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DESIGN BEAT

Ingenious Design by Susan Bednar Long

CREATIVE HOME SOLUTIONS THAT EVERY DESIGNER SHOULD KNOW ABOUT



PERSONAL PAPERS

I recently discovered Astek after an unsuccessful search for wallpaper. This company has a library of classic patterns and can even print your own creations on elegant materials like silk, grass cloth and cork. With screen and digital printing capabilities, Astek's papers work in traditional and modern interiors. And an in-house design department makes it easy to get exactly what you desire. *Astek, Inc., 15924 Arminta St., Van Nuys, CA, (818) 901-9876, astekwallcovering.com.*

FLOOR PLANS

Whether you need an area rug to protect a wood floor in a kitchen or would like an interesting but durable floor covering in a playroom, Bolon's sophisticated patterns and colors are great options. Made of woven PVC plastic, I use it as an alternative to sisal because it's waterproof and pet- and kid-resistant. It can be installed wall-to-wall, pieced together for striking impact or bound with faux-leather binding for a custom area rug. *A.T. Proudian, 120 East Putnam Ave., Greenwich, (203) 622-1200, bolon.com.*

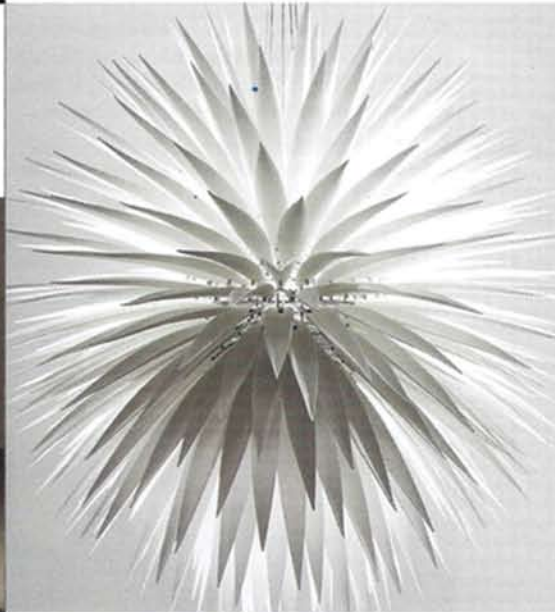
GOOD TIMES

Don't let an ugly alarm clock ruin your interior masterpiece. Opt for the QLOCKTWO with its sleek, award-winning design. A matrix of written words tells you the time without traditional clock hands. Modern and flat, the timepiece can be mounted on the table or wall; it comes in understated stainless steel or a variety of fun colors to match any interior. *Suite New York, 419 Park Ave. South, 17th Floor, NYC, (212) 421-3300, suiteny.com.*



HOLE IN ONE

Designer Andres Ferrandis of Art+T has created a stunning collection of dining and coffee tables, each with random-sized and -placed holes in the top. Not just artistically beautiful, the holes are functional too—for bud vases or anything you can imagine. The Papu table is made in Carrara marble with zebra-wood legs. There's also a wonderful series of tables with sandblasted clear-acrylic tops on semigloss-coated aluminum legs for use inside or out. *Art+T, (786) 486-7248, artplust.com.*



FLORAL ARRANGEMENT

Jeremy Cole's sculpturally beautiful and technologically stunning ceramic lights are inspired by a flower's life cycle. Hand-formed bone china leaves are carefully assembled to diffuse light. The clean, natural shapes complement any interior. My favorite is the White Flax ceiling light made of 368 matte-finish ceramic leaves precisely organized in an energetic pattern around a single lightbulb. *Property, 14 Wooster St., NYC, (917) 237-0123, jeremycolenet.*

Designers You Should Know

Here are some of the most talented and successful interior designers in the area. These creative professionals will help beautify your surroundings—from the outside in.

ALINE MATSIKA • AMY AIDINIS HIRSCH INTERIOR DESIGN • ANTHONY WRIGHT INTERIORS • CATHERINE CLEARE INTERIORS, LLC •
COCOBOLO INTERIORS • CONNIE COOPER DESIGNS • DEBRA FUNT • DESIGNS BY DEBORAH • DIANA SAWICKI • DUJARDIN DESIGN •
ELISSA GRAYER INTERIOR DESIGN • ELLSWORTH FORD • HOM INTERIORS • JMAC INTERIORS • KAT BURKI INC • LILLIAN SOWALSKI
INTERIORS LLC • LINDA RUDERMAN INTERIORS • LYNN MORGAN DESIGN • MARTHA GRIMM INTERIORS • MH STUDIO • MICHELE GREEN
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S.B. Long Interiors Inc. >

Susan Bednar Long's eponymous firm, S. B. Long Interiors, Inc., is a full-service interior design firm whose "modern traditional" signature style connotes tailored, crisp and sophisticated interiors. Susan carefully selects projects to enable her to focus on each client's needs and designs relaxed and graceful interiors that reflect their individual style. This approach allows Susan to create functional and beautiful interiors globally. Her best clients come back time after time: "I'm fortunate to have clients who call on me every time they move or add another property to their portfolios." Susan emphasizes completing projects on time and on budget: "It's how I do business — I keep the drama in the design, not the process." S.B. Long Interiors | 9 Benedict Place, Greenwich, CT | 203.769.1030 | sblonginteriors.com





Best Guests

by Philip Gorrivan

AREA DESIGN MAVENS WEIGH IN WITH THEIR TOP PICKS FOR PERSONAL THANK-YOUS

This month, I decided to reach out to some of Litchfield County's designers, art and antiques dealers and all-around tastemakers to find out what their favorite host/hostess gifts are during the summer months in the country. The responses are fabulous; I was very inspired by the suggestions!

