Interior Design students enrolled in IDES 3720 *Material and Finishes* visited the Francois & Company showroom on February 5, 2014.

They enjoyed learning about the over 300 year-old technique called scagliola, which the company owner, Thierry Francois, revived to make museum quality reproductions of the antique mantels he rescues & imports. One of which is displayed in the Nashville showroom, the Chevalier Mantel from the 13th century.

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