



REMODELING NEWS FROM GRANDE DECOR

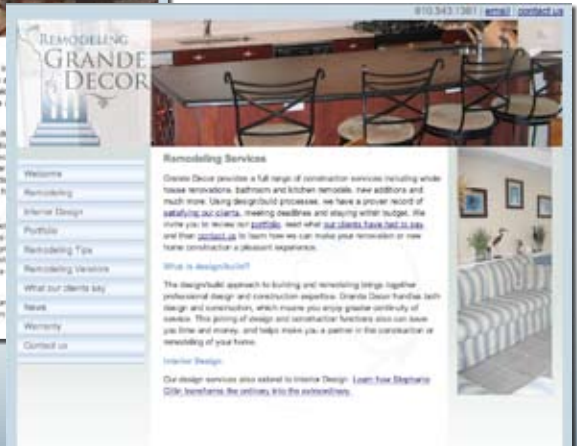
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GRANDE DECOR HAS A NEW LOOK! Welcome to the first issue of our newsletter!

It's been a busy period for Grand Decor. As a design/remodel company, we developed a new corporate identity to better reflect our growth and expansion. Accompanying that identity change is a new web site, filled with tips for homeowners about remodeling and interior design. Our kitchen, bath, basement and design portfolio continues to grow and we will be adding more projects as we complete them. We'd love to include your project on our next update! Give us a call and see how we can help you maximize the equity in your home; when the housing market rebounds, you'll be thrilled you did.

Here's hoping for an early spring!

—Stephanie & Joe



FROM DRAB TO FAB



When the homeowners of a 1950s kitchen, complete with all its original components, first walked into the kitchen of the house they eventually purchased, their first thought was how cold the space felt. The layout of the room was awkward and didn't lend itself to ease of use. Its only redeeming feature was a large window overlooking a beautiful golf course.

The Grande Decor team reversed the position of the stove and sink, which now allows the cook a view outside while working at the sink. This change also improved the functionality of the work space.

The installation of medium tone maple cabinets, wide plank walnut flooring and the new soft paint hues created



a compelling composition of soothing warmth.

The old door was replaced with a six panel solid core wood door, which not only was more visually appealing, it also eliminated air leaks, lowering energy costs.

Stainless steel appliances replaced the 1950s units. Honed slate countertops and a crackled glass backsplash with a stainless steel accent trim adds the finishing touches on now warm and inviting kitchen.

A cozy table placed in front of the large window invites intimate conversation. What was once cold and uninventing is now warm and beckoning.

STEPHANIE CONTRIBUTES TO DESIGN FOR A CAUSE

The renowned Marketplace Design Center in Philadelphia is a haven for the area's top designers. Though not usually open to the general public, an event last fall opened the center to the public during a fund raiser. More than 100 designers, florists and chefs showcased their talents in extravagant holiday-themed vignettes. As they enjoyed the displays, the attendees were treated to refreshments and culinary treats provided by local caterers and pastry chef. A fine time was had by all!

All proceeds from *Design for a Cause* benefited the Prostate Health International and Breast Health International divisions of the Foundation for Breast & Prostate Health and will be used for breast and prostate cancer research and awareness.

Stephanie Gillin's display was well-received. Her red, gold and organic theme was inspired by 1920 New York apartments as well as the current trend of naturalism in decor. By mixing gorgeous ornamental pieces with fresh holly bushes, the space created a holiday atmosphere without taking away from the beauty of the furniture. Splashes of red and gold, combined with painted gold branches, complemented rich textured fabrics.



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IT'S NOT JUST A HOUSE—OR EVEN JUST AN INVESTMENT—IT'S YOUR HOME TO BE TREASURED AND ENJOYED

- You love your neighborhood and are comfortable in the area; why not be comfortable in your home too?
- Kitchen and bath remodels pay for themselves at the time of sale.
- Watching your remodeling dreams come to life is exciting!
- Your neighborhood is holding its home values; a remodel will increase the value of your home.
- A remodel will give you exactly what you want; a new home may still need remodeling to get it just as you like.
- Grande Decor is accepting new clients for 2009; contact us to find out more about your home remodeling needs.

