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Molli's Memo

My best buddy Cash went to doggy heaven a few months ago. Now Mommy and Daddy brought me a new best buddy...LIBERTY (Nana likes the name). Mommy usually calls her Libby.

Liberty and I love to play together outside in our new big back yard. She is so much fun. Thanks Mommy & Daddy.

Molli Bryn, Nana's first granddaughter

Iowa Trip Recap

My husband and I spent a long Labor Day weekend in Iowa visiting family and friends.

We were able to spend a good deal of time with what my husband calls *The Cutest Granddaughter in The World*.

His title for Miss Molli, as I call her, reminds me of what my husband said after our son was born. He said, "I never understood the term *cute*, until I saw Brandon for the first time.



Enjoying a laugh with "the cutest granddaughter in the world".

Sweet Corn and Tomatoes

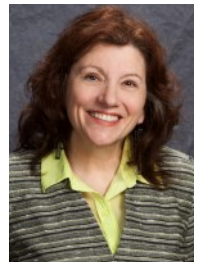
The highlight meal of the trip was the Iowa grown sweetcorn and tomatoes my husband bought at one of the many roadside stands. For those of you from the Midwest, you know what I mean. There is nothing so good as Midwest sweet corn, smothered in butter, with a touch of salt.

The so called sweet corn we have in stores here tastes like cardboard, in comparison. Ditto for the hydroponic tomatoes we have here. Midwest garden-grown tomatoes are so juicy and flavorful.

CHRISTMAS DECORATING TIME?

We have a limited number of openings to help you decorate your home for the holidays.

This could include helping you select new decorations, putting up your Christmas tree and decorations, and taking them down later. Call us to discuss before our schedule fills up.



Until Next Month,

Betty Jones

Thank You For Your Referrals

Pat Morris referred Elizabeth & John Vaughan

Barbara Bardach referred Lynne Stevens & Ron Krebs

Joan & Vern Boothby referred Dee & Fred Roever

Referrals are the lifeblood of our business. We very much appreciate these and all your referrals.

Reupholstery Is A Great Option

That doesn't quite work, does it?

Is a statement we hear often when a client moves to this area for the first time.

Clients sometimes have a sound and functional piece of upholstered furniture which just doesn't look right in their new or remodeled home.

Reupholstering a soundly built sofa or chair is a great way to make a piece fit in the overall scheme of your room.

Cost Savings Too

For the same chosen fabric, reupholstering a piece can save you between 10% - 25%, depending on the size and complexity of the piece.

This month we share with you just a few of the many hundreds of pieces we have reupholstered for clients over the years.

ONE CALL

If you have a piece of upholstered furniture that doesn't quite look right, or is maybe a bit worn, but otherwise sound, give us a call to discuss reupholstering the piece.



Here we added cushions to our clients Lucite nook chairs. We also created an upholstered bench for added seating, with coordinating pillows.



This client wanted to brighten a dark corner of a room.

We chose an apricot fabric with a medallion print to do so.

The client was extremely pleased with the result.



Before



Reupholstering seats and backs is a great way to freshen up a worn or dated dining room set. This was a set with cane backs, redone with a petroglyphs print. Seats are in faux leather.



This client found a chair she loved at a local antique store. The chair was in great shape, but the fabric and wood color didn't work.

A few yards of fabric and a complimentary pillow made a perfect "new" piece for her French Country decor.

Skilled Craftsmanship

It might not seem like changing fabric on a barstool seat is complicated. My husband might even be able to do one...a simple one that is.

But, tearing apart a sofa or upholstered chair, repairing or reinforcing the frame properly, replacing cushions or backing, and using the minimum amount of fabric or leather takes a skilled and experienced craftsman.

Fortunately, we have found just such a person, and we keep him very busy.

Insider Secret

Most printed fabrics have what is called a "repeat". This means how frequently the pattern is "repeated". So a fabric may have a 24" repeat, which means the pattern is repeated every 24" of length.

Knowing how to cut and apply a fabric with repeat is critical to the end result. Otherwise, the pattern on a cushion may not align properly with the same pattern on the back of the chair or sofa.



Upholstery doesn't apply only to sofas and chairs. Here we created a new upholstered headboard to compliment and coordinate with the new bedding. A new bench helps complete this makeover.



A repurposed, and reupholstered, privacy screen makes for a wonderful accent piece.



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Meet Our Team

Janice Williams

Senior Interior Designer



Janice has been with Betty since before there even was an Interior Expressions. Janice has been instrumental in our growth and success.

As Janice reduces her interior design workload, so she can spend more time with her husband and her growing clan of grandkids, we wanted you to learn a bit more about this vital person on our team.

Describe your life in 3 words. Adventurous, Colorful, Accomplished

What's the most surprising thing about you?

I have been scuba diving all over the world and participated in shark feeds.

If you could meet anyone, living or dead, fictional or otherwise, who would it be and why?

Paul of the New Testament. I want to know what he experienced on the road to Damascus.

What is the sweetest thing anyone has ever done for you?

My husband makes coffee for me every morning.

What motivates your life?

Learning. Maybe that is why I have had three distinct careers over my life. #1 Neonatal Nurse
#2 Addictions Counselor #3 Interior Designer



Where do you dream of visiting?

Pyramids of Egypt. The engineering skill at that time of world history is just amazing.

What is your favorite childhood memory?

Running and playing in my neighborhood from early in the morning until dusk and never did our parents worry about where we were. We only came home to eat. Too bad our grandkids can't enjoy the same freedom to play and explore.

Who / What has influenced you most in life?

My husband John has encouraged me to take more risks and education has been a strong value.