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Spotlight On: Tuscan Hills



It's hard not to love Tuscany. The people are warm and passionate, and somehow everything manages to be beautiful. Artisans still ply ancient trades, producing exquisite pieces of functional art in leather, linen, and wood.

Of course, for many of us, hopping on a plane and flying to Italy whenever we get the urge to shop Tuscany-style isn't really an option. Luckily, Suzanne and Greg Evans, the owners of Tuscan Hills in Kingston, have brought a little bit of Central Italy to Central New Jersey.

Suzanne and Greg first fell in love with the beautiful things Tuscany had to offer when they visited Italy in the 1992. After a decade spent researching small, usually family-run Italian companies whose work would meet the Evanses' exacting standards, they opened Tuscan Hills on Nassau Street in Princeton. Recently, the store moved one town over to a restored hotel in Kingston.



The bright, airy space is the perfect backdrop for a fabulous collection of imported home furnishings and accessories that are handcrafted using centuries-old techniques. You can find hand-forged iron furniture by Caporali or wooden pieces by Paganelli and Pieracci. Mouth-blown art glass by Venini provides bursts of color (their work can be found in the Met, MOMA, and the Victoria and Albert Museum, to name a few), as do hand-painted Deruta ceramics from the Grazia family, which has been producing these beautiful dishes for Italy's elite since the 1500's.



Have a wedding on your calendar? Find exquisite Busatti linens made on antique looms and hand-finished by women in and around the Tuscan Countryside. Treat food- and wine-loving newlyweds to crystal and stemware by Arnolfo di Cambio, or knives by Saladini and Bertl of Scarperia, Italy—family-owned companies that have been making knives and cutlery since the 1600's. If you're the one getting married, Tuscan Hills does offer a bridal registry.



While every piece in the showroom is unique, Tuscan Hills will work closely with you and your design professionals (interior designers and architects) to create custom furniture and/or fabric collections to suit your home, whether your tastes lean towards classic designs, antiques, or a sleek, modern look.

Stop by, stay a while, and bring home a beautiful little piece of Tuscany.

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