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## Consumer Day at The Washington Design Center

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Does your living room look like this?



*This living room, which was featured in our [summer issue](#), was designed by Lorna Gross of [Savant Interior](#)*

*Design, one of 20 designers who will appear for free consultations at the Washington Design Center on*

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Thursday. Photograph by Morgan Howarth

I thought not. In fact, I think most of us have little things around the house that need... a little work.

Like my friend Melanie, who just put an addition on her house, and now needs furniture to fill it up.

Or my dad, whose new puppies have gnawed on every chair leg in his living room.

Or my sister, who's on the lookout for the perfect rug to go with the fabulous new furniture in her condo.

Or my 7-year-old son, who recently declared that his bedroom is "too baby" now that he's in second grade.

He's desperate for a big-kid look, because he says that as things stand, he'll be too embarrassed to bring any friends up there on a play date. Yikes!

If you're not in the design trade and can't list the names of a dozen interior designers without batting an eye, head to The Washington Designer Center on Thursday (Sept. 10) between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. for its [Find-A-Designer Consumer Day](#).

The ladies there are making free appointments for consumers in need of some decorating TLC. So – for free – you can get help from one of 20 of the region's top designers who can answer the kinds of pressing questions I mention above. Did I mention this was free?

You can also browse and shop in showrooms that are normally open only to the trade. Our editor in chief, Trish Donnally, will also be signing the book she co-authored with Designer [Darryl Carter](#), *The New Traditional*, and Designer [Debbie Wiener](#) will be on hand to sign her new family-friendly design book, *Slob Proof*.

So, play hooky for a few hours on Thursday and get the advice you need. Your house will thank you.

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