## Our Women In Business

## Design Interiors Of Ballston Is A Complete Interior Designer Firm

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Whether you are looking to redecorate one room, an entire home or office, Nicole Skinner Gaudrons is the person to call. Nicole, an (Allied) member of the American Society of Interior Designers and the owner of Design Interiors of Ballston, can help to create a space that reflects your individual taste and style. She has taken her talent, and passion for design, and turned it into a business that offers her

clients a "timeless, unique, one of a kind custom look."

While many of us have an idea of how we would like to have our homes or businesses look it, is often more difficult putting everything together to create the perfect final product. That's where Nicole comes in. A graduate of Sage College with an Associates degree in Applied Science in Interior Design, she has honed her craft and can help her clients develop a room, home or office that is a "nersonalized reflection of have digette trates, blanding the "personalized reflection of her clients tastes, blending the newest in fashions and adding timeless accents." She offers services from "concept to completion" and works with a number of licensed contractors to ensure that each aspect of renovation or construction

meets her client's expectations.

As a little girl Nicole loved spending time with her grandmother Zena Monteparo. Together the two would tend Monteparo's English

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garden, paint and enjoy time together. But it was when they would polish furniture that Nicole knew the really fun stuff was ahead, rearranging the furniture. Now for someone other than an aspiring interior designer, the last two jobs may not seem like fun, but to Nicole it was fantastic. "I loved to rearrange the furniture," says

Nicole. But it was something much more

than the act of moving the furniture, it was inspiration. "My grandma was a huge inspiration," says Nicole. "She is definitely a true artist." From her earlier days polishing and rearranging furniture, to her college days at Sage Nicole has poured herself into her work. She landed an internship while completing her last year in school, and was one of a select few that had a "real" job waiting for her when she received her diploma. She had done such an impressive job during her internship at Kimberly Scott Office Interiors in Albany, that they offered her a full time position upon graduation.

She accepted the position and was off to a great career in Interior Design. From her position at Kimberly Scott she moved onto Design Interiors of Ballston eventually buying the business. She has won numerous awards and has served clients from throughout the Capital District. Her work has been included in the Vanguard Show House, and she was awarded the Best Kitchen Design in a Home under \$400,000 at the Showcase of Homes by the Saratoga Builders Association.



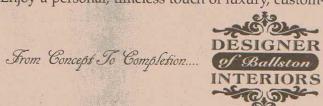
Nicole Skinner Gaudrons

Design Interiors of Ballston is a complete interior designer firm offering a variety of services to complete a one room project or a complete interior design of home or office. The showroom includes a variety of design products and display samples including window treatment fabric sample books, decorative rods, pleated shades, paint samples, wall covering sample books, carpeting and tile samples and more. Nicole's outgoing and engaging personality make her easy to work with and her enthusiasm is contagious. "You've got to love what you do," she says. "I'm passionate about what I do. I love what I

Nicole and her husband Jim reside in Broadalbin and she hopes to expand the business in the near future to include an office in her

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