



Often referred to as the "Room Whisperer," Sue has made a name for herself by transforming unused, dull, and displeasing rooms into spaces that captivate. They've certainly captured the attention of the Northern Virginia area, making her a much sought-after redesigner.

The basic concept of redesign is to work with what already exists; to build around it in a way that brings out the best qualities of a room and the pieces that a client has collected over time. Sue feels there's a reason her client selected a piece in the first place. Working with those existing and well-loved pieces is the only way to create a truly personal space.

Sue has been involved in decorating as long as she can remember. When she was a child, her mother nurtured her unique talent, encouraging her to be creative by using the elements of their home to bring out the best in a room. Building on that innate talent, Sue studied with a prominent celebrity redesigner and is a member of the Society of Decorating Professionals and the One Day Decorating Alumni Association.



Following her instinct for creative and intuitive use of space, Sue has transformed rooms for family, friends, and clients for over 30 years. She is able to use her special ability to understand and combine the feeling a homeowner wants with the principles of good design. The result is a transformed room that meets the needs and wishes of her clients.

One of the unique services that fits nicely into the concept of redesign is holiday decorating. Sue will go through a client's existing collection of holiday treasures to determine a sense of personality, which helps guide the design. Sometimes, Sue brings in additional materials to supplement the look and pulls it all together to create lovely themed vignettes that reflect the homeowner's personal style.

Clients of the "Room Whisperer" are encouraged to incorporate such things as favorite holiday cards and treasured scarves into the holiday displays. Framing such collectables gives importance to the items and allows them to be shared. One of Sue's clients



has a scrapbooking business and Sue encouraged her to use those talents in her holiday décor.

Apparently the whisper has grown to a roar with the baby boomer set, as Sue's business has grown to encompass helping retirees downsize with style. She uses her talents to help homeowners go through what is sometimes 30 years of collected pieces, and pare down to what they really love. She then helps set up the refined collection at the clients' new home. Many of these retirees are heading south and Sue's right there with them. A Florida division of Room Whispers Redesign will be up and running in January '08.

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