

Good reasons behind hiring an interior designer

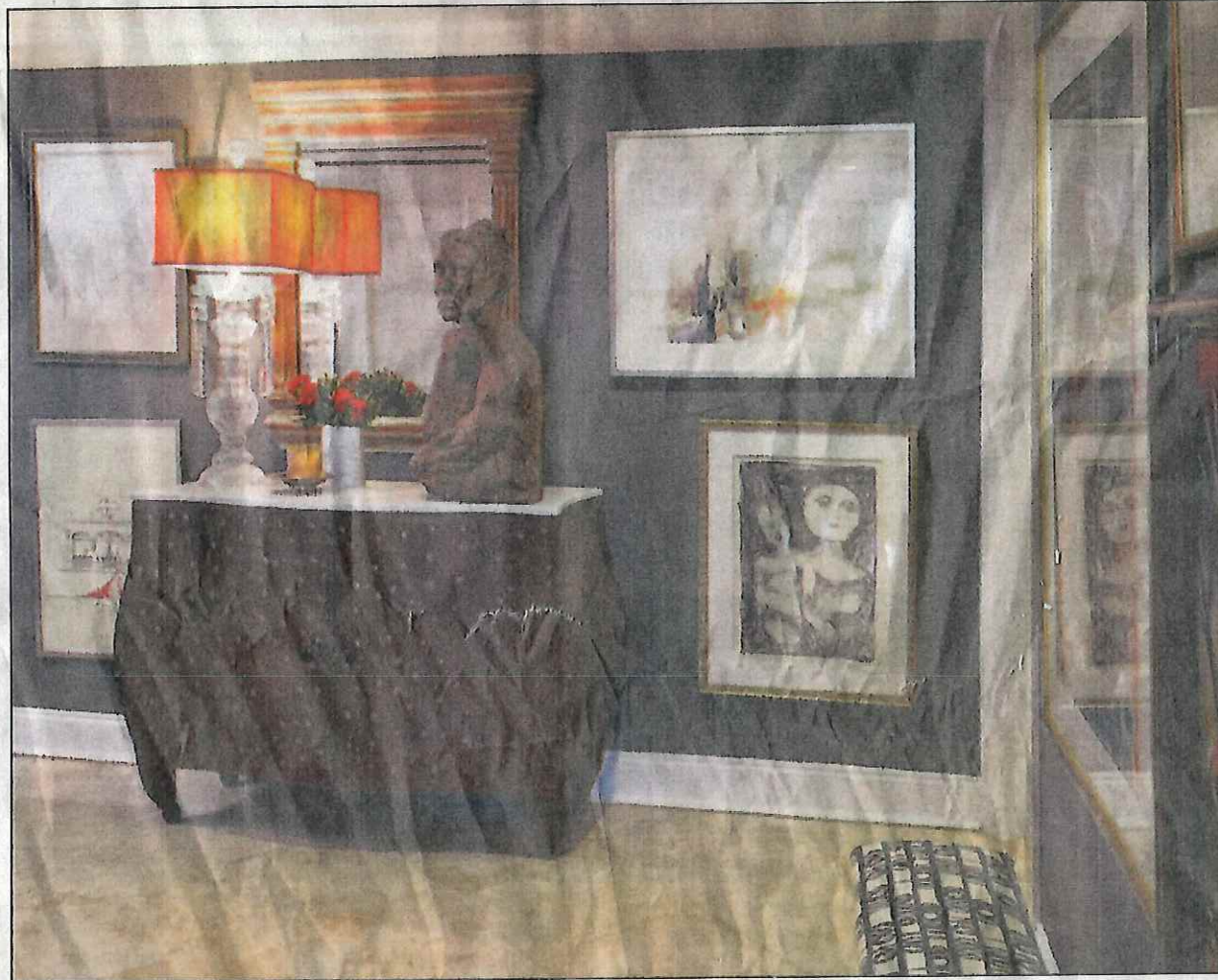
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Selecting a shirt and a pair of pants can be an arduous task for those who lack imagination.

Where to start? Colors? Fabrics? Style of clothing? Designing an interior space is no less difficult, not to mention the fact that every member of the household is likely to have his or her own vision of what to do. Usually this is where I advocate the hiring of a professional to do designing and also the handholding, refereeing and, in effect, act as therapist and mediator.

Who to hire? I say, professional interior designers, and not the kind you find at retail stores helping you pair a sofa, a matching chair and a piece of "art," but the kind that are trained, and have years of experience and an ample portfolio to demonstrate their capabilities and design style. Yes, interior design is about pulling furniture together, but more importantly, it is about marrying the architectural space and the objects you are choosing to place in them.

In the media, and especially in televi-



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nothing can be farther from their presentation. There is nothing wrong with those that believe they can go the DIY route, but there is a vast difference entering a space that has been handled by a weekend warrior and one where

and home stores want to make everyone feel they can tackle projects on their own.

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to the aesthetics of each item and forecasts their appeal to the client, based on the client's requests, design meetings and magazines. Clients then have the prerogative of approving or requesting a re-selection of certain

knowledgeable designer will always give you the best version of your design vision or description.

When hiring an interior designer, you are hiring them for their knowledge, experience and vision or style.



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ship. Clients have to vocalize enough of their likes and dislikes to give the designer insight into their lifestyle, and the designer has the know-how in processing that information. This is what they have been trained to do.

Clients sometimes do not realize that they can be their own worse enemies when trust is not placed in the hands of the designers. They are there not to nod their heads to all your requests, or listen about your spouse's infidelities. They are there to lend their savvy insights and guide you through a process for the best possible design. Of course, it is your client's home, but it is also a projection of their work. Allow them to do their best work. Yes, you can also share the family history, dysfunctions and any personal problems, but foremost is the execution of a great design.

Remember that each project is a business card for the interior designer.