



TRIVIA

- You'd have to spell out every number up to 1,000 until you could find the letter "a"
- Babe Ruth kept a cabbage leaf under his cap that he changed every two innings to keep himself cool.
- Only 6% of Beatles autographs in circulation are estimated to be real.
- It is illegal to slam your car door in Switzerland.

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Your One-Stop Home Interiors Solution

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What Our Clients Are Saying

Couldn't have done it on my own

I had a wonderful experience working with IE. I'm most pleased with the creativity the designer brought to the project, which **I never could have achieved on my own**. My biggest challenge is being able to visualize and IE was very good in helping with that part.

Debbie Drysdale, CEO - Oro Valley

Thank You to Lupita & Dr. Tony Borboa for referring Rose Boulgaropolis, who just moved here from Hawaii. **Referrals are the life-blood of our business. We couldn't have grown for all these years without the generous referrals from our wonderful clients.**



IF WE WATCHED COOKING SHOWS
THE WAY GUYS WATCH SPORTS

We Need Your Help Please

As you are probably aware, the internet is an ever increasing way for people to find places to do business, especially for infrequent purchases, like home remodeling or redecorating.

Search Engines, like Google, Yahoo, and Bing use **REVIEWS** as one of the factors in determining the order that listings appear. We've not done a good job of encouraging our clients to provide online reviews...so we need your help.

We are asking you to please take a few minutes, search for Interior Expressions in your favorite search engine. There should be some sort of **reviews link** that will allow you to write a review of your experience with us.

Calling all ANGIE'S LIST members

If you are an Angie's List member, please write a review for us on Angie's List. We would like to advertise on Angie's List, but they require a minimum number of reviews before they will allow us to advertise.

THANK YOU for your assistance with this!

A Little of this and that...

Expansion Update

We have just a few finishing touches remaining to complete our showroom expansion. We are a little behind schedule as we place a priority on helping current and new clients with their spaces vs. our own.

Please stop in and see the many new products we have on display. Because we can help you with absolutely EVERYTHING for your home, there is no way we could display it all, but we have added flooring displays, cabinets & counters, plumbing fixtures, those cool floating bar stools we put in our Street of Dreams home, and so much more.



Can you really help me with anything for my home?

YES WE CAN! Recent example: long-time clients that do not live here year round came to enjoy a long July 4th weekend. When they arrived late in the evening, they found their air conditioning didn't work. They called us first thing and we referred them to the HVAC company that handles our home and business HVAC units. That company came out quickly, got their unit running and scheduled the permanent repairs for right after the holiday.

As we tell new clients...If it's not illegal and won't physically hurt someone, we can help you with it. We may not do the work ourselves, but we either know someone that can help you (as in the case above), or we will use our extensive rolodex to find someone that can help you.

Family Reunion Trip

My husband and I enjoyed four days in mid-July back in Iowa (where we came from) visiting family and friends (and sweating a lot). My husband's family had their tri-annual family reunion, with family coming from as far away as Spain and Hawaii. My husband is one of six children and his mom is one of fifteen (15). That's right, 15 children.

In fact, Grandma Mae (my husband's maternal grandmother) was still having kids when her kids were having kids. My husband's youngest uncle is just older than my husband and younger than my husband's older brother. What a huge family.



I remember when I was getting to know this very large family that Grandma Mae was very proud that all 15 were single births. She was fond of saying, "None of this popping them out two or three at a time". Grandpa Dick, Mae's husband of 50+ years, liked to have a little fun with strangers. When asked how many kids he had..."9 and a half dozen" was his stock response...9 girls and a half dozen boys.

As you might have guessed, they were a mid-western farm family from the great depression era through the 1960's.

Our First Granddaughter

We were overjoyed to learn during our Iowa trip that our son and his wife of nearly 2 years will be blessing us with our first granddaughter in late October. Her name will be Molly, or Molli, or Mollie or Molle...they aren't quite sure on the spelling yet. We found out earlier this year they were pregnant, but didn't know what the sex or name was.



Even though both our son and daughter-in-law went to Iowa State University, they already have some University of Arizona clothes for Molly(sp?). There might be more in her future if her Grandpa Jones has anything to do with it.



