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# Interiors by Susan LLC Newsletter

## Fantastic Fall

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Legend has it that the Pilgrims served cranberries at the first Thanksgiving in Plymouth, along with wild turkey and succotash.



### Wisconsin's Cranberry Bogs

Autumn is the perfect time to enjoy a ride through the cranberry bogs of Wisconsin. Cranberries are harvested between mid-September and mid-November. They can be found on the Cranberry highway which consists of a 50 mile stretch along century old cranberry beds. They are from Wisconsin Rapids to Warrens, and between Pittsville and Nekoosa.

The cranberry is one of only three fruits native to North America. The others are the blueberry and the Concord grape. The burgundy fruit is primarily grown in five states, which includes Massachusetts, Wisconsin, New Jersey, Oregon and Washington.

A bog is a soft marshy area near wetlands that cranberries thrive in. The water is pumped in only for harvesting.



Plan a trip today.  
Discover and  
Explore Wisconsin.

### Haunted Summerwind Mansion

Wisconsin's Most Haunted House

The story of Summerwind has more questions than answers. It is an intriguing mystery to this day.

The Summerwind Mansion is known as Wisconsin's most haunted house. It is located in Northeast Wisconsin on the shores of West Bay Lake. The mansion was built in 1916 by Robert P. Lamont as a summer home for his family as an escape from the busy political life of Washington D.C.

Many crazy events have taken place at the mansion over the years. As the tale goes Robert

Lamont shot at a ghost who he believed was an intruder. There are still bullet holes in the basement door.

In the early 1970's Arnold Hinshaw with his wife Ginger and their six children moved in and lasted only six months. Legends claim they discovered a corpse in a hidden compartment at the back of a closet. The odd part was it was never reported so some question if it ever really happened. After that Arnold played the organ night after night to quiet the demons he claimed

were in his head. He eventually had a nervous breakdown and his wife attempted suicide.

Much to their dismay Ginger's Dad, Raymond Bober bought the place and planned to turn it into a restaurant and inn. He even wrote a book that claims there is a Jonathon Carver connection. Carver lived long before the mansion even existed, so many believe it is impossible there is a connection. The mansion never became an inn and burned to the ground in the 1980's after being struck by lightning.



**Summerwind Mansion**  
formerly known as  
the Lamont Mansion



Jonathon Carver



An area rug helps define the space.

## Area Rugs Add Personality

Since the beginning of time cavemen have used animal skins as area rugs. Over time and with technological advances many choices of rugs exist today. They come in a wide array of colors, styles and sizes.

Area rugs can be used in many areas of a home – including the living room, bedroom, kitchen, dining room or foyer. They add visual interest and help to define the space.

- In living rooms area rugs can define a furniture grouping by creating a conversation area.
- The color scheme can be enhanced by choosing a rug that is either of the dominant color of the room or of the accent colors.
- The area rug can be the focal point of the space. To achieve that select a rug that is bold and bright with contrasting colors.

Area rugs are a versatile and an interesting decorating option to add warmth to any space. Consider a small change to make a big impression.



Area Rugs come in many sizes, styles and price ranges.

## Go Green with Bamboo

Bamboo is not a tree but rather a rapidly growing grass and can be harvested in as little as 3 years unlike the 15-100 years it takes for most trees to be harvested into wood. This makes bamboo a very environmentally friendly product for flooring.

Different types of bamboo

flooring exist. The most common form, particularly in Southeast Asia, are thin bamboo stems that are cut as flat as possible. This type results in more space between each bamboo stem; flatness and tightness is not emphasized. This technique is usually used on stilted houses, resulting in better air circulation especially

during the warmer summer months.

The manufactured bamboo floor commonly found in North American markets is highly processed. The bamboo is split and flattened, dried, and then laminated in layers with glue under high pressure.

Bamboo is available in two major colors; natural (similar to beech) and carbonized (similar to oak).



The bamboo species most often used to make flooring (*Phyllostachys pubescens*—known as “moso” in Japan, and “mao zhu” in China) matures in three years



Call today for an appointment to freshen up your home or office. Fall is a great time to make changes.

Thank you for reading the fall edition of my newsletter.

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