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**Your One-Stop Home Interiors Solution**

### What Our Clients Are Saying



"You're a cross between Candice Olson and Mike Holmes." (HGTV Stars)  
*Mark Porter, Tucson*

### Amazingly Short Time

We accomplished so much in an amazingly short period of time. You made our home decorating experience interesting, thorough, creative and FUN!

*Suzi Michelson, Homemaker – SaddleBrooke*

### THANK YOU!

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, like...

**Kelly Copeland** referred...  
Margaret Ankeny

**Judy Sago** referred...  
Chris and Jim Carlson

**Pat Otto** referred...  
Christina & John Douglas

*Thank You to these and all our clients that have referred others to us over the years.*



## Anniversary / Birthday Trip to Sedona

My wonderful husband surprised me with a long weekend trip to Sedona in early June. This was to celebrate our 37<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary and my recent birthday (don't ask).

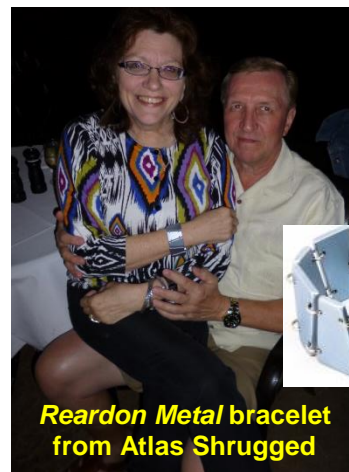
I've had clients in Sedona, and driven through it on the way back from Flagstaff, for the scenic Oak Creek Canyon drive, but never spent any time there to explore the area.

We stayed at a Bed & Breakfast that was recommended by a friend of my husband. I thought it was great, but my husband was not impressed. The B & B was owned and operated by a man from Switzerland and his family, and we had a couple nice chats with him at breakfast.



**Verde Canyon Railroad**

One of the trip highlights was an evening train ride through the Verde River Canyon. Spectacular scenery, outstanding service, great company. We both highly recommend it.



**Reardon Metal bracelet from Atlas Shrugged**

My husband *really* surprised me during our romantic dinner, right alongside Oak Creek (at L'Auberge de Sedona). He presented me with a *Reardon Metal* bracelet.

*Reardon Metal* is pivotal in the book *Atlas Shrugged* by Ayn Rand (and movies of same name). In the book, this bracelet was from the first smelt of the revolutionary *Reardon Metal*.

### Pocket Constitution

We have some Pocket Constitution booklets, **free for the asking**. Just call or email us and we'll mail to you, or stop in to pick up.

Until next month,

*Betty*





# Manhattan Couple's Arizona Makeover

The crowded high-pressure life of the big city in Manhattan, NYC is a far cry from life in SaddleBrooke, AZ. And that is exactly what Shirley Lazo and Mike Niemira are looking for when they finally retire to Arizona.

In the meantime, they get away to their Arizona retreat 3 – 4 times per year. By the time retirement finally comes, the transformation of their SaddleBrooke home should be complete.

We've been working with Shirley and Mike since late 2009, one room at a time. This go-slow approach is quite common with our clients and we love to work that way. It gives us an opportunity to really get to know the clients, and we usually become friends in the process.



Custom Cocktail Table with Pull-Out End Tables



Hickory Mantel, Surround and Hearth?  
No, faux painted concrete

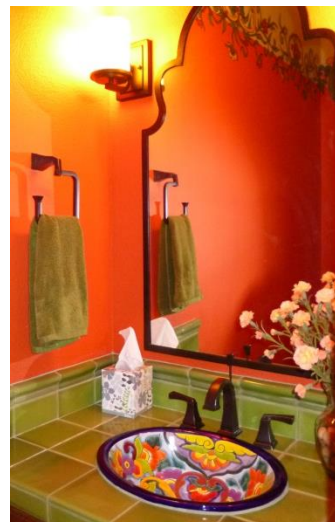
The red accent wall makes the fireplace the focal point of the room and helps draw your eye to the commissioned painting above the fireplace.



