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DiGiacomo Homes was recognized recently for our innovative storage solutions in the national publication *Make It Organized 2014*. The colorful, 130-page magazine is full of well-appointed storage ideas for just about any room including kitchens, baths, kid spaces, home offices, garages, and closets.

The publication, available at Barnes & Noble Booksellers, features local projects from DiGiacomo Homes as well as <u>Martha O'Hara Interiors</u>. Check it out and get organized this spring!

STEP OUTSIDE: ROOFTOP PATIOS, GARDEN COTTAGES & POTTING SHEDS



Rooftop patios, garden cottages, and potting sheds may not top most remodel wish lists, but for avid gardeners, these outdoor spaces are a "must have."

Innovative, well-executed design can transform a flat roof, guest house, pool cabana, or even garage into a shared seasonal potting shed or garden cottage.

The concept of the English potting shed has historic roots, dating back to the mid-1800s, but its purpose remains fresh as a functional space to store tools and house seedlings. At our own home in Minnetonka, we incorporated a south-facing potting shed off the garage with easy access to all of our gardens. It is enclosed on three sides to protect from the wind, features a galvanized metal workbench for replanting, plenty of tool storage and shelves to store our collection of vintage pots.

Garden rooms, too, serve a functional purpose, but in addition to housing the fruiting bench, stacks of terra cotta pots, or flats of colorful annuals, these intimate rooms offer a place to escape seasonally or year-round. Free-standing or attached garden cottages can be designed to accommodate a comfortable furniture grouping (the perfect place to research new plant varieties or curl up with a good book) while introducing architectural interest to an urban backyard.

We'll be showcasing outdoor projects, including one clients' "Marsh Room" and plans for a rooftop patio in the coming months. Contact us when you're ready to create your own garden get-away!

EVENT: ASID SHOWCASE HOME TOUR

If you love interior design and decorating, you won't want to miss the 17th annual Showcase Home Tour sponsored by the American Society of Interior Designers (ASID). This year's showcase home, located at 641 Westwood Drive in Golden Valley, features projects by 27 designers and offers designer-led tours Saturday evenings from 6-8 pm (advance tickets necessary). The tour takes place May 17 - June 8. Tickets are available online or at Bachmans, RBS Tile, Bibelot, and Patina.

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DiGiacomo Homes & Renovation, Inc. is an <u>award winning</u>, husband and wife, design-build firm that is honored to bring timeless beauty, value, and sustainability to neighborhoods throughout the Twin Cities. For more than 20 years we have been invited to remodel existing homes and to build new in beloved neighborhoods such as Linden Hills, Bell Oaks, and Tyrol Hills. Our services include site analysis, architectural design, interior design, and construction. As always, <u>contact us</u> with questions or when ready to begin your custom home or remodel project.

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