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Your ONE-STOP Home Interiors Solution

My & % \$ # * @! Wonderful Husband

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New York City Bound

Since the first of the year, maybe earlier, I had been planning for a week-long trip to NYC with my husband. He was slated to attend a marketing conference there. I used to go to NYC 4-6 times per year when I was designing and buying apparel for Saks Fifth Avenue. I love the energy and aura of NYC.

My husband thought it would be great fun if I joined him, see a couple plays/musicals (which I love to do) and give me some "down-time" while he attended his conference. Airline & Broadway tickets were *bought*; the hotel was *paid for*.

I even scheduled a dinner with our wonderful clients Shirley and Michael while there (they live and work in Manhattan and have a getaway home in SaddleBrooke). Another client wanted me to pick-up some special things for her in NYC.

No Way I Can Go!

As far behind as I was with clients from being severely under the weather for many months, I told my husband and staff (many times) that I didn't think I should go. I had too much to do for our clients. They all assured me it would be good for me and the staff could handle things while I was gone. I reluctantly agreed, and worked harder to be ready to go.

What?

Late the morning before our scheduled departure to NYC, I was hard at work at the showroom tending to last minute details so I could pretend to enjoy the trip. I was on the phone and...

In walks my *\$@&^#! husband with our son, daughter-in-law and 5-month old granddaughter.

TOTAL SURPRISE by My Wonderful Conniving Husband

Turns out the NYC trip was just a ruse by my husband and staff to get me to not schedule clients during the week before Easter.

He had been planning since last fall to fly all our children and grandchildren here to Tucson to surprise Nana for my upcoming 60th birthday. I figured he was planning some sort of surprise for my 60th, as he had for every 5 year birthday anniversary since I can remember. I thought the surprise would be in NYC.

He surprised me even more when our daughter and her family arrived later that evening. A DOUBLE SURPRISE!

So, I got to play Nana for a week with our first granddaughter, Molli Bryn, and have lots of fun with our grandsons and the entire family.

My mom and sisters from the Phoenix and Casa Grande area were able to come down for a big family cookout. They had never met Molli Bryn or our growing grandsons.

I got to do lots of baby-holding, feeding and playing, as well as some fun and touristy things with the entire family. My husband said he did more tourist things in 5 days than he had in our entire 12+ years we have lived in the Tucson area.

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Molli Bryn greets Nana



My initial reaction upon seeing our granddaughter

DESERT RETREAT

Chuck and Sue Fish, of Dallas, TX already had a get-away condo in Oro Valley when they decided to buy a more spacious house as a desert retreat from their hectic corporate careers.

Barbara Bardach, one of the premier real estate agents in Oro Valley, got them a great deal on a new construction home where the previous sale had fallen through.

Long-Distance Our Specialty

Long-distance clients are something we specialize in. We met with the Fish's four times, for about 4-hours at a time, during that first year to finalize details.

Needed Everything

Their new desert retreat was a 'gray shell', as most new production homes are: dull walls, poor lighting and no "warmth".

Their condo was mostly contemporary in décor, but they desired a Spanish/Mediterranean feel. So they needed pretty much everything for their new desert retreat.

First Step

Our first step, as always, is to create a budget for what they wanted to accomplish. Once the budget was established, we started with Area Rugs—to create a color palette to work from.



We had this elongated hexagon table and chairs made to mirror the hexagon shape of the nook dining area. This table seats six vs. the standard four, and compliments the area.



Amazing what a well designed backsplash, proper complimentary wall color and a bit of *decorizing* can do to transform a kitchen from BLAND to GRAND... We can do this for you too!



FROM SCRATCH



Living Room—Hutch to Right of Fireplace Houses Pop-Up TV



Before

You always focus on ME when we are meeting or talking. I really like the personal touch that you consistently use. I was initially concerned about the project being overwhelming, but you kept it on a very manageable level.

Sue Fish, Certified Financial Planner, former Chief Financial Officer



Before



Dining Area transformed to “Conversation Area”. The faux ironwork in the upper windows was added to block the view of the neighbors roofline.



Master Bedroom Transformation

Interior Expressions

DESIGN SHOWROOM

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Molli Bryn ready to check out the Arizona-Sonoran Desert Museum



Nana & Papa after being "schooled" by our Grandsons at bowling



4-Generations with our Daughter



4-Generations with our Son

A BUSY WEEK

- Davis-Monthan Air Show & The Thunderbirds
- Bowling with Nana & Papa
- Phoenix Suns basketball game
- Arizona-Sonoran Desert Museum
- Old Tucson (a grandson approved favorite)
- Golfing with Papa & Uncle Brandon
- Pima Air & Space Museum (SR-71 a big hit!)
- *Funtastics*: mini-golf; go-carts; bumper-boats; arcade
- Family Dinners
- Swimming at The Ritz Hotel **AND SO MUCH MORE!**



Four New Arizona Fans