

Extraordinary Celebrations!

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SPRING FEVER!



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After a long and dreary winter look around the house, it is time to make some changes. Time to paint that room, get some new artwork, change your dishes, clean out that closet, generally freshen things up ... really the first days of spring are all about change indoors and out.

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After being inside these past few months, we see things that we never really noticed before. Here in Willow Bend with the ages of our homes, carpets may need replaced, bathrooms updated, painting and different wall treatments may be considered, lighting and cosmetic changes like a new fireplace design are also great ways to update.

Interior design is like fashion design, and every year new ideas and colors come into play. For instance, the color of the year 2013 declared by Pantone is a lush emerald green (Pantone #17-5641). You will start to see fashion, tabletop, and home décor in the next year use this in many different ways.

Transitional Design is a trend that we are hearing more and more about and what my clients are all asking for. This is a style that is a combination of traditional and modern furniture, materials, fabrics, and finishes. The furniture is simpler, yet still sophisticated. The color palette is calming, serene with a lack of color, if you will. The grays, whites, and taupes in different depths are part of the look, with pops of color to make the room come alive. Along with the lack of color, the focus now is on the fabrics of different textures to add interest. Accessories are minimal and simplistic.

Spring never feels like it is truly here until the bulbs start to bloom. The old saying, "spring's showers bring forth spring

flowers," is evident everywhere, in our gardens as well as the flowering trees. Try to plan a trip to the arboretum in Dallas to see the show that the miracle of bulbs perform for all of us to enjoy. The vibrant color and different designs of tulips, daffodils, violets, lily of the valley remind us a new year has begun! Here in Texas, it is bluebonnet time, and worth the trip to the hill country to see these gorgeous blue flowers for as far as the eye can see. Fresh spring flowers are everywhere; a fresh bouquet will add color and fragrance to your living space.



Menu planning for this time of year is always exciting as we can now start to get locally grown produce such as strawberries and asparagus. Fire up the barbeque once again for grilling and plan a picnic! This is one of the best times of year to entertain outdoors as the weather in Texas is not too hot yet and we can all enjoy the color of new emerald green grass coming back to life!

Happy spring everyone; get outdoors and relish the change of the season!

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