

## Finì Concierge, Inc. February Newsletter

February 2010

Greetings!

February is a quieter time of year for most -- more time spent inside, and with the holidays long gone, a time for rest and rejuvenation. It is also a time when many start planning for the spring and summer -- thinking about warm weather vacations, exercising outdoors and spring home and garden projects.

If you haven't already, this month is a good time to reflect on that past year and make plans for the coming months.

Enjoy!

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### *For Your Home*



During the winter months, many of us spend more time inside staying warm and cozy. And we have a few more months to go. This extra time inside always brings out one's critical eye. There are probably a few areas in your home that could use a transformation. Take advantage of these last months of cold weather and get started on these projects or create a plan for steps that need to be taken in the summer. The following are simple and easy ways to bring a new look and feel to your home:

**Color:** Color is a small way to make a big change to the look and feel of your room. There are many ways to make color changes.

- Repaint two or all of the walls in your room
- Repaint a piece of furniture
- Order custom made window treatments or pillows
- Reupholster a chair using your favorite print
- Choose a new floor rug to brighten up your room

**Furniture:** These large pieces may be the center of attention in your room. Do you need something to make your room look more open or do you need something more functional? Do you have too many pieces in your room? Re-evaluate and make these changes.

- Sell or remove the item: If it's not just right, get rid of it
- Pick out something "new" at an antique store
- Replace furniture with new "green" Eco- designs
- Refinish a piece that is scratched or peeling

**Art:** Make sure your art is inspiring you. It should be a piece that compliments the rest of your home.

- Carefully place your art; think about lighting and safety
- Mix and match styles using a central theme
- Use a creative and unique frame for something that is simple and muted

**Space:** De-clutter and reorganize your space. At Fini Concierge we are always suggesting that you minimize your clutter. The less clutter in your home, the more relaxed and stress free you will be. Reorganizing your space allows you to find things quickly saving you time.

- Junk it; throw away stuff you haven't used in the last 6 months to a year
- Donate it; books, clothes, toys
- Fix it; if you don't want to junk it, don't let it sit around unused

*Fini Concierge will help you with any or all of these projects in the following ways:*

- Developing a plan for redesign
- Taking measurements and/or photos
- Providing color and fabric samples
- Selecting and choosing furniture, rugs and other decor
- Picking up materials and orders
- Obtain estimates for painting or other interior work
- Overseeing interior work
- Selling or donating items
- Scheduling junk removal

### *Take a Web Tour*



If you have some downtime or are looking for something new and interesting, check out the following websites:

**Pandora:** If you haven't been here yet, it's time to open an account. This is one of the best ways to listen to music online. Choose your favorite song or artist and you can listen to similar music for hours. For more information please click on the

following link: [Pandora](#)

**BookGlutton:** Start your own online book club with friends and family or join an existing group. You can read, chat and comment about the books online. For more information please click on the following link: [Book Glutton](#)

**Map My Run:** Find and map your route, track your distance, create workouts and much more. For more information please click on the following link: [Map my Run](#)

**Yapta:** Track your flight and get a refund if the price drops. For more information please click on the following link: [Yapta](#)

**Coollest Gizmo:** Read, learn and comment about cool gizmos and gadgets. Great for gift ideas too. For more information please click on the following link: [Coollest Gizmo](#)

### *Wine of the Month*



#### **Chateau Saint-Roch 2007 Chimeres\***

Fresh and jam-like layers of black raspberry, rhubarb, and fresh cherry in the nose and mouth are tinged with resinous sage, rosemary, and lavender, while striking top notes of gentian and violet waft from the glass. For all of its saturating sweet ripeness and fresh berry brightness on a silken-textured palate, this also harbors low-toned roast meatiness, while piquant notes of toasted pistachio and almond, black pepper, cherry pit, and herbs keep its long finish far from any danger of succumbing to superficial sweetness. It will be worth following for at least 3-4 years, if not longer." 92 Points David Schildknecht, Robert Parker's Wine Advocate, August 1, 2009

\*only available for a limited time

- 1-5 bottles price: \$19
- 6+ bottles price: \$17

Please click on the following link to order your wine. Once your order is submitted Fini

Concierge will take care of the details.

[Order Form](#)

Enjoy!

### *Crazy Busy Tip of the Month*



#### **It's okay to say "I don't know"**

Always ask for clarification when you don't understand something, and always remember the three simple words, I don't know. In this age of information overload, people often believe they should know more than they do, so they fake it. Big mistake! Just say you don't know.

For more information please click on the following link: [Crazy Busy Life](#)

CrazyBusy: Overstretched, Overbooked, and About to Snap! Strategies for Coping in a World Gone ADD by Edward M. Hallowell

### *Fini Happenings*



Fini Concierge is now on **Twitter!** Follow our twitters by clicking on the following link: [Twitter](#)

Welcome to Rani, Robin and Nicole -- our consulting team from Northeastern University Entrepreneurship and Business program's "Small Business Management and Growth" class. As part of their coursework, teams work with a local small business on projects related to business management, growth and planning. We're excited that they chose to team up with Fini Concierge this spring!

### *Fini Yard Sale*



Fini frequently receives requests to resell items that our clients own. Often times, they have moved and just don't have space for certain items. Other times they have vintage or custom pieces that they no longer use or wear. To assist our clients in reselling their items we will be listing them here. If you are interested in reselling or purchasing an item from the Fini Yard Sale, contact us and we can arrange for pick up and delivery.

### *Fini Community Corner*



Please contact Fini Concierge if you would like to share your event with our community.

### *Upcoming & Ongoing Events*



**Annual Osterville Chocolate Fest:** in Osterville Village on February 6th. For more information please click on the following link: [Chocolate Fest](#)

**Chinatown Main Street Annual Chinese New Year Gala:** in Chinatown on February 6th. For more information please click on the following link: [Chinese New Year Gala](#)

**Presidents Day Antique Show & Sale:** February 13th-14th at Barnstable High School

in Hyannis. Features more than 40 regional dealers who offer an array of antique furniture, glass and china. For more information please call 508.775.2280

**30th Annual Hyannis Marathon, Half Marathon, 10Km & Marathon Team Relay:** in Hyannis on February 28th at 10am. For more information please click on the following link: [Hyannis Marathon](#)

**Boston Restaurant Week:** March 14th-19th & 21st-26th. For more information please click on the following link: [Restaurant Week Boston](#)

**21st Annual Boston Wine Festival:** Now to April 2nd at the Boston Harbor Hotel at Rowes Wharf. For more information please click on the following link: [Boston Wine Festival](#)

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## Reminders



Wishing you and your loved ones a happy **Valentine's Day!**

Enjoy an extra day in your weekend! **President's Day** is on February 15th.

Go Sox! To check out the schedule or for tickets for the Boston **Red Sox** please click on the following link for more information: [Red Sox Tickets](#)

Keep up to date on all Fini happenings and become a **fan on facebook**. To become a fan just type Fini Concierge into the search engine on any facebook page.

**Fini Website Additions:** Check out our new and expanded services. Please click on the following link to learn more: [Fini Concierge Services](#)

**Fini "In the News":** Check out the most recent media coverage highlighting Fini Concierge. Please click on the following link to read about us. [Fini In the News](#)

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**vinodivino**, a real wine shop in Newton, MA

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