

Devon Fleming Has A 'Passion for Panache'

Her British ancestry can be traced back to the Mayflower and the New England colonies before the Revolutionary War, which may explain why interior designer Devon Fleming's passion is for stylishly updating homes with histories of their own.

Fleming is the founder and principal of Devon Fleming Designs, a New Canaan-based boutique design and decoration firm specializing in residential homes. Launched in 1999, Devon Fleming Designs has been servicing clients in Fairfield County and New York City where she has given a modern touch to pre-war apartments, and cozy ski homes in Vermont.

Regardless of their locations, Fleming's shared interests with her clients are a passion for panache and a desire to create a home interior which is a true reflection of their own tastes and desires, and meet the needs of their personal lifestyles.

Years before starting her own business, Ms. Fleming recognized her passion for panache, which is evident in the flair she has for personal style. She studied interior design at Mount Vernon College in Washington, DC, where she received a degree in business.

She initially opted to pursue a career on Wall Street where she ultimately spent the next 12 years, working directly with Mike Bloomberg as he began building his financial empire, and then becoming an institutional fixed income executive at Dillon Read and Co., the oldest investment banking firm in the country.

While her livelihood came

from Wall Street, her talent for designing homes, continued to be sought after by family, friends and acquaintances who knew of her passionate hobby, and saw the breathtaking outcomes of her work.

It is through their continuous persuasion and requests for her assistance, coupled with the birth of her children, that Fleming decided to turn her love for style, color and design into her livelihood.

Devon Fleming Designs was founded in April 1999, and is licensed in the State of Connecticut for Interior Design.

During the more than five years that she has been in business, Devon has entrenched herself in the Fairfield County community. Through her own due diligence and defined standards for excellence, Fleming is quickly becoming a recognized source for identifying highly qualified home resources in Fairfield County, and is also considered by those who already know her as an expert in living in lower Fairfield County.

She also maintains a strong commitment to the community, and has been involved with numerous not-for-profit organizations and charitable events supporting the New Canaan YMCA, the New Canaan Nature Center, New Canaan Cares, New Canaan Mounted Troop, the New Canaan Kitchen Tour, and the Ox Ridge Hunt Club Charity event.

An accomplished equestrian since the age of 12, Fleming still finds time to compete in area horse shows.



Devon Fleming sitting in her home study. She is currently renovating an 1800s farmhouse and adjoining barn on Silvermine River where she will reside and maintain a studio.

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