

Check Out Queen Anne Legs During Our No Tax Sale

But hurry, this Sale ends Saturday, July 10, 1993



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Queen Anne has elegant legs.

They're still being admired several hundred years later, by connoisseurs of timeless art and beauty, even in this age of thin veneers and soulless technology.

There are few things in life that just get better as they get older. Traditional, solid wood furniture is one of those rare ones.

So, if you are one of those people attracted to the timeless beauty of fine furniture and furnishings, give Almira Interiors a visit today.

Look for our landmark building, just East of Kennedy Road, at 4747 Highway 7 East, in Unionville.

Our hours are, Monday to Wednesday, 10 am 'till 6:00 pm, Thursday and Friday, 10 am 'till 9 pm, and on Saturday, from 10 am 'till 5 pm.

Making a grand entrance

With three children running in and out of the front door all day, Markham resident Caroline MacMillan was more than a little tired of brushing off the indoor/outdoor carpet on the front steps of her home. And since first impressions are the most important - and in her case,

less than desirable - she decided to take action.

An expert at creative 'faux' finishes for walls, she designed a custom runner for the front steps to enhance the look of the house. Using colors found in the exterior brick of her home, she painted a 'faux' carpet, adding a stenciled

floral border to complete the look.

The runner was then coated with a solution to make it harder-wearing and non-slip - two very important factors in a high traffic area such as this, said MacMillan.

"The choice of colors in indoor/outdoor carpeting is very limited," said MacMillan. "With paint I had more choice." Not only that, the cost of a litre of paint is considerably less than carpeting, and the steps are easier to keep clean.

"A quick swipe with a damp cloth and they're clean," she said about the steps, which are now tied into the color scheme of the entire house.

This technique can be used on interior wood floors and stairs, said MacMillan, who offers the service to other homeowners. For a free estimate, call 294-3527.



Caroline MacMillan poses with her freshly painted carpeting that adorns her front steps. The creative Markham resident is offering the service to other homeowners.

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Bathroom cleaning tips

Did you know that vinegar was discovered over 10,000 years ago? Some wine was accidentally left out in the sun too long and, you guessed it... Red Wine Vinegar!

Since that time, vinegar has been produced from many different products including molasses, fruits, berries, melons, beer, honey, even coconuts! Still, the procedure remains basically the same as it was eons ago, that is to say the fermentation of natural sugars to alcohol, and then the fermentation of the alcohol to vinegar.

Of course, people have been using vinegar in their everyday cooking for many centuries in addition to its more traditional use for picking and preserving fruits and vegetables.

Recently, however, vinegar is being "rediscovered" by many Canadian consumers to be an economical yet potent, and "environmentally friendly" household cleaning agent.

Opening clogged drains - You can help open a stopped-up sink drain by pouring a handful of baking soda down the drainpipe, and adding one-half cup of white vinegar. Cover drain tightly for a few minutes, then flush with cold water.

Fixtures sparkle - Remove soap and stain buildup on chrome and plastic fixtures by cleaning with a mixture of one teaspoon salt dissolved in two tablespoons of white vinegar.

Bowl cleaner - Clean and deodorize your toilet bowl by pouring undiluted white vinegar into it. Let it stand for approximately five minutes, and then flush. Stubborn stains may be removed by spraying them with vinegar and brushing vigorously.

Bathtub film - To remove film buildup on bathtubs, wipe with vinegar and then soda. Rinse with water.