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What's New in The DS & T Home Staging and Redesign World?

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Staged Home has Contract



This is a beautiful home in Leesburg that went on the market mid October. It is in a well established neighborhood not far from Route 7.

We met with the homeowners and the realtor to do our staging list. The clients accepted our recommendations to paint some areas of the house to help neutralize some bold colors. We also suggested they bring in some plants to add some energy and life to the rooms and additional lighting to help with the darker winter months. We staged the home with existing furniture and made it showcase ready.

We all know the winter months are tough to sell a home, but this one showed so well that it received a great contract. The new home owners are already settling in to their fabulous home!

Hi and welcome.

We are happy to share our monthly newsletter with you. We invite you to join our mailing list and would love it if you'd share us with a friend.

Each month we will be sharing some of our successes and tips with you all. Please take a moment to write in with your decorating challenges-let us help you!

Regards,

Sarah Pearce & Terri Bukartek

Designer Tips

Terri-Flowering Branches

At this time of year I always look for something to perk me up and get me through the cold winter days. I like to cut branches of forsythia and dogwood and bring in to (force)bloom inside. Just hammer the bottoms of the stems and put into warm water. Set vase on counter or table and just wait for the blooms. It could take anywhere from 3 days to 3 weeks. It adds a touch of spring to these dark dreary days! Some other plants that will work are cherry, quince and pussywillow.

Sarah-Lights and Timers

The daylight hours are still short, so if you plan on selling your home at this time of year remember to put lights on timers. Not only is it safer but it's also more welcoming to come into a light filled home. Put a timer on lamps in the foyer,

Hot Colors For Spring!

Colors can energize us when we are tired or help to create a calm environment for those exhausting days.

Painting is easy and a quick way to start your redecorating. Not Sure where to start in selecting your new colors? Call DS & T! We love to help select paint colors and we will work to give you a cohesive look throughout your home.

According to our friends at Ben Moore and Pottery Barn these are just a few of the hot colors for Spring:

Caliente-AF290-
hot deep brick red

Brookside Moss-2145-30-
saturated sage green

Cameo White-915
Creamy off white with yellow-gold undertones

Blue Lapis-2067-40-
reminiscent of the ocean itself-great for a bath or bedroom.

Geranium-1307-
Warm red with bronze undertones

Oak Ridge-235-
Deep taupe

Northern Air-1676
Crisp and natural blue

Semolina-2155-40-
Gold with wheat colored undertones



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the kitchen, living room and maybe an upstairs landing. The family pet will love it too!

Leslie- Artwork and Accessories

Create a themed art gallery in your home. People love collections, whether it's figurines and vases or framed art. By putting everything out at once it's often times overwhelming or too cluttered to appreciate the pieces. Some go well together and others don't. Try changing out or rotating your artwork and accessories each season. Many of us have more than we have wall space for. It's refreshing to bring change into your home. Rotating art and accessories are small changes, but very impactful. Try it, you may be surprised at how much you'll enjoy seeing your pieces on display!

Denise-Creating a Fun Theme Based Room

Recently I created a beach themed bedroom. It was fairly easy and quick. I started by painting the walls this wonderful aqua, (paint is cheap and impactful!). I added new beachy bedding, framed some artwork to hang over the bed and then brought in punches of contrasting colors with throw pillows and window treatments. I also tied in the bath by again painting a fun beachy color slightly different from the bedroom and bringing in matching towels and shower curtain. It was simple, fun and a great way to get a pick me up.



Decorating Dilemmas-

Q-

I live in a very dark house, do you have any recommendations for maximizing the light in my home?

A-

Try painting the walls a very light color, it



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doesn't have to be white. There are plenty of interesting light colors out there like Sherwin Williams Full Moon SW 6679, Jersey Cream SW 6379, or Rock Candy SW623. Try removing any heavy window treatments. Allow the light in by just adding a window topper or some side panels or shade that is off the glass and can be closed for privacy. Lastly, try trimming trees and shrubs around your home that may be blocking the light from coming in.

Q-

Hi, I have a family room that just doesn't work. It's long and looks like a bowling alley. There are lots of windows and a nice fireplace, but how do we create a comfortable TV/sitting room?

-A

First off, let's key in on the fact that your fireplace is a major focal point in your room. Start by combining your TV seating area around the fireplace. Create a cozy conversation area by adding a throw rug to define the space. Bring your furniture in so it's not flat up against the walls.

Your room sounds large enough to create 2 or even 3 different sitting areas. Without seeing the space I can't say for sure, but... maybe bring a desk and chair or a game table to one side and perhaps put a cozy lounge chair in a corner with a lamp and

table to create a nice reading nook. People love to have the light shine in, but don't forget to add some type of window treatment for privacy.

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