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# Home *Guide*



## New Year, New Home Trends

**Valuable tips and insights from  
local home professionals**

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**W**elcoming 2022 with open arms and beverages in hand, the following design, building, and real estate experts in the Reno-Tahoe area share their insights on home renovations, decorations, and ideas for keeping your house in tip-top shape to start your new year right.





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### Cheers to Notable Art

When it comes to selecting the perfect art for the home, Christel Citko, gallerist with Art Source Gallery in Reno, knows what matters is taking the time to look at many options to find something that speaks to the soul.

"It is a well-known fact that art promotes healing," Citko says. "The pandemic has left a lot of people financially and emotionally drained. Art Source Gallery provides an opportunity for people who love art to acquire a piece or two at an affordable price. It's important to start the year with new hope and a new attitude. When you purchase art that you love, it will give you joy, unlike stock wallpaper art that disappears over time."



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With a new location on South Virginia Street, Art Source Gallery carries works of local artists, as well as art from around the world. Customers may peruse original oils, etchings, sculptures, an exquisite line of jewelry, styles from contemporary artists, and pieces from some of the masters.

"We have a wide variety from different artists covering an array of subject matter," Citko adds. "I have been in the business for more than 40 years; what I give that other galleries cannot is my experience and knowledge that I'm happy to share. I encourage people to come in and enjoy a glass of wine while we look at all kinds of subject matter, even art about wine featuring chefs with wine, bar art, and wine objects."



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### Planned Perfection

Thinking about a remodel or redesign? Now is the time to call in the experts. Charlotte Michaels, founder and manager of Transcend Interiors in Reno, encourages folks to meet with a designer to determine a plan for the year and keep the project economical.

"One thing people get intimidated about when working with a designer is that it will become more expensive," she explains. "They are misled to think if they do it themselves, it will cost less. That's when a lot of mistakes happen. They will spend money on random things that in the end will not give them exactly what they are looking for in their redesign or remodel. It's very similar to hiring an architect when building a house; hiring an interior designer will help them get a vision, stay within budget, and select items relevant to what they are trying to accomplish."

Steve Gunderson, project manager with Curtis Bros. Construction Inc. in Reno, stresses the importance of effective planning given the supply chain delays that have riddled the market.

"You may not even want to start your project until you know the products you need are here, or you may be sitting for weeks and weeks with a half-done project. With it being the new year, you have to plan ahead with a certain level of flexibility because things may not be here when you might think. I'm suggesting to people to have your ducks in a row, have cabinets and appliances here, and then get started on the project."



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### Belly Up to the Bar

It's appropriate in this drink-focused issue that Donna O'Connell, Reno division president of Toll Brothers, notes the resurgence of home bar and drink stations.

"In the '70s and '80s, everyone wanted to feature a wet bar in their house," O'Connell explains. "They are becoming very popular again, with people entertaining more in their homes yet wanting that restaurant experience. [Home bars] work great indoors and outdoors to really bring a special nod to any gathering."





Evan Petty, manager of Majestic Marble & Tile in Carson City, adds that custom fabrication of stone countertops on a bar or kitchen counter is the way to go.

"We can create beautiful countertops for people who like to entertain, people who like to cook, socialize, enjoy a cocktail with friends," he says. "I like to help people recreate what they've seen but with a personalized touch."

The team at Majestic Marble & Tile works with materials that are difficult to fabricate, including porcelain, quartzite (a natural, extra-hard stone that can be almost translucent and is quite popular), granite, marble, and engineered quartz.

### Let It Snow

While watching the snowflakes fall through a picturesque window during an evening gathering can help create the perfect ambience, Sam Olson, team lead/owner of The Olson Group of RE/MAX Gold in Reno, reminds homeowners to get the shovel ready in the morning.



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"By code, you have 24 hours to remove snow from sidewalks in front of the home," he explains. "I have clients who will only buy houses with south-facing driveways because the snow melts faster."

Olson also says heavy snowfall should be cleared from the roof as well as any place it has accumulated near the home's foundation.

"If water gets into the crawlspace, it will become a problem," Olson says. "You want fresh air circulating down there, especially in the wet season because that's when fungus will start, and in the spring it'll take off."

Whether you're concerned about a snowy pathway, picking a brand-new bar top, or selecting a prized piece of art, be sure to call in the professionals for their take on matters of the home. ❖



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