



Scott Roewer of
Solutions by Scott

Redefining the Term 'Home Schooling'

Owner of Solutions by Scott, professional organizer **Scott Roewer** brings a new meaning to the term 'home schooling.' After surprising an unorganized friend with a complete home makeover, Roewer felt so inspired by his friend's gratitude that he decided to turn his interest into a business.



Can't find the perfect piece of art to display? Then create your own! These pottery classes will help craft your creativity to fit whatever shape, function or fashion you envision.

The Art League School 305 Madison St., Alexandria; 703-683-2323; theartleague.org

Bowman House Arts and Crafts Center 211 Center St. S, Vienna; 703-255-6308; viennava.gov

The Clay Queen Pottery 2303 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria; 703-549-7775

Creative Clay Studios 5704E General Washington Drive, Alexandria; 703-750-9480; creativeclaypottery.com

Lee Arts Center 5722 Lee Highway, Arlington; 703-228-0560; arlingtonarts.org/leearts

Lorton Arts Foundation Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton; 703-584-2982; workhousearts.org; Dale Marhanka, ceramics director, dalemarhanka@lortonarts.org

How do you teach clients to maintain an orderly lifestyle?

"I have a master's in education, and though I may not be in a traditional classroom, I'm still a teacher. I'm just teaching a variety of clients the skills necessary to organize their lives."

Can you briefly explain the organization process you offer?

"My company works with our clients' habits, not against them. We have clients work alongside [us] so we can teach them as we're working. Being organized isn't something you do once in a while. You don't hire a professional organizer and get your space organized and expect it to maintain itself. Organization is a way of life."

"Prior to the first appointment we ask clients basic questions like what's not working, what their goals are, and what their expectations are. Some of the clients write us a few sentences; some of them write us a book!"

"We begin the first appointment with a tour. We like to start with a complete understanding of the client's needs, and we like to have a holistic approach when suggesting our plan of action. After the tour we start work on the area that war-



rants [the] most attention. At the end of the appointment we leave them with

some 'opportunities'—though my clients will tell you it's 'homework.' Many like having specific things to do to move toward their goals, and we leave them [with] those opportunities. Most of our clients will work with us multiple times to accomplish their goals."

In what ways do you believe an organized atmosphere affects a person's life?

"I think organized people feel more in control. You gain space by being more organized. You save time and money because you're not hunting for things, and you don't buy to replace items you've lost. Organized people are more productive, because they have the ability to focus and have a better direction, and accomplish more in less time."

What should people keep in mind when shopping for organizing accessories?

"One of the most important things to remember is that 'buying' stuff to help you get organized is counterproductive unless you know exactly how you're going to use it. Have a plan before you go shopping. When I work with clients, I'm the professional who gives them the solution. We use whatever they own first, then purchase items to support the solutions if necessary." solutionsbyscott.com