



Award winning Lynne Maxfield-Cole, an interior designer with over 25 years experience, has been featured in well recognized magazines such as Downeast and Better Homes and Gardens. Given her expertise in creating home environments for individuals coping with disabilities coupled with her willingness to donate her time and talent, she was recruited by the Maine Military & Community Network, an organization that is a collaboration of military, government and community resources, to give a presentation at our regional meeting. Our goal was to solicit and to benefit individuals, whether general public or combat veterans, struggling to maintain their independence despite significant health challenges such as the loss of a limb, blindness, deafness, feebleness, depression and PTSD.

Her Power Point presentation included many before and after photos of homes that were adapted to accommodate a spectrum of disabilities. Whether through furniture arrangement charts, instruction on the use of color, featured bathroom appliances and more, Lynne's strategic illustrations and accompanying dialogue clarified the intent and use of Universal Design© for the average individual and proved to be both informational and interesting.

Afterwards, several in attendance expressed their enjoyment and increased knowledge of the subject matter.

I would highly recommend Lynne both for putting on a workshop or for personal consultation for modifying a home to incorporate elements that not only make it safe and functional for everyone, but also potentially enhances its attractiveness and marketability.

Her enthusiasm, professionalism, and proficiency made working with her a true pleasure.

Sincerely,

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