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### Molli's Memo

Now that I'm 2½ years old, this past Easter thing we just had is like a mini-Christmas. I had lots of fun hunting for the Easter eggs hidden by the Easter Bunny. I really enjoy one of the books the Easter Bunny left me.

**Molli Bryn, Nana's first granddaughter**

## It's a Small, Small World

Since I moved frequently while growing up, I often encounter clients from a part of the country where I have lived. You may or may not recall, I grew up the eldest daughter of a career enlisted Air Force father.

I recently had the privilege of helping a couple with advice on how to best prepare their home for sale. As they were touring me through their home, one of their rooms was full of Lake Okoboji pictures and memorabilia.

Lake Okoboji is a popular tourist area in Northwest Iowa. I lived in Iowa from about age 15 until we moved to Arizona in 2001. I mentioned to the homeowners I remember playing with my band, **Mourning Glory** (we toured in a hearse), several times on The Queen, a paddle-wheel boat that provided lake tours and entertainment.



I played guitar and was one of the singers.

I remember these "gigs" vividly as I usually got sea sick and would spend a considerable amount of time early in the cruise with my head hung over the side railing, getting rid of my lunch (TMI?).

The lady of the house said their Senior Prom was held on The Queen, and she thought Mourning Glory was the band that played. She showed me a picture of them at their prom, and you could see Mourning Glory in the background of the picture.

Based on the year they graduated high school, I could confirm to them that I indeed was there with Mourning Glory, playing at their prom.

This experience brought back great memories of playing in that band. The picture of me to the right is from those times. **What do you remember from those times?**



*It truly is a small, small world.*

Until Next Month,

*Betty Jones*

### Thank You for Your Referrals

Robin Gamboa referred Kristen & Chad Simpson  
 Janet & Bill McLearran referred Cynthia & Jack Taylor  
 Bobbi & Dennis Hill referred Kathy & Jim Parks

*Referrals are the lifeblood of our business. Thank you for these and all your referrals*

# Personalizing Your Home Is Our Mission

Anyone with *interior designer blood* coursing through their veins, like our entire design team, has real pleasure in helping homeowners create a look which fits their own personal style and reflects who they are.

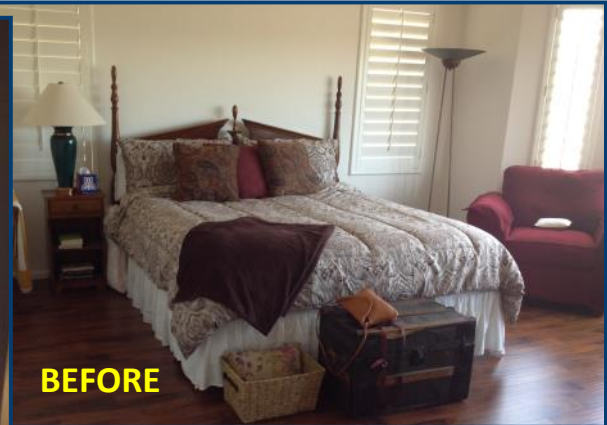
Achieving your look, for your tastes and lifestyle is really what our business is all about. If everyone wanted the same exact look, there would be no need for interior designers. And, the world would be a pretty boring place.

This month we are sharing with you a few examples of some of the unique things we've done to help homeowners create that special look they were seeking.

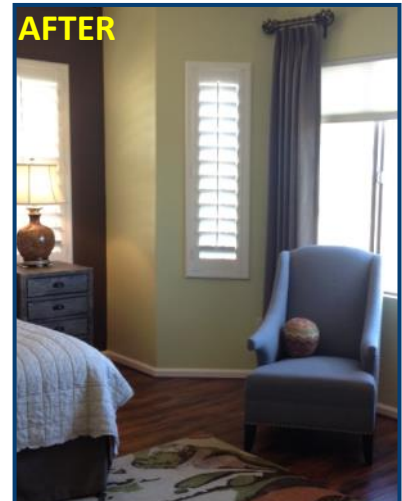
Sometimes inspiration for these ideas comes from the homeowners and sometimes their IE designer will suggest things which would never have crossed the minds of the homeowners. **We can do the same for you, your neighbors or relatives. Give us call to discuss.**



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These clients are not afraid of color and it shows in this gorgeous master bedroom makeover.

The design started with the rug. We showed them a spectacular rug with lots of color and an interesting pattern. They fell in love with it right away.

