

South Jersey's Best



Best Of Home And Garden 2010

...From the pages of South Jersey Magazine...

You've set your Thanksgiving table—remembering to keep nosy Aunt Rita as far as possible from your kids—and maybe even started decking the halls. But now's the time to think big picture, and lay the groundwork for upcoming home and garden overhauls. Fortunately, our savvy readers have done the leg work, voting at SouthJersey.com in our first-ever reader Best of Home & Garden poll. Read on for this year's winners, and local finds from our editors.



Best Beds

Even if your kid's room isn't huge, it can still feel like a castle. At least, that's the idea behind Berg Furniture, the Barrington-based manufacturer of kids' furniture that ships its multi-use units to stores across the country. Each Berg bed has multiple uses, including loft, study area, storage and playhouse. "Every design is meant to resolve a problem a family has: a small room, two or three kids in one room, young kids who need sleep, storage, play and study in the same room. So we're trying to design everything to meet the needs of the children and the parents," says the company's vice president of marketing, Almog Lieber. Each bed is special order, in one of a number of finishes and models. They are priced from \$1,500 to \$3,000 retail. And, they're all made here in South Jersey. "There aren't many factories that have stayed in the U.S.—the majority of the business is now done out of Asia. But we believe this is the right thing to do," Lieber says. Available at USA Baby, 2234 W. Marlton Pike, Cherry Hill, (856) 488-1385.

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Bright Idea A software developer with a love for woodworking, a year ago Thane Smith saw the light. His inspired concept: His own line of wood-framed lamps, including Japanese-inspired lanterns, modernist floor lamps, and tables that glow from within. Now, the Mount Laurel lamp maker sells pre-made and custom designs, all handmade using woods in contrasting hues, under his ThaneArthur label. (856) 266-6459, ThaneArthur.com.

Going Green

Six services to help you green your life.

Energy audit.

Way before energy efficiency was a byword, Bud Fahey's Optimal Energy Inc. was performing energy audits and saving clients money on utility bills. The first Building Performance Institute-certified contractor in New Jersey saves clients an average of 35 percent to 45 percent of their annual energy use by sealing up drafty cracks, adding insulation and replacing old HVAC systems with new water heaters, air conditioners, geothermal heating and solar panels. 900 N. Lenola Road, Unit 6 Building B&C, Moorestown, (856) 802-0211, OptimalEnergy.us.

Organic paint.

Twenty years of experience with commercial and residential painting has taught Rainer Painting Company that paint can have some pretty harsh effects on the environment. So, the company has been offering customers organic paints and paints that are low in volatile organic compounds, for a healthier house. 1011 Beechwood Road, Riverton, (856) 786-8121, RainerPainting.com.

Window washing.

Evan's Green Clean skips the suds and washes your windows, solar panels and home exterior chemical-free, using only pure filtered water. 10 Haynes Creek Lane, Medford, (609) 257-3053, EvansGreenClean.com.

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You love the way your house looks once it's clean; you hate the chemical stench that lingers. Problem solved: Michele's House Cleaning, based in Sicklerville, uses only non-toxic products while scrubbing your home to a high shine. (856) 371-9539, MichelesHouseCleaning.com.

Landscaping.

Using organic fertilizers, natural pest control products, composting and other green techniques, Tech Terra Organics offers environment-friendly lawn and tree care in Burlington and Camden counties. (609) 468-1905, TechTerraOrganics.com.

Solar paneling.

Renewable energy sure beats high electric bills, which is why solar panels are so appealing. Solar Power March of Mount Laurel will analyze the angles and orientation of your house to optimize the energy generation from your new solar system. (609) 320-0450, SolarPowerMarch.com.

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