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LKN Families Who

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HAND ME DOWNS *or not?*

the trends:

Home Size - The day of the McMansion may be passing. Right sizing is the trend. Less is more. Perfection in less space is on the rise. I like to call it, "the perfect jewel box home."

Own or Rent Your Home - Experts have noted, that millennials do not want to own, they would rather rent. They do not want to commit. They want it inexpensive and they want choices in the future. Clearly, they do NOT want mom and dad's hand-me-down furniture. And, just like regular retail, antique stores are closing left and right.

Own or Rent Your Furniture - In the news subscription furniture (think Stitch Fix for your home) is making waves for people who move often or are unsure of their choices. No commitment sells. Condos and apartments set up before you arrive. The new players getting notice in this area are LiveFeather.com and The Everset, coming soon.

Good Stewardship - A healthy planet is imperative for our future family. Throw-away furniture does not bode well for limiting waste and debris. Does inexpensive furniture work with the planet? Does well-made, long-lasting furniture become an heirloom? Confusion!!!!

The other day we were offered my husband's Great Aunt Mary's desk. Our decision came down to one simple question: Did we love it enough to get rid of something else?

This got me thinking. Families have these discussions every day, how is design impacted and how is it changing?



REMEMBER:

- You cannot see inside cheap furniture to see how it is made.
- Cheaply constructed furniture cannot be reupholstered.
- Cheaply constructed furniture has a lifespan expectation of 2-4 years at best.
- Clean-lined, well-made furniture will last you a lifetime.
- Your children want what they want, don't count on handing it down.



SHOWHOUSE REPORT - SEPTEMBER 2019

Over the past two to three years, the Interior Design Society of Charlotte (IDS) has been working to find the right location to produce a Designer Showhouse. Last year IDS formed a great partnership with three of our area's top builders: Southern Cottage Corporation, Plattner Custom Builders and Augusta Homes to build not just one, but three Custom Designer Showhouses in the Narrow Passage subdivision of Davidson. These houses will benefit four charities: Motor Racing Outreach, The Hendrick Family Foundation, The Dale Jr. Foundation and Operation Finally Home.

As the Co-chair of this event I will, over the next several months, share some insights into what it takes to bring a charity showhouse to life. It is not for the weak minded. Currently we have: One cul-de-sac, three builders, three house captains, 45 designers and 80 volunteers. There is a lot of excitement and there will be many ways that you will be able to participate between now and March 2020.

Check out our website at idscltshowhouse.com to keep up with what is going on!

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How to sort through the confusion:

1 If you plan to move in less than three years consider modular furniture or even a subscription furniture service if you aren't interested in custom.

2 If you are in a home you plan to stay in for 7+ years, buy what you want, buy quality, and choose something you will be happy with for a long time. This will not only

mean you have a lovely home, but it also means that you are not buying large, throw-away items that will fill up a landfill.

3 Do not expect that

what you choose will sell on the secondary market.

4 Do not expect that it will become a family heirloom; passed down generation to generation.