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MARKET UPDATE

* Statistics from London St. Thomas Real Estate Board

A HISTORICAL YEAR FOR REAL ESTATE IN LONDON IN 2017!

Home sales exceed 11,000 for the first time

London, ON - The London and St. Thomas Association of REALTORS® (LSTAR) announced 2017 marked a historic year for residential real estate, with home sales surpassing 11,000 for the first time since LSTAR began tracking data in 1978. In 2017, a total of 11,203 homes were sold, up 8.0% from 2016.

We are Passionate about OUR community!

Upcoming London Events

Feb 5-6	Cinderella - Bud Garden
Feb 10	Brett Kissel - London Music Hall
March 1-4	Disney On Ice - Bud Garden
March 10	Our Lady Peace - Bud Garden
March 17	Letter Kenny - Bud Garden
March 24-25	Wizard of Oz - Bud Garden
March 31	Rod Stewart - Bud Garden

Bare Wall Boredom

By Sarah VanderVloet

Do you have an empty space about your couch? As I have shown homes I have realized many people leave that overwhelming large space above their couch bare. I have researched the steps to find the perfect piece(s) and hope you can use these tips, to find that key piece that showcases your personality, interests and makes your guests feel comfortable in your home.



1. Art should be more or less in scale, so if you are choosing a piece for that large area above the couch or on a mantle **THINK BIG!**
2. Decide on a color scheme
3. Decide on a mood, formal vs informal
4. Shop online or get inspiration and ideas at www.art.com. Take a trip to a local art store or {to purchase art at a discount} try "HomeSense", and look for a piece or pieces that complement your theme.
5. If you decide against one large piece and would rather hang smaller pieces that compliment each other or share a theme or framing ensure they are large enough with spacing to cover the area.
6. If you have purchased prints or posters, which are unframed, choose a frame that complements the wood tones or decorative element that already exist in the room. Michaels Arts and Craft can help with inexpensive framing (check the flyers for coupons!)
7. Ensure you use proper picture hangers and hardware {after all that work you want to ensure the piece(s) stay in place!} Finally, you may wish to install lighting to give that extra attention your art deserves!

Spring Decorating Tip



Need a Cure for Winter Blues? Try creating this Ribbon Vase centerpiece

To re-create this whimsical centerpiece, cluster pink peonies and tulips, red roses, and chartreuse verbena in an oversize square vase. Wrap striped and polka dot ribbons around the vase and hot-glue in place (or substitute heavy-duty double-faced tape). Make two or three to run down the center of the table.



2018 Decorating Trends *By Sarah Vander Vloet*

Each new year I like to do some research into what the new home decorating trends are for the year. Sometimes I wonder where these designer and decorators get their ideas from – and for the record I am still not comfortable with mixing metals! One of 2017 trends that has worn out its welcome is rose gold accents.

If you are looking to keep your home on trend here are a few of the New Year trends that you might wish to adopt in your homes décor.

Housebeautiful.com offers the following when it comes to 2018 home decorating trends;

1. Millennial pink (if you haven't heard of this... search Google and like me, you will wonder why a generational demographic gets a colour!??) is still hot but slowly morphing into lavender and lilac.
2. Circle Patterns – Oh perfect – our family room's drapery is a black fabric with silver circles!
3. Tone on tone Decoration – picture this... trim and wall and couch all the same tone.
4. Brass Accents – can you do it? I can't!
5. Coloured Trim – I am too much of a fan of white to adopt this trend but recently I have been seeing grey trim and black or charcoal interior doors! (which does look sharp!)
6. Bold Floral Patterns – An instant pop of Spring and Summer colour can be added with this pattern and I am all about this trend. Check out chapters.indigo.ca for the floral pillow covers under \$30.



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