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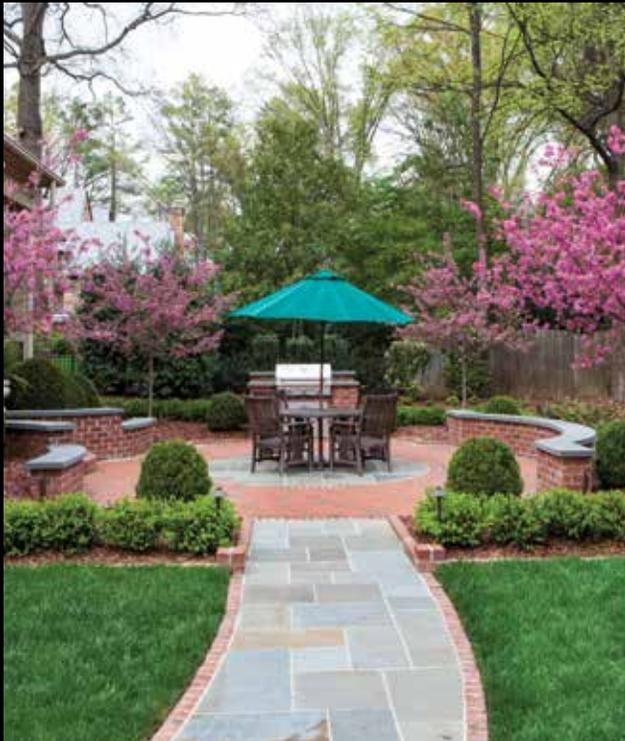




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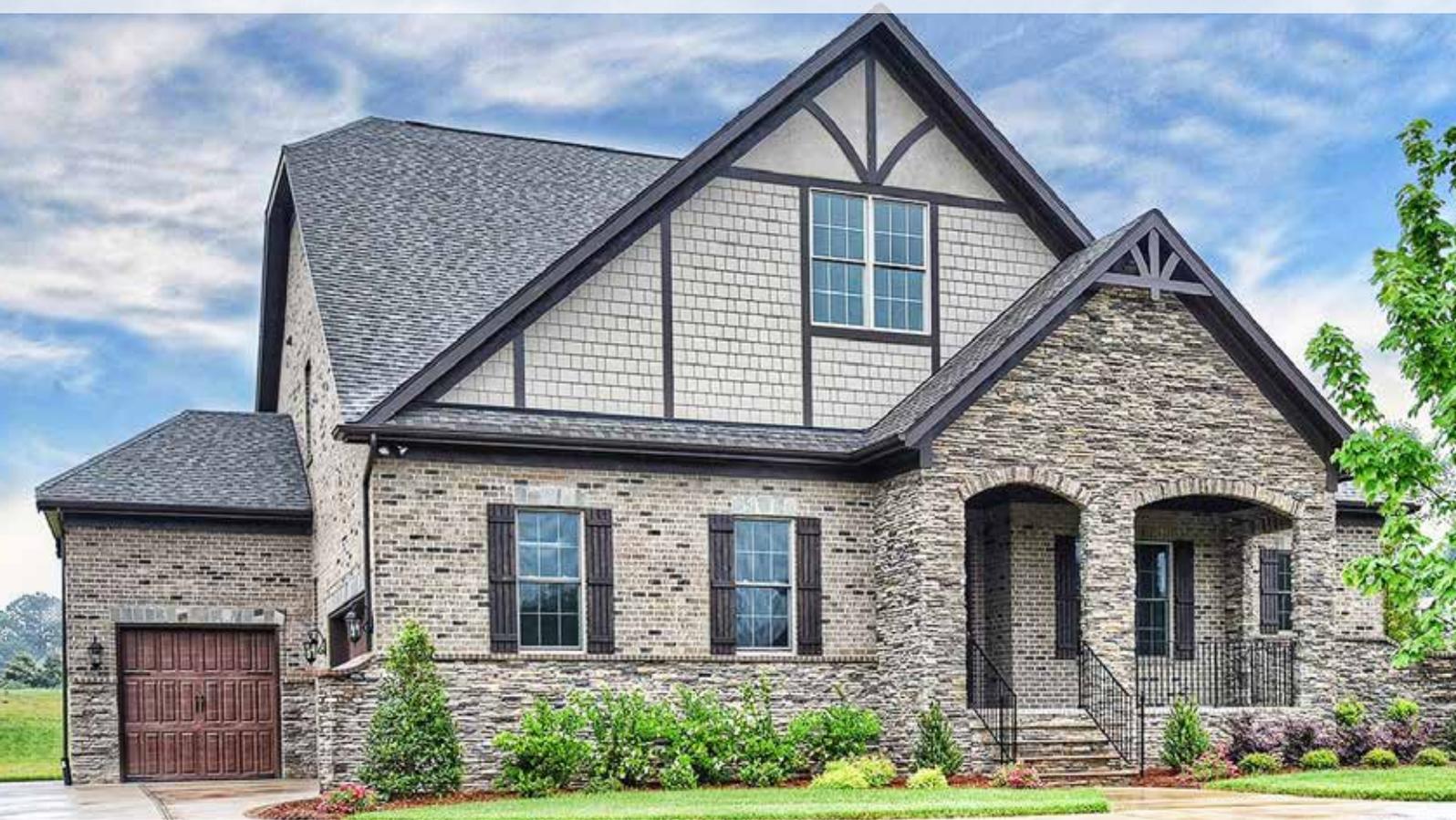
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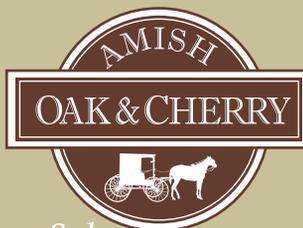
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Lakeside Luxury

