

THE LARGEST PLASMA TV IN THE WORLD!

We recently oversaw the installation of a 152" plasma television made by Panasonic for a Client on Manhattan's Upper East Side. This television – the largest plasma TV in the world – weighs 1,300 lbs and is one of only three in the United States (the others are housed at Lincoln Center and a financial institution). The installation of this massive piece of equipment was no small feat! A crane was needed to lift the TV from the truck onto an industrial dolly which required no fewer than 15 men to maneuver it into place. In order to support the TV, additional joists were added to reinforce the floor (the TV is fixed to both the wall and the floor), along with 4 steel angle brackets and 16 epoxy anchor bolts to attach it to the wall. The sound is projected through "invisible" speakers installed above the plaster ceiling. The heat generated by the TV is so great that an additional ton of air conditioning is required. Talk about a hot piece of equipment!



FAUX BOIS - BETTER THAN THE REAL THING?

Faux bois (or "fake wood" in French) refers to the artistic imitation of wood or wood grains in various media. According to LA artist Richard Davis of Richard Davis Decorative Painting, Inc., this very old technique became popular in Holland during colonial seafaring times. Since the good hardwoods were being used for ship-building, wealthy patrons turned to faux bois as an alternative.

Why go "faux" rather than use real wood? In the case of one of our Clients, it is to overcome the difficulty of finding sufficient veneers and solid woods – in the sizes required – that match. In this particular home, each room is dominated by a specific wood species, so there are a variety of specialty woods and veneers – all requiring a perfect match of grains.

Though you can buy wood graining kits at your local hardware store, artists like Richard Davis fabricate their own brushes. Davis uses combinations of

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DID SOMEONE SAY "WINTER"?!?

Labor Day has come and gone and while many folks are thinking about after-school schedules and fall sweaters, our Service & Maintenance team is obsessing about ensuring our Clients' homes are ready for winter (yes, we said it – winter!) With the change of season just around the corner, we want to remind everyone how important it is to prepare your home for the colder weather.

Now is the time to:

- Maintain exterior window and door seals
- Clean fireplace dampers and flues
- Prepare HVAC for heating (as well as perform routine maintenance)
- Check humidifying systems
- Clean terrace drains
- Change timers for interior/exterior lighting
- Move and store seasonal furniture

While you're at it, don't forget to:

- Clean windows
- Clean and maintain kitchen exhaust fan filter
- Clean, hone, polish, seal and repair stone and marble
- Re-lamp light fixtures
- Maintain audio video and security systems
- Re-plate door knobs, fixtures, window hardware and plumbing fixtures
- Repair and refinish wood flooring
- Adjust door and cabinetry hardware
- Maintain A/V and Security systems

Please don't hesitate to contact our Service & Maintenance team for help with all of your home maintenance needs!

I-GRACE NEWS

NEW HIRES

Christopher Horan
Carpenter

Federico Zimmerman
Project Manager

Angela Lo
Project Manager

PROMOTIONS

Szymon Kuczynski
Estimator

Daniel Rodriguez
Assistant Service Manager

CONGRATULATIONS

LTJG Ian P. Hanes, the son of Tim Hanes, our *Managing Director*, recently received his US Navy Pilot Wings of Gold and has been assigned to Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron 23, in San Diego, CA.



LTJG Ian P. Hanes with his sisters Katie (L) and Gaylen (R).

We welcome your feedback. Please feel free to contact us at news@igrace.com with any questions, thoughts or suggestions you may have.

paint, dye, stain and even water-based materials that can be modified with a damp brush after the material has dried. To achieve some of the effects, numerous layers are applied on top of one another, often with shellac used in between as a sealer. The process is not only complex but physically demanding and labor intensive.

The beams pictured here are a fine example of the beautiful effect that can be achieved by an artist such as Davis. We think even Mother Nature would have a hard time telling if it's real or faux!



PEOPLE WHO INSPIRE US...

...Jesse Carrier and Mara Miller are the principals of Carrier and Company Interiors Ltd., a NYC based design firm working on projects throughout the United States. This husband and wife team opened their firm in 2005 and in 2010 they were named by Elle Décor as one of 5 Designers to watch from Elle Décor's "A List" of 30 Designers! Stay tuned for info on an upcoming "secret" project...

...Nitzan of Nitzan Design. This Manhattan based design firm is known for its simple and sophisticated interiors with a warm modern aesthetic. We were lucky to have recently worked with Nitzan on a six-story 12,000 square foot townhouse renovation on Manhattan's upper west side. We look forward to bringing you more news on this rising star...

...Jay Fielden, Town & Country's Editor-In-Chief. Jay attended the Design Leadership Summit in Copenhagen this past spring where we had the pleasure of getting to know him. Formerly the Editor-In-Chief of Men's Vogue, Jay took the reins at T&C back in March 2011. Jay has said that he would like to modernize the magazine and make sure it remains relevant to readers. We are excited to see the direction of both T&C and Jay's career...

...Melanie Charlton-Fascitelli, the Founder, President and Creative Director of Clos-ette and Clos-ette Too. Clos-ette, a custom closet design firm founded in 2002, is the international

leader in organizational design. Clos-ette Too sells custom organizational products including hangers, jewelry cases, shelf dividers, and more. For tips and tricks on how to whip your closet into shape, check out Melanie's book, Shop Your Closet: The Ultimate Guide to Organizing Your Closet with Style. And keep an eye out for future Clos-ette and I-Grace collaborations...

...Keith Granet, Founder of Granet & Associates, a firm that provides management consulting services to the design industry. With a focus on the business side of design (i.e., finance and operations), Keith has worked with some of the biggest names in the community (his Client list reads like a "who's who" in the world of design!) Not only does Keith provide invaluable insight and advice to an ever-expanding list of Designers, but he has written a book titled The Business of Design: Balancing Creativity and Profitability, published by Princeton Architectural Press and available now...

...Everyone at The Nanz Company, the custom hardware manufacturer. Nanz works with Clients on the selection, specification, scheduling and coordination of hardware for their high-end residential projects. With a 50,000 square foot factory in Long Island and showrooms in NYC, Los Angeles, Chicago, Greenwich, CT, Miami and London, England, Nanz is a company to watch (or better yet, visit one of their fabulous showrooms yourself)...

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