Custom 60" dining table with self-storing leaves



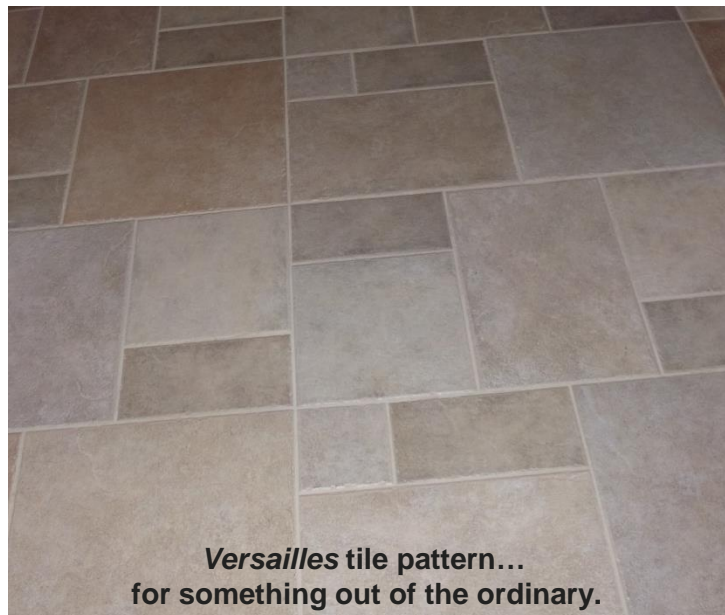
When the leaves are extended, the table will comfortably accommodate eight people. The chairs have spring cushions so you can sit and visit for hours.



Shirley wanted a Mexican themed powder room that people would say WOW about.

The hand painted sink bowl was the starting point, complimented by the sculpted mirror and the hand painted mural around the wall (reflected in the mirror).





**Versailles tile pattern...  
for something out of the ordinary.**

### Work Done While They Are Gone

When they are here in Arizona, Shirley and Mike want to relax and decompress from their hectic big-city lifestyle. They don't want to deal with the hassle of home renovation – dealing with the mess, the tradespeople, the inconvenience.

Usually when they are here, we meet to get started on another part of their home renovation, discussing options, making selections, and planning.

Then we implement what has been decided while they are back in Manhattan. This way they can enjoy their time here in AZ. *"It's like we come back to a different home each time, and someone else did all the work. It's a great way to renovate."* says Shirley.



**Just adding a little color with painted walls and a few accessories can make a world of difference**

*Betty knows exactly what we want, which is fantastic for us design challenged types. Her innovative solutions to challenges continue to amaze me.*

**Michael Niemira**



**From Loveseat to Twin Bed in 10 Seconds**



Both Loveseats in the library room fold out to twin beds to accommodate additional guests. There was nothing like this on the market, so we had our local upholsterer make them. The locally made mattresses are inner-spring mattresses for great comfort.



**Family Room**  
Added color for warmth.

Reupholstered the sofas; new area rug and added artwork.

Now the room is an inviting place to relax.

*We are so glad we found Betty and Interior Expressions. They have made the process of renovating our ultimate retirement home so easy. I can't imagine how difficult it would be without them.*

*We feel very comfortable leaving our home in the trusted hands of Betty and her team while we are back in New York.*

