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WORKING WITH YOU!

Linda and her staff, Diana, Stacy, and Joan listen to you. While Linda is creating your design, Diana is scheduling, ordering and tracking products, as she looks after the accounting. Stacy is researching computer drawings while Joan is organizing the library and interfacing with vendors. We are making sure your experience with us is the best it can be.



THE INSPIRATION OF SPRINGTIME

Searching for ways to personalize and update your home? Giving your home a fresh look doesn't mean you have to change everything. Sometimes just rearranging the furniture and accessories is enough to give your spirit a lift. One or two new elements in a room can make that difference. Call us for suggestions.

New window covering, an accent pillow, or new luxurious bedding are simple ways to add excitement to a space. There are beautiful fabrics available – some are embroidered, some textured, some “green”, some quilted - and all with interesting new color combinations and we have samples.



...OR MAYBE AN ORIENTAL CARPET

We just acquired some Oriental carpets that we would love to show you. Most are traditional patterns in colors that blend and accent the “southwest” look.



9 x 12 Rug # 9



6 x 9 Rug # 52

COLOR FORECAST – 2009

Oriental Rugs add beauty and richness to your room as they absorb sound. The sizes vary from 10 x 14, 9 x 12, 8 x 10, and smaller. The prices are great and so is the quality. Look through the photos and see the possibilities. If your new look includes an area rug, let us help you find the one that's perfect for you.



6 x 8 Rug # 54



8 x 10 Rug # 63

To see the rest of the rugs please go to the following link. You will find detail photos, sizes and identifying numbers. Please call us for more information (520-742-2566).

<http://picasaweb.google.com/design.britt/OrientalCarpetsImmediatelyAvailable#>

The word on color is in, and that word is **global**. The blending of cultures and the heightened awareness of our environment can be seen in the tapestry of colors presented for 2009 by the major paint companies. The vibrant colors of India and Asia are evident in the reds and purples. The neutrals are influenced by the natural tones of stone and wood. As bright as the colors are, they have a toned-down, fresher look, a change from the bold colors presented just a year or two ago. To view the latest color trends, visit the following paint websites:

http://www.dunnedwards.com/documents/specsspaces/vol3_iss3-fall2008/specsspaces_iss3_vol3_fall_2008.pdf

http://www.sherwin.com/pro/paint_colors/paint_color_trends/2009/

http://www.benjaminmoore.com/bmpsweb/portals/bmps.portal?nfpb=true&_pageLabel=minisite_hiddenPage&includePage=cfyh

Now what color do you want to paint **YOUR** world?



Desert Botanical Garden Exhibit Chihuly Glass Makes Great “Eye Candy”

If you haven't been to the Desert Botanical Garden in Phoenix lately, you haven't seen the extraordinary Chihuly glass installation. These beautiful works of art by the renowned glass artist, Dale Chihuly, are integrated into the garden among the native desert landscape. Definitely worth a trip to Phoenix, this exhibit runs through May 31. For information and reservations: <http://www.dbg.org>



To see more photographs by Linda, click on the following link:
<http://picasaweb.google.com/design.britt/PhoenixBotanicalGardenWithTheChihulyExhibit?feat=directlink>

Designer Odds & Ends Sale

AZ South Chapter of American Society of Interior Designers (ASID) along with local businesses and friends are joining hands to benefit **Habitat for Humanity**.

Where: Habistore 3840 S. Palo Verde
(SW Corner of Ajo and Palo Verde)

When: Saturday, March 28, 2009

What to Donate: Furniture, Accessories, Lighting, Tile, Books, Appliances, Sports Equipment, Plumbing fixtures, Mirrors, Art and more!

Tax receipts available for all donations. Call Terry Dee - 889-7200 for truck pick-up. Mention the “Designer Odds & Ends Sale.”

Window Automation

Do you have that pesky window that is hard to reach or that window over the tub that might be dangerous to access? Have you ever wished you could just push a button and have your shades go up and down? Now your wish can be granted!

With a variety of options, any window treatment can be motorized. A battery powered motor can lift small cellular shades, roller shades and sheer horizontal shades. It can also tilt plantation shutters and wood blinds. Low Voltage plug-in motors can lift larger cellular and roller shades as well as woven wood shades, roman shades and drapery. Hardwired powered motors can do it all and at the biggest sizes.

Motorization is more than just a convenience. It can even assist in your home heating and cooling plan with timers and sun sensors. Motorization can be integrated with computer home automation, and it all can be controlled with a simple remote control.

Watching Nature

Biomimicry is a relatively new science that studies nature, its models, systems, processes and elements and then imitates or takes creative inspiration from them to solve human problems. (Wikipedia) I want to share some examples with you.

The 'lotus effect' is based on the study of the lotus leaf and its ability to stay clean and dry in ponds. There are countless miniature protrusions that have a natural wax coating. Water rolls around in droplets cleaning the dirt off the leaves. Interesting but so what? This finding led to the production of a variety of fabrics and carpets with water repellency and better cleanability

Other research on the extremely efficient ventilation system of the termite mound led to the design of the Eastgate Centre in Harare, Zimbabwe.

The Australian firm BioPower Systems developed "Biowave", a system that mimics the movement of underwater plants to produce electricity.

On a smaller scale, each of us participate in biomimicry. Most of us recycle, donate, or reuse items just as nature does. One of my goals as an interior designer is to help you select items that are "green" and eco-friendly. I combine textures, patterns, and colors with furniture placement to create balance and harmony in your home. Adding items that reflect your interests and passions create a healthy and comfortable environment for you.

A stylized, cursive signature of the name "Linda" in black ink. The letter 'L' is large and elegant, with a long, sweeping tail that extends to the right and then curves back under the 'a'. The 'i' and 'n' are smaller and more delicate, and the 'd' is also elegant with a small loop.

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