Thank You for your business and referrals – Until next month,

Betty

Upgrading their Upgrade

Long-time Tucsonans Judy and Michael Hampton crossed an item off their bucket-list by upgrading to another home in 2012.

They loved the floor plan of their new home, but the furnishings from their old home just weren't right for their new digs.

In essence they were starting with a blank palette and wanted their new home to reflect their tastes and lifestyle.

Even though they had never used an interior designer before, they knew they needed some assistance to make sure they achieved their vision for their new home, didn't make costly mistakes, and didn't stress their marriage in the process.

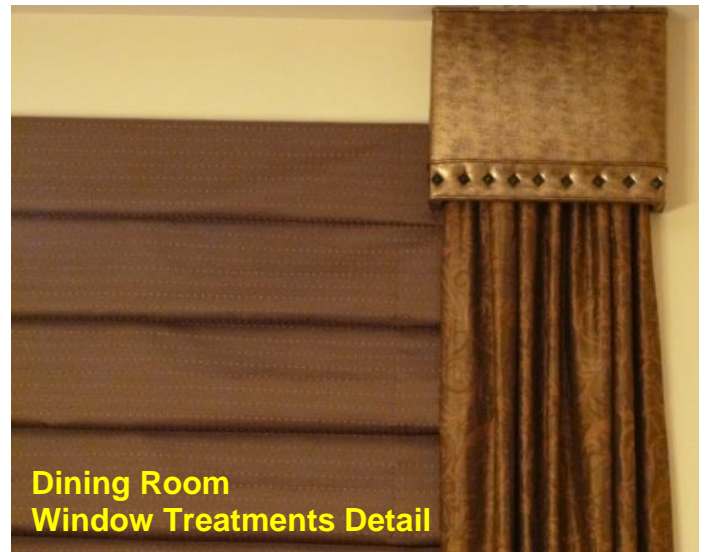
So they hired Janice Williams, our Senior Interior Designer, to help them convert their prior Mexican / Southwest décor to a more Traditional style.

The To-Do list included:

- Furniture for the
 - Living Room
 - Dining Room
 - Master Bedroom
 - Two Offices
- Window Treatments throughout
- Artwork, Rugs & Accessories



Dining Room



Dining Room
Window Treatments Detail



93 Year Old Table

Handcrafted Table

The dining room table the Hamptons selected was hand crafted from oak beams reclaimed from a 1920 cotton warehouse in Greenwood, Mississippi, by a company that makes hand-crafted furniture exclusively from wood reclaimed from old buildings.

Certificate of Authenticity

This unique piece of custom furniture was hand crafted using reclaimed oak. Our craftsmen have taken great care to preserve the quality and character of this magnificent wood. All of the antiquing and patina you see including saw marks, occasional insect trails, nail holes and mineral stains were created naturally by almost 100 years of exposure to the elements and use by our forefathers. We pride ourselves on leaving just the right amount of original distressing on each plank to ensure your table has the perfect balance of antiquing and functionality.

This table was crafted from oak beams that were recovered from a cotton warehouse built in Greenwood, Mississippi in 1920. It is number 47 of 145 tables that will be built using this spectacular wood.

Our hope is that you and your family will enjoy your table for years to come and that it becomes a cherished heirloom that gets passed from generation to generation.

Master Bedroom Makeover

As you can see from these pictures, we made significant changes in the look and feel of their master bedroom.

To solve the challenge of lack of storage in their Master Bedroom, Janice had a storage bench made.

Please note the artwork above the bed that helps balance that wall.

The Roman Shades are a continuation of the theme establish in the dining room.



Master Bedroom – with Custom Storage Bench



The inside of the storage bench was upholstered with the same fabric as the bedroom chairs.

Tubac Art Excursion

Janice took a trip with Judy and Mike to Tubac to find additional artwork to complete their home makeover. Below are two of the pieces selected, and you can see others in the dining room picture on the opposite page.



Living Room Upgrade

The main challenge with the living room was to provide a more open and inviting space that was great for entertaining, visiting and watching TV.

Michael is extremely proud of HIS buffalo hide recliner. It fits him *just right*.

All the rugs and accessories throughout the home were hand selected to match the décor and their personal tastes.



Living Room

This is the result we strive for...

"Janice...we cannot tell you how much we loved working with you and the job was EXACTLY what we envisioned."

Judy & Michael Hampton