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## Newly graduated interior designer calls Goochland home

By Kelli Craig

Nora Ramsdell has spent the last year pursuing her lifelong dream of becoming an interior designer, studying at an acclaimed New York City school. The remarkable part is that she did so from her Goochland County home.

Ramsdell recently graduated from the Sheffield School of Interior Design in New York and is a certified decor designer and a member of the International Interior Design Association (IIDA). She chose the New York school because of their credibility, flexible schedule and the opportunity to work with professionals in the field.

"I'm in my mid-30s, established, and a mom," Ramsdell said. "It fit my schedule and could take me to my goal quickly."

But don't think Ramsdell will be bringing Manhattan designs to homes in Goochland. She said she is not influenced by designs from



Photo by Kelli Craig

Nora Ramsdell in the dining room she designed for her own Goochland home.

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the big city, but rather by her own visions.

"I'm not traditional at all," she said. "I base my designs on what I want. The creative ideas just come to me."

But Ramsdell had some practice with interior decor long before taking classes. She has designed every one of her four different homes since 1990.

"I became interested in home decor when I was a first time homeowner," said Ramsdell.

She also helped decorate friends and family member's homes before she was persuaded to pursue this as a career.

Ramsdell was working as a computer software engineer before taking a new career path. All of her

focus, since graduation, has been on establishing a name for herself as a certified interior decorator in the area.

"I like completing a project and seeing it up to completion," Ramsdell said. "It's a way to bring my ideas and others' to life."

Ramsdell received training in all phases of residential interior decorating, including furniture arrangement, color coordination, window treatments, flooring, wall treatments, lighting design and accessorizing.

"I do everything cosmetically in a house," she said.

Nora moved to Goochland County with her husband Kevin and daughter Rachel almost two years ago from the West End of Richmond. The couple saw the potential for growth in the county and also wanted to custom build their home.

Ramsdell now sees the county's

growth as potential clients. "I see the development coming in and all the new homes and I can help with anything dealing with decor," she said.

Her home, in the High Grove subdivision, changes designs with the seasons. "I'm very trendy and like to change as the trends and industry changes," she said.

She said that one room in particular was the most entertaining to design. Her movie room is complete with a projection screen, movie posters and a popcorn-ready microwave. The room has gained national attention and is currently featured on Projector People's website.

Ramsdell is now working as a decor designer for Decor & You specializing in residential and commercial interiors. She works one on one with clients who are looking to furnish an entire home or just one room, she said.