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A "Case" in Point

A beautiful house is easy to find if you just turn on a TV show or open a magazine and admire the photography. The rooms are gorgeous with vibrant colors, beautiful fabrics, and expensive art.

At *Great Impressions*, we concentrate on creating beautiful *homes*. There is a great distinction. Houses are about the architecture and decorating style. A home is your tastes, your colors, your pieces, your hobbies, and your family traditions woven throughout each room. A beautiful home is a feeling as much as a look,

The featured client in this newsletter is a wonderful example. Christie came to Great Impressions to make her home beautiful with a limited budget, and that focus helped us help her sort through her furniture, her treasures, her lifestyle, and her traditions to create and enhance spaces in her home that reflect her personal style.

We might help select a piece of furniture to display a collection, choose a piece of art that reminds you of a childhood memory, or paint a family piece that needs updating. We want your wall colors, your furniture, and your accent pieces to tell your story and create a special feeling in each room.

In that process, we learn about our client-friends as they share what makes their lives uniquely special. In Christie's case, we found a wonderful woman who adores Cocker Spaniels (like I do), treasures her beautiful china collection, and is surrounded by loving friends and family. I hope you enjoy reading about her decorating experience with us in this newsletter.

And consider asking us about helping you make your home beautiful, one room at a time. Each of our clients shares a wonderful life story, and we feel honored helping them create that in their individual home.

While you are thinking about that, make our yummy dessert recipe included and have a piece for me!
Pat's Signature

A Local Remodel Project by Great Impressions

Kitchen Before



Like most people who purchase a home, Christie Trent was not happy with every part of her soon to be new address. Bothering her most was the kitchen. A pantry that appeared to an afterthought and so-so cabinets were top on the list. After learning that Christie loved to cook and entertain friends, Pat designed a new layout.

Kitchen After



The pantry was eliminated and wall cabinets were removed to create a large island. New 36" wall cabinets were installed with crown molding. All the cabinets were then painted a warm white. The kitchen was completed with new stainless steel appliances and Peacock Green granite countertops. Christie wanted an overall feeling of warmth and happiness. The kitchen wall color, Chivalry Copper, set the tone just right. Adding yellow, turquoise and green established the color pallet for the open floor plan.



Christie fell in love with a green hutch on display at Great Impressions. She knew this would be perfect for displaying heirloom glassware that had been given to her by an aunt. Needing a table and chairs, Pat convinced her that what she had was worth keeping, updating and including in the project. Her solid wood table with self-storing leaves would seat many friends and family members.

The trestle table was refinished. The table base and side chairs were distressed and painted to match the cabinets. The arm chairs now match the green hutch perfectly. Floral draperies featuring all the colors hang in the great room. The kitchen windows are adorned with a coordinating stripe fabric and the same matchstick blinds. A new Stonebridge sectional and a pair of club chairs provide comfortable seating. Christie's tables fit her new space perfectly. New artwork, mirror and accessories added the perfect finishing touch.



Throughout the project, Pat was generous with ideas and suggestions and helpful with savings. Christie could not be happier. She's busy cooking and entertaining and sharing her new home with those she loves.

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Inside:



A note from Pat



Stonebridge Upholstery



A Local Project



A summer dessert recipe from PATRICIA*:

Black Forest Freezer Pie

Prep: 40 min. Bake: 8 min. Freeze: 7 hrs.

1 ½ c. finely crushed graham crackers
1/3 c. butter, melted
3 Tbs. granulated sugar
1 pint vanilla ice cream (2 cups)
½ of an 8 oz. pkg. cream cheese, softened
1 c. powdered sugar
1-8 oz. container frozen whipped topping, thawed
2 c. cherry pie filing, chilled
Hot fudge ice cream topping or chocolate syrup

- In a bowl, combine crushed grahams, melted butter and sugar. Press onto bottom and up sides of an ungreased 9" pie plate. Bake in 350° oven 8 - 10 min. or until golden. Cool.
- In chilled bowl, stir ice cream with spoon just until softened. Spoon over cooled crust. Cover. Freeze 4 hours or until firm.
- In large mixing bowl, beat cream cheese with electric mixer until smooth. Add powdered sugar; beat well. Gently fold in dessert topping; spread over ice cream. Using back of a spoon, make 8"-wide well in top layer. Cover, freeze 3 to 4 hours.
- To serve, spoon the cherry pie filling into well in top of pie. Serve drizzled with fudge topping. Makes 8 servings

* Patricia has been with Great Impressions since 1998. She does the displays in the store and is a master with silk floral arrangements of all kinds!



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Upcoming Events

Mark these dates on your calendar TODAY!

- **September 16 & 17 - "Free Advice Days"**
Stop in for free advice from our awesome designers. Bring in pictures of your rooms and questions you may have about colors, accessories, furniture placement, floor coverings, updates, etc. Pat, Donna, and Katie will be available for you during normal business hours on these days.
- **September 24 - Room Service Live!** We've found someone to open her home for a few of our customers to witness and be part of Great Impression "Room Service". The client's request was for "ideas to make my living room look bigger while still providing space for people to sit and accessories to make it look more modern looking." Let us know if you would like to be a part of this event. We can't wait!
- **October 6 - "Girls Night Out"**
We'll have specials for you, and we're working on some "give-aways", too. Brenda Johnston will be here with her famous cookies. She'll take orders for your upcoming holiday events!

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