettied up for the camera. They reflect their owners' atypical, thrillingly untidy minds. Watts (with the help of photographer Hugh Stewart) takes readers on tours of 25 homes owned by artists, writers, singers and other free spirits. In most books like this, you learn about the homeowner's tastes. In "The Maverick Spirit," you learn about their lives. Their homes tell their stories.



American Seafood: Heritage, Culture & Cookery From Sea to Shining Sea

By Barton Seaver

Sterling Epicure \$50

ISBN-10: 145491940X;

ISBN-13: 978-1454919407

Barton Seaver's "American Seafood" isn't a cookbook. It's more of a history of the seas. It's also the Dictionary of World Biography of fish. It features biographical sketches, of sorts, of 500 oceanic species. It also takes in-depth looks at maritime history, advances in fishing technology, imported seafood trends, the state of our oceans, the science of taste and the evolution of seafood cuisine. If fish is part of your diet beyond tuna fish sandwiches, you should find this volume riveting. A former chef, Seaver now leads the Sustainable Seafood and Health Initiative at the Center for Health and the Global Environment at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health. 🏠

14-28 FORT WAYNE: 8th Annual Ombudsman Pajama Drive

Donate gowns or pajamas, new and in original packaging, in any size and gender. On Feb. 14 drop off donations at Jefferson Pointe Chick-fil-A and receive a free sandwich. Call Aisha at 260.469.3161 for information on collection sites.

15-18 FORT WAYNE: 37th Annual Boat Show and Sale

Over 60 exhibitors including 20 marine dealers from Indiana and Michigan featuring boats, personal watercraft, accessories, piers and much more! Thursday and Friday 3 p.m. - 9 p.m.; Saturday 11 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sunday 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Allen County War Memorial Coliseum, 4000 Parnell Ave. fortwayneboatshow.com.

18 FORT WAYNE: "Cirque D'Or"

Electrifying stunts performed by 30 of the world's greatest acrobats, contortionists and aerial artists. \$50/\$35/\$25. 3 p.m. Sunday, Fort Wayne Embassy Theatre, 125 W. Jefferson Blvd. 800.745.3000 fwembassytheatre.org.

24 FORT WAYNE: Winter Birding"

Public hike led by Freya Berntson. Stroll through the woods, looking for birds who winter in the marsh. Boots recommended. Free admission. 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Saturday, Eagle Marsh barn, 6801 Engle Road. 260.478.2515 info@lrwp.org, lrwp.org.

24 FORT WAYNE: Fort Wayne Women's Expo

Free spa treatments, fashion shows, shopping, wellness talks and demonstrations, cooking shows and more. Parking \$5 main lot, \$8 preferred lot. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, VIP Ladies Night from 6 p.m.-9 p.m., Allen County War Memorial Coliseum, 4000 Parnell Ave. 260.482.9502 memorialcoliseum.com.

March 1-4 FORT WAYNE: 45th Annual Home and Garden Show

More than 650 exhibitors with the latest in contemporary home and garden products and services, seminars by knowledgeable home and garden experts, beautifully constructed and unique landscapes on display. Parking \$5 main lot, \$8 preferred lot. 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Thursday and Friday, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, Allen County War Memorial Coliseum, 4000 Parnell Ave. 260.482.9502 memorialcoliseum.com. 🏠

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The World Famous Twiggy, the Waterskiing Squirrel, is making a farewell appearance at the Fort Wayne Home & Garden show. Learn about water sport safety, watch Twiggy ski, and even take a selfie. Twiggy is set to perform at 12 noon, 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 12 noon and 3 p.m. on Sunday.

Other exciting features of the 2018 Home and Garden Show include MBN Properties from the HGTV pilot Small Town Big Flip featuring four local brothers/friends who are experts in the real estate industry. Their specialties are reconstruction and rehab of affordable homes. They'll be there to present on tips, tricks and trade secrets of the industry and even offer advice on personal projects. Appearances

are 12:30 p.m., 3:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, 12:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. on Sunday.

