

# *High Point* – Trends and Observations

*Spring 2010 by Gail Kerr*

- **High gloss finishes** are back in strong colours and whites using lacquers on solid colours and quarter cut zebra wood furniture and accessories.



- **A return to the 50's look** with **clean lines** in seating, and several manufacturers are featuring hanging storage on walls, streamlined and slick. *Thayer Coggin* is a fine example of this resurgence to the 1950's while *Planum* emphasizes a crisp European feel and *Lazar*'s new seating is next in line.



- **Blues are a trend now**, particularly various tones of aqua blue seen everywhere from icy blues to bold aqua.



- **EcoDesign is here to stay and is rearing it's green head everywhere.** Thank goodness! Manufacturer's are taking pride in discussing their allegiance to the ***Sustainable Furnishings Council***. Note that there are different levels of membership within the ***Sustainable Furnishings Council*** that recognize very specific and significant standards for manufacturers' certification. The highest level is Platinum, then Gold, and Silver. Benchmarks are identified by the origin of materials used, the manufacturing process, packaging and shipping. *Shop Sustainable* was a common theme in many showrooms and emphasis on buying local (domestic) where possible.
- **Copeland Furniture** is offering a line of casegoods that are suitable for the hospitality industry and they are green, green, green. Their Frank Llyod Wright line is expanding with new offerings and they continue to harvest from local Vermont forests.



- **Candice Olson's** message was clear at her "Devine Design" luncheon stating that using **contrast** is what will make your designs sing, whether it is contrast of texture, line or colour!

- **Multifunctional pieces** in furniture and furnishings/accessories were much talked about due to our need for adaptation and flexibility in the way we live. Functional pieces used as art, a sofa table converting to a games table, hidden capabilities of furniture revealing a bar or serving unit all play a role in providing what we need, while looking great.



- **With emphasis on natural products, everything “Earthy” is in!** *The Natural Light Company* is showing wonderful natural materials in their product line from wood to linen, wicker to silk, bamboo to metal, leather and pottery.

*Mackenzie Dow* has an extensive new casegoods line called *English Pub* using rustic solid wood that features the natural characteristics of the wood, textural and revealing wonderful knots!

The *Phillips Collection* of course, stills reigns King for inspiring the natural look, always on the edge, always pushing the envelope!



- ***Exciting New Lines for The Mandate Group***

Antler Worx

[www.antlerworx.com](http://www.antlerworx.com)

Americana Times Inc - Rustic Hickory furniture collection  
(Natural or Walnut finish) (red, green, mustard, white & black)

[www.Americanatimesinc.com](http://www.Americanatimesinc.com) )

MacKenize Dow

[www.mackenziedow.com/](http://www.mackenziedow.com/)

Copeland Furniture – Made in Vermont

[www.copelandfurniture.com](http://www.copelandfurniture.com)

Fusion Tables - (games tables that become dining)

[www.fusiontables.com](http://www.fusiontables.com)

Bassett – Casegoods

[www.bassettfurniture.com](http://www.bassettfurniture.com)

Italamp

[www.Italamp.com](http://www.Italamp.com)

Selva

[www.Selva.com](http://www.Selva.com)

Bevinfunnel

[www.bevinfunnel.com](http://www.bevinfunnel.com)

Theodore Alexander

[www.theodorealexander.com](http://www.theodorealexander.com)

Thomas and Gray

[www.thomasandgray.com](http://www.thomasandgray.com)

Picture Source

[www.picture-source.com](http://www.picture-source.com)

Thayer Coggin - upholstery (contemporary classic & casegoods made in USA)

[www.thayercoggin.com](http://www.thayercoggin.com)

Dorya Interiors - case good & Upholstery – made in Turkey – High End

[www.Doryainteriors.com](http://www.Doryainteriors.com)

- **Events and Showrooms that Mandate visited while in High Point**

Lunch with Candace Olsen  
Breakfast with Decades of Design by Mark Hampton (presented by his Daughter)

**Show Rooms**

Natural Light - Viewed their original artwork – custom sizes  
[www.thenaturallight.com](http://www.thenaturallight.com)

Textile Weavers – hand made in USA throws  
Website to come

Sitcom  
[www.sitcom.com](http://www.sitcom.com)

Feizy – new custom program  
[www.feizy.com](http://www.feizy.com)

Capel Rugs  
[www.capelrugs.com](http://www.capelrugs.com)

Linwood Furniture  
[www.linwoodfurniture.com](http://www.linwoodfurniture.com)

Cypris furniture - pottery barn look @  
Emerson et cie  
[www.emersonetcie.com](http://www.emersonetcie.com)

Villageous / Valco  
[www.villageois.ca](http://www.villageois.ca)

Basset Furniture  
[www.bassetfurniture.com](http://www.bassetfurniture.com)

Scott Thomas  
[www.scotthomas.com](http://www.scotthomas.com)

Interlude Home, Inc.  
[www.interludehome.com](http://www.interludehome.com)

Gloster Furniture  
[www.gloster.com](http://www.gloster.com)

Thumprints  
[www.thumprints.com](http://www.thumprints.com)

Nuevo Living  
[www.nuevoliving.com](http://www.nuevoliving.com)

Patio Furniture – ask for listing