"My favorite hostess gift is by far chocolates or a plant; I hate getting soaps or nonsense like that. They are a complete waste of time and money."

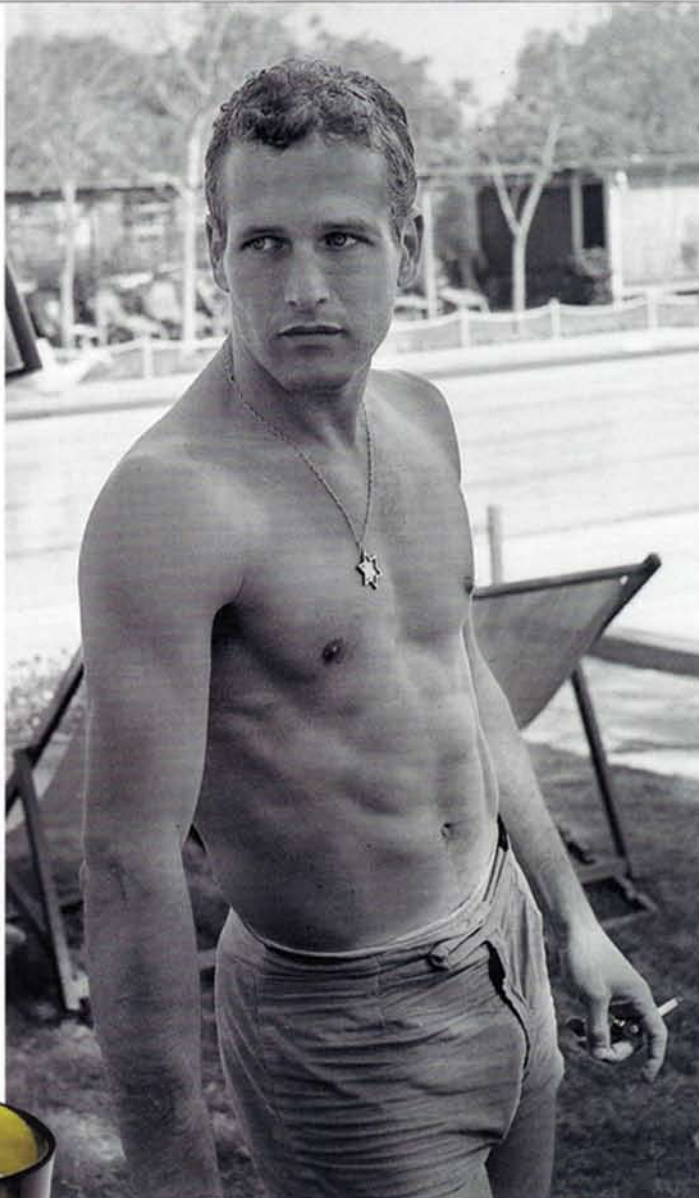
—*Florence de Dampierre, interior designer*

"I have yet to meet a host or hostess who doesn't completely love anything from my favorite bakery, Sweet William's in Salisbury. It's my go-to for all things sweet and delicious, and the tarts are perfect for any occasion."

—*David Duncan, owner, David Duncan Antiques, NYC*

"We like to bring a wonderful Cire Trudon candle from Privet House in Warren (there are no wrong fragrances, every one is sublime) or a small basket of amusingly shaped chocolates from Belgique in Kent."

—*Annie Kelly, author, and Tim Street-Porter, photographer*



"My favorite host/hostess gift would have to be the newly published photography monograph: *Leo Fuchs, Special Photographer from the Golden Age of Hollywood*. The lavish coffee-table book consists of photographs—some never before seen—of such screen idols as Paul Newman, Audrey Hepburn, Rock Hudson, Doris Day, Gregory Peck and Shirley MacLaine, which were taken on film sets around the world in the 1950s and 1960s."

—*Kathy McCarver Root, owner, KMR/Arts (Editioned photographic prints and the book are available at KMR/Arts.)*

"I like books. Last year I gave Maira Kalman's *And the Pursuit of Happiness* to several people and now I love *Mud Book* by John Cage and Lois Long. But, the book I give depends very much on who's getting it. The best gift I received was a cheese board made of cheese from the New Museum."

—*Phyllis Posnick, executive fashion editor, Vogue*

"I love when someone brings a gift, and my favorite I ever received is a set of beautiful Italian-linen cocktail napkins. It always seems that people never have enough of these, and there is no reason to use paper napkins for cocktails when the party is for a dozen or less."

—*Jack Levy, interior designer*

"I love arriving to a party with a beautifully potted myrtle topiary. Everyone loves topiaries, and they can be used throughout the house in different ways—on kitchen counters, patio tables or even next to the sink in the powder room."

—*Susan Bednar Long, owner, S.B. Long Interiors*

"A copy of *Litchfield Style* by Tim Street-Porter and Annie Kelly sums it up."

—*Matthew Patrick Smyth, interior designer*

"A monogrammed L.L. Bean Boat and Tote bag. Who doesn't have a use for one?"

—*Susanna Salk, design expert, Today Show contributor and author of Weekend Retreats*

"Wilson and I started bringing our hosts these fabulous little bottles of natural flavored honeys available at Privet House, called the Savannah Bee Company. It's a sweet gift and the packaging is really good. And who doesn't like honey?"

—*Bruce Glickman and Wilson Henley, owners, Duane Antiques and Duane Modern, NYC*

"Hermès playing cards!"

—*Malcolm James Kutner, interior designer*

