

GRAVELBOURG - Deb Nichol and Rita Csada have a flare for designing and together have started Home Haven Interiors to help you re-invent your home.

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These two enterprising women got a taste for interior designing after teaming up and remodeling the basement and main floor of St. Paul Lutheran Church. The final result was a huge success.

"We enjoyed it and we could work well together," said Nichol.

"We put everything out on the table and we were able to hash it out," said Csada who said the project involved long hours but the experience was invaluable both on a professional and personal basis.

This passion for design and a great working relationship convinced them that a opportunity was knocking at the door (a door they probably redesigned). So how do you take something you feel passionate about and turn it into a business opportunity? You do some research and discover that courses are available on redesigning, get financing to register for the training, then prepare a business plan and begin to advertise your services. That's the most difficult part of the business but necessary.

The first thing you notice is how enthusiastic Csada and Nichol are about their new business venture. They have enormous pride in their finished product.

"I have always wanted to do this kind of stuff... to take what you have and make it work. I love that. I love designing," said Nichol. Once she was convinced this was something that could succeed she knew Rita Csada would be the perfect business associate.

They said the concept isn't for everyone. But the homes they've redesigned have been a huge success. The skeptics are always amazed and enthusiastic after the final result.

The secret is working closely with the individuals.

"You go into places and it's very difficult sometimes. But we've always been able to manage to find solutions. The most important part is the consultation because you are doing that room for them (the client). It's got to function for them. You want to know how they use it, what needs they have, what dislikes they have," said Nichol.

A redesign will boost your moral but also save you money.

"It helps you make better decisions on what things you need to purchase if you need to purchase," said Nichol. But that isn't their goal to make you buy new furniture.

They'll take your existing material and reinvent it.

"It can save them a lot of money... (some people) think you need to do renovations and buy a bunch of new stuff. But you don't have to. People have things that they love but they don't know how to make it work. And you can take the things that they love and make it work," said Nichol.

Why should you consider Home Haven Interiors?

If your home is your castle then why not make it the most relaxing and inviting place for you and your family. Home Haven Interiors will work with you and help you redesign in an affordable and appealing fashion.

"They want to enjoy their home and relax and that's what we're offering them," said Csada.

This is how it works. You call them and schedule an appointment. After discussions they take before pictures and provide you with a redesign.

You leave your home and they work their magic.

They offer services for different settings. Planning to sell? Consider their 'staging' to improve the look off the house that may add thousands of dollars to the selling price. Downsizing when preparing a move?

They'll help you plan. Estate transitioning can help siblings during a difficult period following the death of a parent. Colour consultation, window treatment advice and small landscaping design. How about just plain decluttering? Everyone needs help with that.

Samples of their work is available and many will provide testimonials of how pleased they are with their redesign so give them a call at Home Haven Interiors 648 -2679 (Rita Csada) or 648-2898 (Deb Nichol). They have a website www.homehaveninteriors.ca Gift certificates are also available.

If you plan to be at the St. Joseph Festival of Trees on December 9 you'll have a chance to bid on a redesign. Sounds too good to be true.