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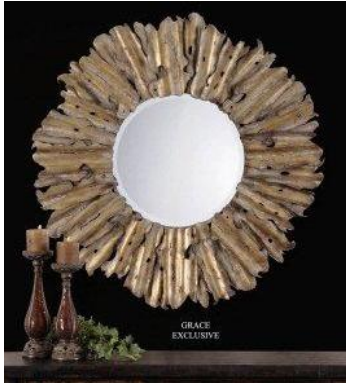
The Buyers from John V. Schultz are back from the annual Spring Furniture Market that takes place in High Point, North Carolina and I can't wait to share all the exciting trends we saw and the accents I purchased for our Store's showroom.



As far as accessories go, I am happy to report that there was a definite trend toward more natural materials ..stone, iron, weathered wood & vintage elements were everywhere. I found it so exciting to see things that looked like antique elements found at a Parisian Flea Market, accessories with character. After years of seeing overly done resin pieces, it was refreshing to see more interesting & green friendly accents coming on the market. There was a definite European flair.. Linen pillows with French script writing, vintage plaster cast garden statuary & architectural fragments paired with moss arrangements, all collectively displayed on accent tables. Trios of iron candlesticks & wonderful metal wall art that looked like vintage gates as well, were featured.

There were many other trends appearing...smoked mirror was featured in many different ways - as framed mirrors, accent boxes and trios of candlesticks. These pieces give an instant patina and richness to a room.





I always look forward to seeing the trend in color that the different showrooms showcase. This Market, the color Coral was seen a lot, sometimes with Chocolate as an accent color and sometimes it was shown in a stronger value with lots of white. It was so fun to see fresh color, like your first bowl of sherbert on a summer day...very refreshing. This is not the insipid Coral that our Grandma's kitchen was painted but a clear, bright Coral updated to bring a punch of color into the sea of beige rooms we've have seen in recent years.

My very favorite accent to buy for our Store is Artwork! There is never enough time to decide which pieces to order, so many choices! I think it's fun to get a variety - Traditional, Graphic, Contemporary & Vintage are all on my list. In my opinion, you never have enough walls for all the great Artwork out there. We are so fortunate that with all the technology today, we are able to enjoy great quality reproductions of art that up till now, could only be enjoyed by visiting a museum. Now whoever you are drawn to (no pun intended), Picasso, Van Gogh, Andy Warhol or even Norman Rockwell, there are images available to everyone. I even enjoy all the vintage advertising art that is available now and purchased some great pieces of vintage Saturday Evening Post Covers. What a great graphic to add to a room, not only are the images so nostalgic but also so colorful and a great conversation piece!

Well, I am anxiously awaiting the roar of the delivery trucks arriving with all my treasured finds....hope you too find some piece that will give your rooms a fresh new look.....hope to see you soon!

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