



Styled Spaces

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Spring Fling

Time to fling open the drapes and let the sun shine in. What a wonderful time of year!

If this is the Spring that heralds a new look for any room in your home, here's good news:

You can now order window coverings, custom bedding, upholstery (frames & fabric) through Styled Spaces! Read on...

More product, volume pricing, more convenience

I'm very pleased to announce that Styled Spaces now brings you even more in the way of products and information thanks to my association with IC Interior Design Group.

This collective of independent interior designers and decorators shares a studio that provides us with the latest samples in fabrics, wallpaper, and finishings. Additionally we keep up-to-date on fresh industry trends and information thanks to regular seminars.

And talk about buying power! I'm always looking for the best possible value for my clients, and by being associated with ICI Design Group, I now have access to much more product and at a very good price. (Read about a great deal on Kravet furniture on Page 2.)

The brain trust behind this collective endeavor is long-established designer Danielle Campagne who was looking for a way to give back to up-and-

coming talent in the design community. Although Danielle is now based in Quebec, each of us associated with ICIDG benefits from what she has created for us, and from her sage advice when needed.

Some good advice I received from Danielle: offer clients the convenience of VISA and Mastercard. So, great news for my points-collecting clients: now you can have a beautiful home and be working toward a trip at the same time!

Special thanks to...

... Harriet Cowan for her repeat business. We first worked together readying her condo for sale—furniture placement, paint and updated kitchen backsplash. In her new home we ordered custom draperies, and placed furniture, accessories and art.

"I love Vanessa's fresh young ideas!" she says. Thanks, Harriet. It was wonderful working with you too.

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On Top of the World!
Our first Christmas together
with our family

Mountain High

Ryan Miller and I were married on October 3rd in a wonderful ceremony that will be part of our memories forever.

For our first Christmas together as a married couple, we joined our families for a ski trip to Mount Washington.

It was an incredibly beautiful trip in

which we enjoyed blue-sky days, great ski conditions, and the warmth of good company and après-ski relaxation by the fire.

With the time demands of our busy careers, Ryan and I plan on enjoying short, close-to-home explorations. Know some great Island places we should see?

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Great Finds



Two words:
Kravet
Furniture!

Order any of Kravet's Smart fabric and put it on a Smart frame, your fabric is FREE and you get 30% off the frame!

This quality product is often out of price point for many people, so this is an amazing opportunity.

Call me to discuss or order – this furniture is available through professional designers only.

Design Tip

Please remember: your style is unique to you. It is the essence of how you want to feel and function inside your own home.

Magazines are great for generating ideas of what appeals to you, but what many of us in the design world are asked is to “make my bathroom/kitchen/bedroom look like this.”

I take the time to listen to you and to know you so that what we create is your style. Your greatest long-term enjoyment of your space comes from having it express the best of you.

I'd love to hear from you.

Thanks for reading my newsletter!

If you enjoyed this issue, I'd be happy to send a copy to your friend or colleague.

If you'd prefer not to receive future issues, I respect your wishes.

Have a design question you'd like me to answer?

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Challenge and Solution

Never underestimate the power of paint!

My client's long, rectangular 3500 square foot condo had its short end facing out. Natural light was very limited.

My challenge: How to minimize the gloom of what was otherwise a beautifully located home.

The solution: paint.

New challenge: the color! To an untrained eye, the range of paint colours is almost overwhelming. As a designer, I've study long and hard to know how to harness the magical

power of paint to create a mood and transform surroundings.

I replaced my client's taupe walls and ceiling with a white ceiling and beautiful wall colour that created a bright, warm and inviting atmosphere.

This is also a good example of why not to 'paint by trend.' While taupe is popular and a great choice for some homes, it wasn't a good fit for this one.

Professional colour consultation is only a phone call away!

Until next time,

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