



# “The Inspired Home”

**Organize, Redesign, and Stage Your HOME, with Style**

## NEWS

May offers NOWeek (National Organizing week)?? If you are planning a garage sale, visit [www.organizersincanada.com](http://www.organizersincanada.com) to make it a “Yard Sale for the Cure”.

Keep an eye on the mailbox, WHY?? The next edition of “HOME INTERIORS” by The Shopper will have local editorial contributions; happy reading!

The average home buyer ONLY sees 3 to 7 houses before making a purchase offer. Are your pictures on MLS securing viewings?? A great local example is Ranchlands: sold in less than 30 days at 95+% of asking price for less than 0.5% of listing price investment in organizing and staging, CONGRATULATIONS!

Main Stage Q&A Opportunities and Break-Out Sessions with Della, Stephanie and Teri at the Women’s Trade Show & Conference: Celebrating All Women, June 19th - 20th Cypress Centre, Stampede Grounds, 6pm to 9pm & 10am to 6pm Saturday.

## HOMES ON STAGE FEATURED IN THE PARADE OF HOMES 2009

Doris Herter of Homes On Stage Ltd, a local Home Staging and Re-designer Professional is getting ready to perform her magic in Kingsland's newest show home. "Starting June 10 show homes available for public viewing; all on same street, built by a variety of Home Builders.

View Doris' skills at 2 Casa-De-Ville homes as well at 211 Hanmptons Way and 2 Ranchmans Way."

Interested in Staging?? Learn the basics and key principles from Stephanie, 403 502 9351.

Do you have personal property that needs appraising?? Teri is a Certified Personal Property Appraiser, specializing in vintage jewellery; find her at [www.cppag.com](http://www.cppag.com)

STAMPEDE is just around the corner, July 22nd to 25th, see you there!

Quarterly you will find: news, tips, and trends for **YOUR HOME.**

Your local professionals- Della, Stephanie, and Teri- are a phone call or email away to help you with your home’s décor



If you found this newsletter valuable, please forward it to your friends and colleagues. You’ll be helping their homes too.

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## HIGHLIGHTS

SPRING is here!!! Time to create a green, urban patio. Everywhere you can find patio furniture, solar lights and barbeques. Shop for your outside space at [www.rona.ca](http://www.rona.ca), [www.totem.ca](http://www.totem.ca), [www.jysk.ca](http://www.jysk.ca), [www.marenko.com](http://www.marenko.com) and [www.canadiantire.ca](http://www.canadiantire.ca); Look for plants at [www.gardens.com](http://www.gardens.com) (Golden Acres Garden Center) and [www.windmillgardencenter.homestead.com/home.html](http://www.windmillgardencenter.homestead.com/home.html) And remember: Henderson & Butt, Landscape Appraiser, says a raised cedar deck has an immediate resale value of 50-60%, WOW!

Creating such a space can be as simple as a table with umbrella for shade and protection from the wind or rain; a fountain to help block the sounds of traffic and neighbours; a portable fire pit; a barbecue to feed your family and friends. And don't forget a bird feeder or wind chimes to make a more appealing environment. Medicine Hat receives over 2500 hours of sunlight a year so, as Canada's sunniest city, let's make our backyards and patios an extension of our living area. A screened in patio or gazebo with a hammock is a quick guest room or sleep area for the kids on a hot night. There are so many benefits to having a beautiful green space for rest, entertainment and enjoyment. On the internet visit [www.homestars.com/archives](http://www.homestars.com/archives) for a super resource article on various outdoor furnishings, such as Andrew Richard Designs or Icon Home Designs.

## TIPS

Along with spring comes the start of home renovations. There are new grants available through the City of Medicine Hat at [www.city.medicine-hat.ab.ca](http://www.city.medicine-hat.ab.ca), click on energy conservation seminars, or go directly to [www.hatsmart.ca](http://www.hatsmart.ca). The hatsmart website will directly link you to the Federal ecoEnergy Grant information and to the Canadian Home Renovation Tax Credit, plus the Community Environmental Grant, Home Renovation Rebate and the building Green Residential Lots.

Medicine Hatters can triple dip for savings that may never be seen again. According to Stephen Farrell of Verda Tech Energy Management & Consulting Services, these are the short term reno's that provide the least expensive changes for the quickest return on investment: insulating basements & attics; draft proofing; insulating basement headers; changing your incandescent bulbs to fluorescent bulbs, and low flush toilets. The long term ones are more costly and provide a slower return rate, such as insulation for exterior walls; replacing doors and window; geothermal systems; replacing air conditioning units and insulating vaulted ceilings.



Build Your Own Beach Retreat

## DID YOU KNOW

Not all flowers bloom during the day. Night bloomers include moonflowers, evening primrose, angel's trumpet and even certain species of day lilies - moon frolic and toltec sundial. If you like to spend time outside in the evening do not miss out on these surprising, fragrant flowers; plant some near your seating area for extra impact. For more information just visit these sites: [www.colostate.edu](http://www.colostate.edu), or [www.supermarketguru.com](http://www.supermarketguru.com).



## RESOURCES

[www.energyexperts.ca](http://www.energyexperts.ca), Verda Tech's website, very informative and useful to visit; Interested in a green roof?? Visit <http://www.toronto.ca/greenroofs/index.htm> to learn more about the Toronto by-law for new buildings wanting green roofs and what plants are best suited for this Canadian climate; [www.hatsmart.ca](http://www.hatsmart.ca) Way to go Medicine Hat! First city in Alberta to offer such substantial rebates, along with the federal government's offer and what the provincial government is promising to offer who knew renovations could be so 'affordable' ???

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