

Organizing Café:

**October 12, 8-2 PM.
Maintain & Contain your
Home Office seminar at
the 2006 Women's
Health Summit at
Gloucester County In-
stitute of Technology
(GCIT). Free admission
by calling 262-4101.**

Consider This:

- The National Association of Home Builders has found that two-thirds of all new homes have two-car garages while 19 percent have three or more-car garages. (www.nahb.com)
- 75% of realtors surveyed agreed that a new garage door enhances curb appeal and adds value to the home... Anywhere from one to four percent. (www.homeowner.net)

The New Design Frontier– The Garage

Unless you've been under a rock, you probably know that decorating your living room and kitchen are nearly passé. The cool spaces this year are "outdoor rooms" and garages. The trend is towards full use of vertical space, mixed spaces for shelving, cabinetry and work surfaces. Sports gear has its own storage solutions. Even flooring is something special.

So if you want to entertain your Thanksgiving guests in your garage, as one client did last year, give it some thought. You can see a beautiful garage makeover at www

Garage Gear for Guys and Gals

- Start by taking an inventory. Yep, sort and purge first so you know what you'll be storing.
- Work it out. If you need a work surface, consider the economical (from using old kitchen cabinets from a remodel project) to sleek and colorful cabinets and benches with wheels, coolers, and even sinks!
- Investigate the options. Simple hooks placed for your needs, adjustable shelving, wire grids and peg boards all offer off-the-floor options.
- Get floored. If you crave an easy to clean, stain free, color coordinated, or cushioned surface, these too, can be yours.
- Maintenance. Garages usually need annual maintenance, so plan for it by storing all items up off the floor for easy sweeps. And have at least some part of your system, such as shelving, be flexible to change for future items and hobbies.

Simple Tip: Painting garage zones different colors can help distinguish where things belong.

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