

BEST INTERIOR DESIGN/DECORATOR

Christie Grooms/The Gallery

Christie Grooms knew she loved to decorate when her mom would say, "Change the den up for me," or she would bring in something new and ask her to find a home for it.

"She brought me up loving decor, antiques and antique malls. I've always had a love for those things and always thought how fun it would be to work in a place like that.

"I suppose my first decorating job came working for Betsy's boutique in Martin in the 80's. Aside from working with customers, I was responsible



CHRISTIE GROOMS

for in-store and window displays. I love creating a story and having things balance. Something that makes a prospective customer want to come in.

"I owned my own boutique in Martin in the early 90's and enjoyed changing things often as new things came in and with the seasons and holidays.

"After that, I was fortunate to work with my sister, waitressing and catering, at Wimpy's Corner for 15 years. When the doors closed, I wasn't sure where I would end up but I knew I wanted to be cre-

ative and be around things that make me happy.

"I knew Stacy Jordan from the '90s and had not seen her since then. (She's fabulous, by the way!)

"I was having lunch with my daughter. We had just walked into P.V.'s Hut and Stacy was leaving. We did the usual, 'Hey! Hey! How are you doing?' Then, when I asked what she was up to, she said she was looking for someone at The Gallery. I said, 'I'm looking for something just like that.' I went by to chat with her, and the rest, as they say, is history! Thirty

seconds one way or the other, we never would have seen each other.

"We said it was divine intervention and I truly believe it was. I still go to work everyday, not believing I'm here. Stacy has a wonderful store and the ladies I work with are simply the best and we just enjoy having fun and helping people get that special look they're trying to achieve."

"I love to create a story or a feeling when you look at things all pulled together. Sometimes just one piece can start the design for an area or even the whole room. I love what I do and helping people make their house feel like home! I encourage everyone to stop by The Gallery and let us help you with all

your decorating questions and needs. I've only been here two months and it feels like home to me.

"Thank you to everyone for this honor! It's been such a nice surprise and I look forward to seeing you all."



Union City Civitan Club
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Tuesday — 6 p.m.
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at Ryan's

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BEST COFFEE — Higher Ground

We opened Higher Ground Coffee Co. in Union City 10 years ago, with the simple idea of serving others.

It was our belief that if we provided excellent customer service and a high quality, consistent product then we could be successful.

The only unknown back then was "what exactly does success look like?" What we have found is that success goes right back to the concept of serving others.

The faces we see day after day, the employees we've had over the years, the relationships that have been

built with our customers and within our business; these people define our success and make Higher Ground "A Great Place To Be."

It turns out that serving others creates a bond that goes well beyond serving coffee and extends much further than Higher Ground.

Our family has grown over the years to include 18 employees (and countless former employees), two locations, a coffee roasting facility and a little boy named Stephen. We've had ups and downs and everything in between. We've developed wisdom through

individual trial and error, but mostly through sharing life with others.

We are very blessed to be

a part of the Higher Ground Coffee Co. family and look forward to seeing what the next 10 years has to offer.

We are very blessed to be
part of the Higher Ground
Coffee Co. and we are
blessed to be chosen by you,
the readers, as
"Best Coffee"
in Obion County.

Thank You for your
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BEST COFFEE — Ready to serve you up that fresh cup of joe or concoct any specialty drink of your choice are employees (from left) Shelby Willett, Joy Brewer and Kim Fowlkes. Higher Ground is located at 320 West Reelfoot Ave., Union City, and can be reached at (731) 885-2633.

Congratulations *Christie* on
"Best Interior Designer"
from *The Gallery Showroom*
and *The Gallery Warehouse!*



You make our stores look **GREAT!**

Thank You Obion County Voters!

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Showroom Hours: Mon-Sat: 9 AM-5 PM; Sunday: 1-5 PM

Warehouse Hours: Thurs, Fri, Sat: 9 AM-5PM Only