Mad Dog & Merrill, self-proclaimed "grillologists," will be back to educate and entertain backyard enthusiasts with the finer points of grilling on 1 p.m., 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. Thursday through Saturday and 12 noon and 2 p.m. on Sunday.

More than 20 master gardeners from the tri-state area will converge for four days of educational seminars and discussions. Full details and the schedule can be found at home-gardenshow.com.

In addition to performances and appearances, the 2018 show is defined by the expansive list of over 650 vendors. Exhibitors feature products and services for kitchen, bath, landscaping, interior

decor, bedding, windows, siding, roofing and more. Plus, every hour, show staff will be handing out \$100 in "Showbucks" to a lucky guest to use at the show.

Don't forget to check out the 2018 Family Fun Area, sponsored by WLDE, themed after "Little House on the Prairie." Kids can touch and feel unique animals, get their pictures taken as characters, watch martial arts and dance demonstrations, learn how to make a balloon creation and much more.

Show hours are 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Thursday and Friday, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$10 for an adult, \$6 for seniors, and kids 15 and under get in free. There is also the option to download a coupon and save \$2 at home-gardenshow.com.

The show takes place at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum, located at 4000 Parnell Avenue, Fort Wayne, IN 46805. There is a \$5 parking fee. Visit home-gardenshow.com for more information. 🏠

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Sanborn's... For Your Home

Jenny Sanborn

By Deborah C. Gerbers

Photo by Sue Rawlinson

Sanborn's... For Your Home in Angola is a one-stop shop for just about anything you need for your home—from bedding to outdoor furniture to flooring—and everything in between. Family-owned for over 45 years, Sanborn's is known for its wide array of products and exceptional customer service.

Please give a brief company history and background.

My husband Sandy's parents started out in 1969 dealing in the appliance business. The furniture and flooring business branched off in 1994. The original furniture location was downtown (Angola) on the square in an old five and dime store (with) three floors, no elevator, warehouse or parking. In 2000, we moved into a new 40,000-square-foot building, complete with warehouse and loading docks. Moving into the new facility allowed us to expand our product offering, adding patio, custom window treatments, retractable awnings and grills.

What are some of the most popular products and items trending today?

Some of the most popular styles and trends in indoor furniture are power reclining pieces, sectionals, counter-height dining and power adjustable beds.

Trends in the outdoor market continue to include comfy yet practical and low maintenance seating, outdoor fire pits, cantilever umbrellas and accessories.

Color trends for indoor furniture this season are navy, gray and white with pops of yellow and emerald green. Outdoor furniture tends to be more neutral in khaki and gray, relying on toss pillows and outdoor rugs for color.

Do you provide delivery and set up if necessary?

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How many employees do you have?

At this time we employ 15 employees including sales consultants, warehouse and delivery crews, as well as flooring installers.



Jenny Sanborn

What's the best part of your job and helping customers?

My favorite part of my job is helping customers with their selections to achieve their ideal home surroundings. Attending furniture markets to see the emerging trends is also fun and essential to our store's selections.

Anything else you'd like readers to know about the company?

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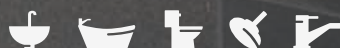


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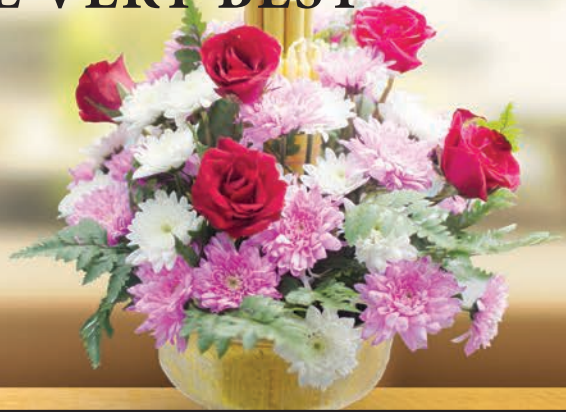


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