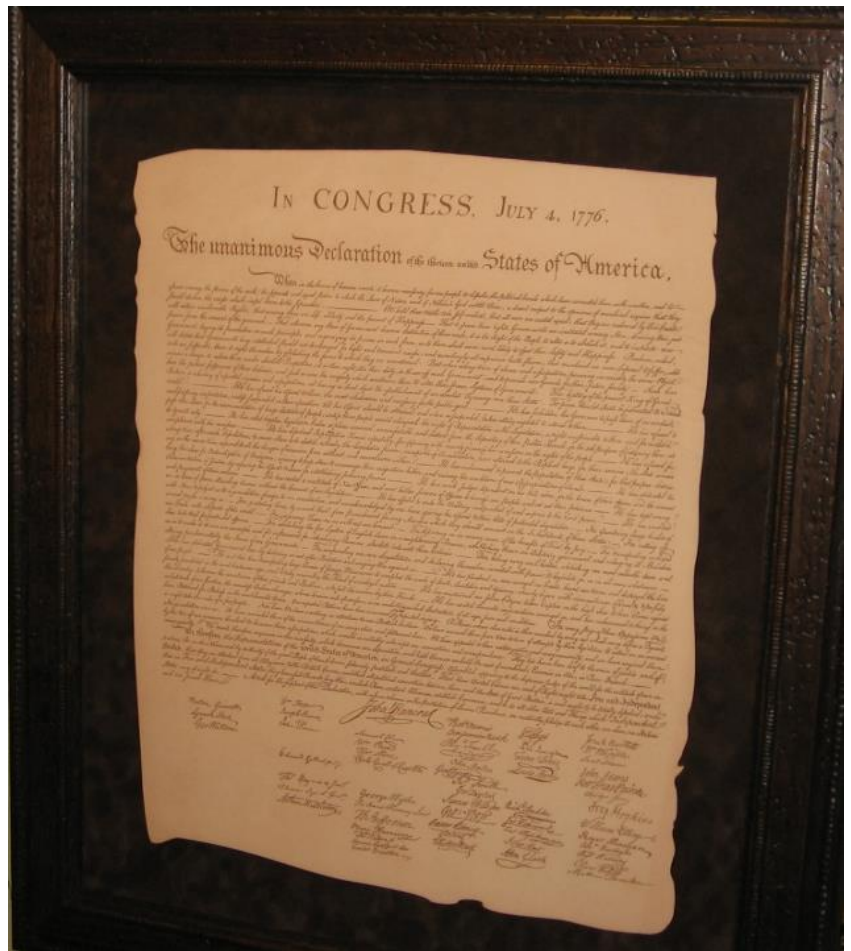
*I felt a strong connection with Betty right from the very beginning and just love what she has done with our home.*

**Shirley Lazo**



## 4<sup>th</sup> of July Trivia

- Three presidents died on July 4<sup>th</sup> – Rivals John Adams & Thomas Jefferson both died on the same day in 1836. James Monroe in 1831.
- Only two people signed the Declaration of Independence on July 4<sup>th</sup>. Most signed on August 2, 1776.
- Ben Franklin was the oldest signatory to the Declaration of Independence, at age 70. The youngest was Edward Rutledge, age 26, who later became the governor of South Carolina.
- Pennsylvania had the most delegates sign. There were nine.
- In January 1777, Thomas McKean was the last to sign the Declaration of Independence. He later became the governor of Pennsylvania.
- Denmark, Norway, Sweden and England also celebrate the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.
- Dwight D. Eisenhower was famous for playing golf every 4<sup>th</sup> of July.
- Jackie Kennedy wore a bejeweled American Flag in her lapel on every 4<sup>th</sup> of July.
- The 4<sup>th</sup> of July became an unpaid federal holiday in 1870, and a paid federal holiday in 1938.
- The first public reading of the Declaration of Independence happened on July 8, 1776. Actually, the Liberty Bell rang out from Independence Hall to summon the crowd.



**USA Declaration of Independence  
Laser Engraved on Fine Leather  
26" x 30" Framed Size**

## Our Declaration of Independence...

Maybe the most powerful and impactful 1,337 words ever written by modern man.

**Signed by our founding fathers...who risked their lives in the name of FREEDOM.**

I know our clients are very patriotic, like all of us at Interior Expressions. When I saw this I thought, "That's something many clients would love to have in their home."

My husband has a friend in Phoenix that laser engraves The Declaration of Independence on **fine leather**. Laser engraved with care by USA craftsmen.

The friend normally does these for his clients only, but we talked him into allowing us to offer these to our special clients. We had the leather meticulously framed by our local framing shop.

**This is a perfect gift for a patriot in your family.**

*A daily reminder of what a great country we live in.*

Great gift, too, for grandchildren, to help them learn about how our great country was formed.

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