From the rug we painted the wall a deep brown for the focal wall behind the headboard and a pale chartreuse for the rest of the walls. Because the rug had so much color and movement, we kept the other patterns in the room to a minimum. But that did not limit the amount of color we used.

The melon colored headboard is made of six upholstered squares; bolted together and mounted to the wall. To highlight the rug colors, we made king shams in a multi-colored flame-stitch pattern. We kept all the bedding neutral with a mocha dust ruffle, which matches the side panels on the windows, and a cream colored linen coverlet.

Nightstands are grey weathered wood. Lamps are a melon colored subtle snake skin pattern. The reading chair is grey linen with a fun ball pillow that matches the shams for lumbar support.

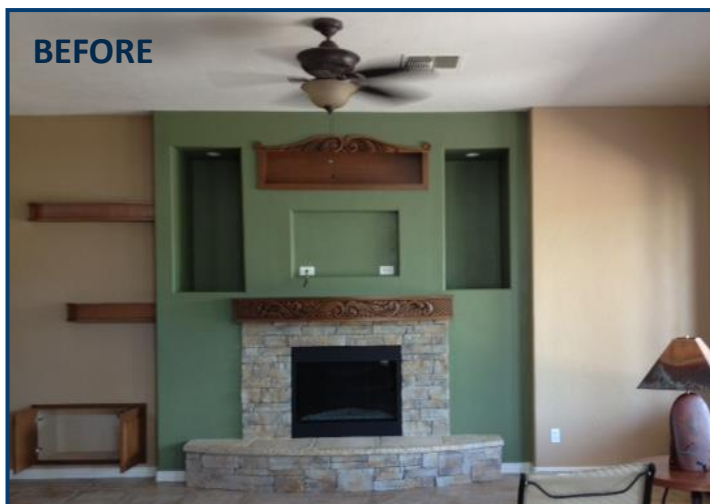
Our clients were extremely happy with their new master bedroom in their SaddleBrooke Ranch home.





These clients love the poppy mural in their California home, and asked us to figure out a way to add a poppy mural in their Dove Mountain home. We chose to add this poppy mural to the backsplash above the cooktop range. They love it.

We also wanted to bring a little color to the niche in the hallway of this same home. We decided to mount some glass and metal art, in varying sizes and depths, tying in the colors we featured in the kitchen and living room.



## Fireplace / Entertainment Wall

Clients wanted to change the fireplace wall in their new home to look more southwestern to go with their furnishings. They also wanted a place to hang the TV, but not over the fireplace. The country style mantle, shelves and niches all had to go.

The fireplace was designed to look like a beehive fireplace without being one. We tapered the shape with stacked stone and added a new wood mantle. We also changed the shape and length of the hearth so it was more in proportion to the width of the wall and the new arched fireplace. Because we removed the curved hearth and put in a straight one, we had to replace the floor tile in front of the hearth. We were lucky to find the matching tile.

The wall where the TV is mounted was built out a total of 12" so that the TV could be recessed into it. This was carefully designed because the perpendicular wall had a window that was already close to the corner. We didn't want to crowd the window.

Our clients are super thrilled with how it turned out and loved working with one of our preferred contractors.



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## Welcome to Shawn Kranz New Interior Designer at Interior Expressions



We are pleased to announce that Shawn Kranz has joined our design team.

Shawn lives in SaddleBrooke and has had very successful stints at California Design / Studio C and Bassett Furniture.

Shawn loves helping homeowners avoid making costly mistakes and achieving their vision for their home.

Shawn says, *"I don't have any certain design style. The style is whatever the homeowners want to achieve. It is my job to help them do just that. I also get excited about providing options the homeowners may not have thought of. Options that often save them money or enhance the look they are trying to achieve."*

Shawn can be reached by calling the showroom and setting an appointment. **Welcome to the team Shawn!**

### Fun Mother's Day Facts

1. In the United States alone, around 122 million phone calls are made to moms on Mother's Day.
2. Approximately \$14 billion dollars is spent on Mother's Day.
3. Mother's Day sees around one quarter of all flowers purchased throughout the year falling on this holiday.
4. In what was formerly Yugoslavia, children would tie up their mother on Mother's Day. The only way she could get free would be to pay her children with treats.
5. Elizabeth Ann Buttle gives a whole new meaning to second family. She gave birth to her first child (a girl) May 19, 1956. Then when she was 60 years-old, she gave birth to her son on November 20, 1997, making the babies 41 years 185 days apart.
6. Mother's Day is celebrated in close to 50 countries in different parts of the world.
7. 120 million Mother's Day cards are exchanged annually in the U.S.