By Laura Jackson
Photography by John Bessler

When a couple of young, successful entrepreneurs decided to create their ultimate lakeside getaway, they knew exactly who to enlist — someone who would not only dream big with them, but a person who also possesses the ability to see beyond boundaries and expectations.

They'd enlisted the same talented designer to guide them through a beautiful redesign of their Chapel Hill home several years before, so luckily, they knew exactly where to find her — at Heather Garrett Design.

It was clear from the beginning that this project would be different. Tucked into the beautiful banks of Lake Gaston in Littleton, N.C., the homeowners envisioned a space that was perfect for entertaining, yet had all the cozy comforts of a retreat uniquely designed for their growing family. The couple had fond childhood memories of spending precious family time on a lake and wanted to recreate those experiences, while adding their own personal flair.

“What I loved about these young clients is that they really didn't care about 'normal' at all,” said Heather. “The original architectural plans called for a detached master suite with a bedroom and bath, but we realized through our design process that the husband brainstorms best while in motion. So, he wanted to have, like, circus rings or a trapeze or basketball court instead of a master suite there!” When asked more specifically, the homeowner clarified that it was about functionality, adding, “I'd rather sleep in a little bedroom upstairs and have a climbing wall downstairs than a fancy master bedroom.”



As changes like these came along, Heather worked with builder Corbitt Hills Construction to make the adjustments. This change resulted in a spectacular gym complete with a robust climbing wall. “Talk about a real learning curve for us,” said Heather. “We discovered a lot about building code compliance for a climbing wall!” Another out-of-the-box change included ditching the idea of a traditional dining room in favor of

a luscious, deep upholstered niche and shuffleboard table.

In place of a traditional boat dock, Heather created an exquisite floating lounge with a full-size wet bar, huge flat-screen TV and a swimmer’s platform perfect for all their treasured wakeboarding adventures. Guests and family members would also be able to enjoy breezy, lazy afternoons lounging in the oversized hammock, or swinging carefree in lounge chairs as



they gaze up to the gorgeous vaulted wood-paneled ceiling or out onto the breathtaking lake.

“Nature, without question, is why I’m drawn to loose and relaxed shapes with gritty textures and imperfect forms,” said Heather. “Imperfection has a very romantic quality to it, in my opinion. In terms of architecture, I favor clean and pure structures – whether it’s a classic French traditional

or contemporary California plan – an uncomplicated, open structure is a dream.”

