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Why did you choose Ann Mortiffee's famous quote?

"In Love with the Mystery" originated from a journal of messages to herself. This book reminds me to pause and find joy in every moment. If there was one goal I would hope to accomplish as an Interior Designer, it would be that every time clients walked into their homes that they would be able to clear their minds to dream and feel a comfort and peace that no other place in the world gives them. Their home should be a place to rejuvenate the soul.

Please describe your design style:

We defy quick categorization by using a sophisticated mix of textures and shapes, creating simplicity out of complexity and strength through subtlety. With attention to detail, rooms are elegantly understated. Maintaining the existing interior architectural integrity is always a priority. Creating classic designs with-a-dash-of-daring aesthetic.

How long have you been in interior design? Was this your first career choice or did you come from a different background?

"When the mind is on constant output, the emotions begin to wither. Take time to float, to dream, to allow days to pass in aimless reverie. Once reverie and activity come into harmony, stress begins to unwind."
-Ann Mortiffee

Having graduated with a 4 yr degree Interior Design at age 22 and passing the NCIDQ National Interior Design licensing exam in 1985, this has always been my career

East Coast Home + Design is celebrating 10 years of Design, how have you seen design change over the past 10 years?
The trend has been towards simplified spaces and paring away unnecessary ornamentation, which- given our high-tech lifestyle and intense pace of life- has been good. However, in more simplified spaces, artwork on the wall is more important than ever for these spaces...and for our soul!

If there is one solid statement you can make that would help clients understand the design process what would that be?
To begin....request a copy of their Interior Design license! With the popularity of Interior Design in the media there is saturation of unlicensed/ uneducated/ untrained people calling themselves "interior designers". You would never hire a doctor without a medical degree to operate on you—why then would you hire someone with no education or professional training to advise you on such expensive purchases? Many people find this out too late, when there are errors, inappropriate materials used, lack of proper insurance for liability...

