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Personal Matters

Add a hint of individual style and make your interior feel like home. By Daniel Harding Jr.

BLINDED BY THE LIGHT

Upgrade sun-faded wooden or plastic blinds with luxurious leather ones for a stylish way to control ambient light. They're rugged and easy to clean. Interior designers choose these blinds because they like the way they soften the light passing through. *Suntwist, +33-14271-7841; www.suntwist.fr*

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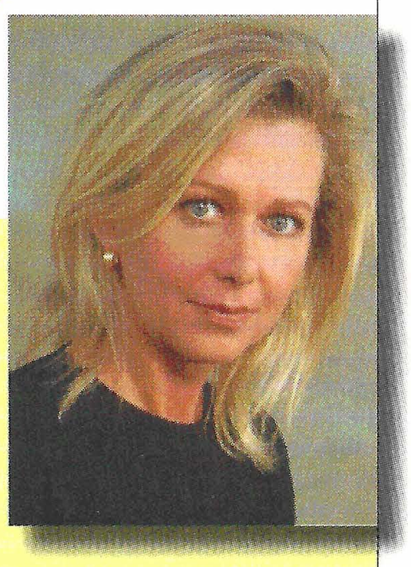
INSIDE TRACK

An interior designer discusses simple ways to change the look.



"Lighting is always a huge component of any interior; you can almost never have enough lighting," says Katalin Bard of Bard Design Group (*www.bardsdesigngroup.com*). "The new LED light fixtures are a night-and-day difference from anything we've had before, and we recommend upgrading your existing lighting and changing your light fixtures. You can change decorative light elements such as table lamps to something more updated. If the body of the lamp is fine, you can always get a new shade."

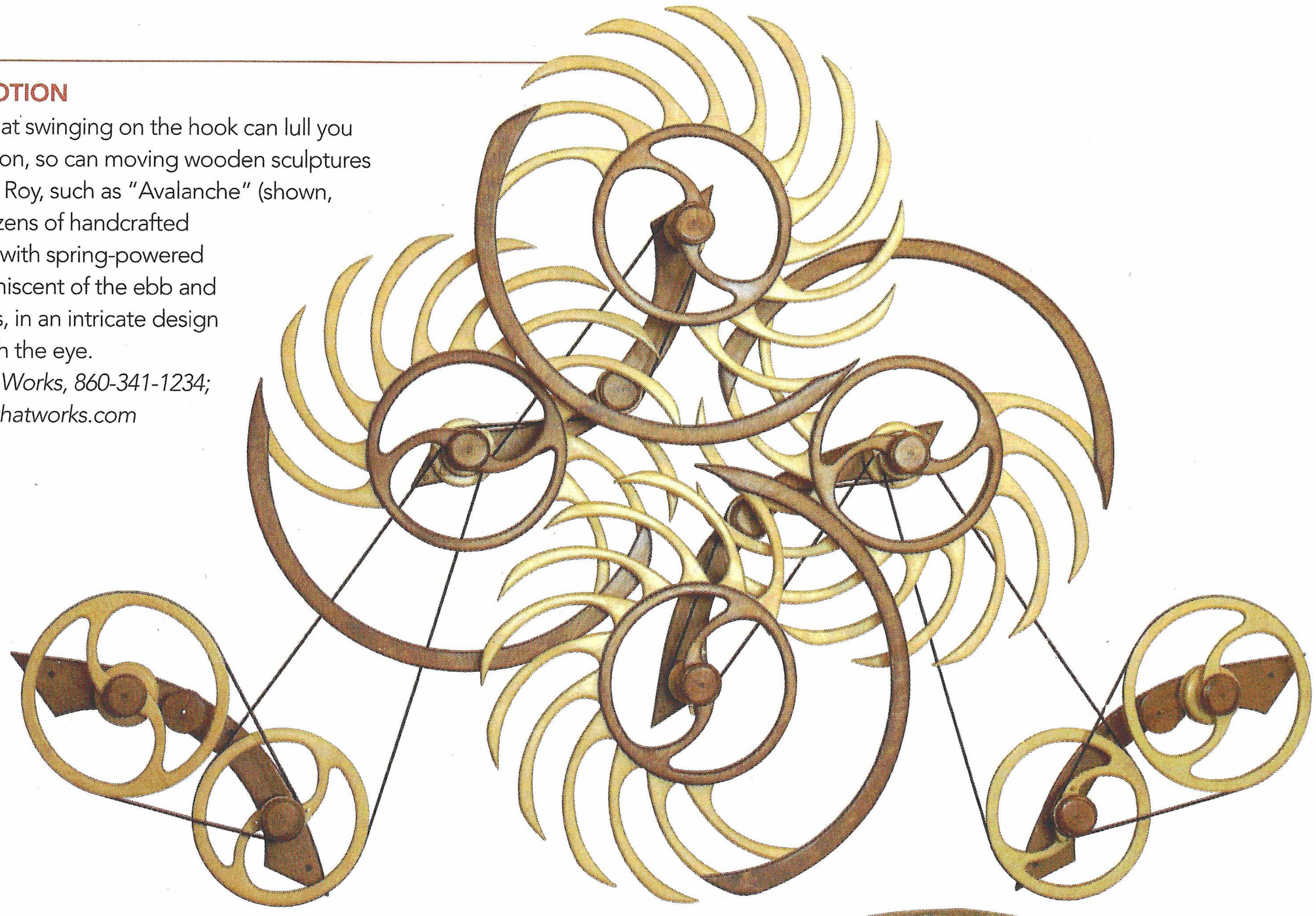
"If you change the hardware, the whole look changes," Bard says. "You can change out your doorknobs, cabinet knobs and faucets."

"Improving soft goods is an obvious choice," she says. "It can be as simple as changing your bed covers and pillows, or it can be a change in all soft goods such as reupholstering. New window treatments are always a good choice."

"We do fabric treatments to windows, such as changing the shades. I favor leather blinds over wooden ones," says Bard. "They're both luxurious and functional, because you can have them open, closed or anywhere in between, which provides a good amount of light control."

ART IN MOTION

Just as a boat swinging on the hook can lull you into relaxation, so can moving wooden sculptures by David C. Roy, such as "Avalanche" (shown, $2,700). Dozens of handcrafted parts move with spring-powered grace, reminiscent of the ebb and flow of tides, in an intricate design sure to catch the eye. *Wood That Works, 860-341-1234; www.woodthatworks.com*



PEP UP THE GALLEY

What better way to segue into a fish story than by asking to pass the salt? These salt and pepper mills ($259 for the set) will assure the conversation doesn't get away. The mills are built to stand up to years of reliable seasoning service and won't jam, clog or corrode, and they stow in an included teak base. *Charlie's Locker, 800-956-3350; www.charlieslocker.com*

PAUSE TO REFLECT

Boost the seagoing mystique of a stateroom by adding a useful porthole mirror. Choose from wooden (shown) or copper models (starting at $48) for an antique look, or go with nickel-finished brass for a more modern take. *Seaside Treasures and More, 727-943-3970; www.seasidetreasures.com*