



belgian pearls

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It is my job and my passion to search the web for inspiring interior design projects to write about and share with readers. I have to confess that when I posted my first blog in 2009, I barely knew what a blog was, how one worked, or what it took to write one.

At that time, there were few Belgian blog sites, so I made it a point to start my own to illuminate the many beautiful and compelling things my country has to offer — its notable interior design projects, architecture, working craftsmen, and the fascinating destinations and sites that few might know about. My readers and fellow bloggers continue to motivate and inspire me.

Prior to launching Belgian Pearls, I noticed that great Belgian design, a decidedly distinctive style, was frequently written about and covered by bloggers, but because I am a true insider, I thought it would make sense for me to write about what I know and have found and live among. I also had another reason to start my own blog: to introduce my

company, Lefèvre Interiors (lefevre.be) to the world.

Through my blogging and travels, I've discovered that Belgian craftsmanship is admired worldwide and Lefèvre Interiors exactly reflects that long tradition. Together with my husband, I run a fourth-generation, family-owned business of cabinetmakers (founded in 1890 by my great-grandfather, August Lefèvre). In our workshop, our team of craftsmen creates a range of custom wooden interiors embodying the best Belgian traditions.

In my blog, I always wish to represent my country in the best way possible. I want to be a good ambassador for Belgium, and that is why I chose the name Belgian Pearls. "Pearls" refers to all the beauty Belgium has to offer as well as referring to my first name. Greet is derived from Margaretha, which in Greek means pearl. Pearls are rare finds, and I want everything I cover to be of value. ■

Visit Greet Lefèvre's blog at belgianpearls.blogspot.be



Examples of work from Lefèvre Interiors include this French-style natural oak paneling with hand-carved ornamentation (above); and a French Regency-style oak-paneled living room, imbued with a handpainted patina (right).

