

■ Lighting Your World ■

Crim has been a top interior designer in Los Angeles for 15 years and has many clients in Las Vegas including the volunteer work he does with Nevada Ballet Theater. Lighting, he said, is so important it has become its own area of interior design. "Lighting is such an advanced art right now, I use a lighting specialist," he said.

One of the specialists Crim defers to is Troy Simmons of Northern Lights and Fans located in Las Vegas. Simmons, a Las Vegas native, and his partner Eric Peterson of Salt Lake City, have been in business 10 years selling designer lighting fixtures, ceiling fans and other interior design accent pieces from three locations around town. They also do consulting work with custom homebuilders and develop lighting systems for individuals.

"With lighting, it has changed so much over the past four years," Simmons said.

In the '80s and '90s, just about everything in lighting was brass and glass. There were hardly any other options, he said. He pointed out a catalog photo of a standard entryway fixture. Panels of clear glass framed in polished brass hang from a brass chain attached to the ceiling. Small candle-shaped incandescent bulbs shine from inside.

"That used to be the only option for an entryway," Simmons said. "Now polished brass has disappeared completely." Hundreds of options have taken its place, he said.



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