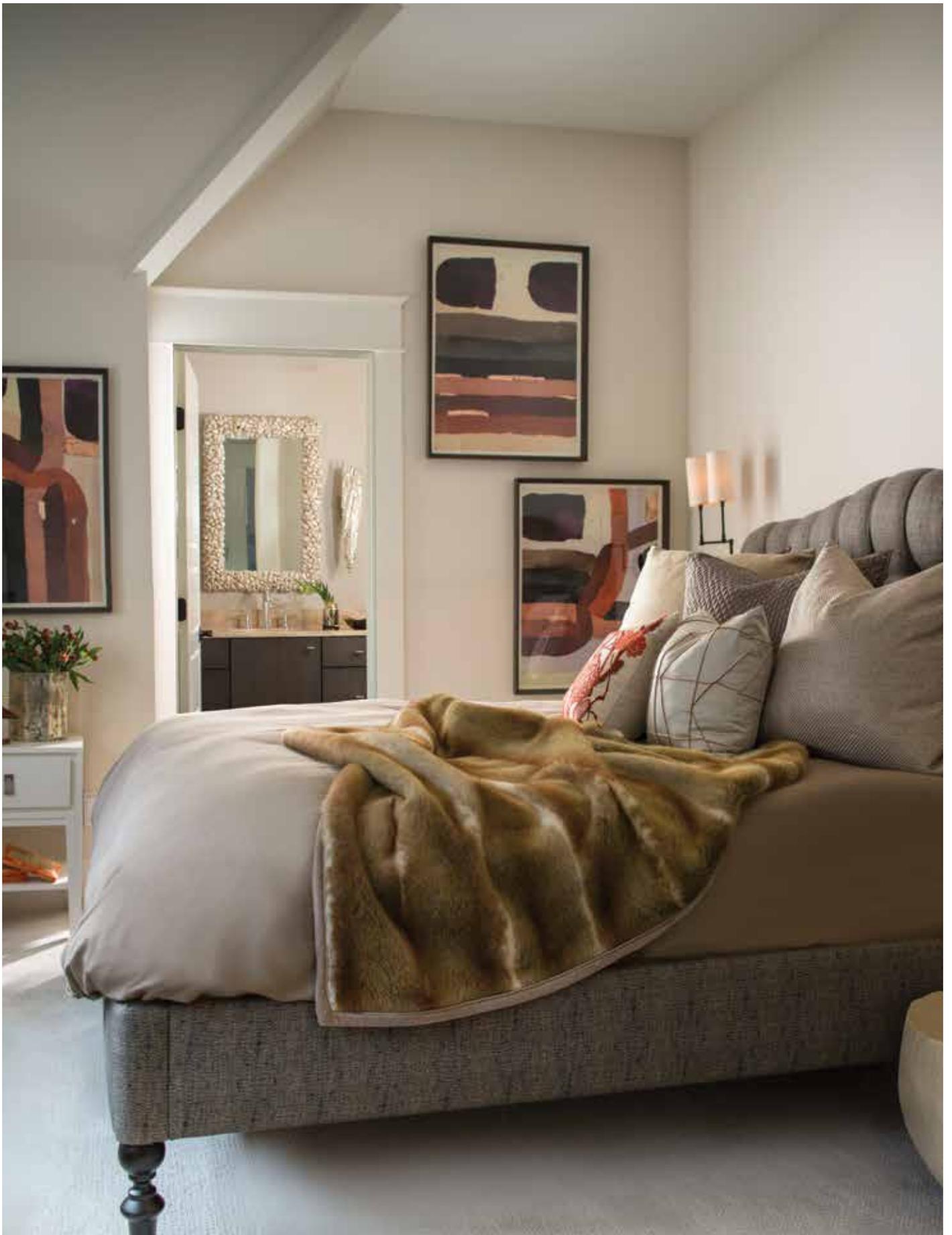
Another part of Heather’s overall design philosophy includes her love of organic ornamentation. “Essentially, it’s the idea that nothing made by man is as beautiful as that found in nature,” she explains. Inside and out, this lakeside dream space provides a refreshing continuity from room to room – from Garrett’s use













of multiple organic shapes and textures to her soothing neutral palette of colors. By incorporating items such as shells, branches, antlers, wood grains and more, she creates a spirit of comfortable and casual elegance that flows from every corner.

Surrounding the exterior of the home is a stunning wrap-around porch, an inviting outdoor living room centered around a stone fireplace and a welcoming lounge area with sofas, chairs and dreamy porch swings. Heather and the homeowners both agree that this is easily their favorite space. Here, rustic beauty and serene sophistication blend seamlessly. Billowing drapery anchoring each corner flows with a gentle breeze and when combined with soothing lakeside sounds, even the most cynical guest could agree that this is a little slice of heaven on earth. ♦

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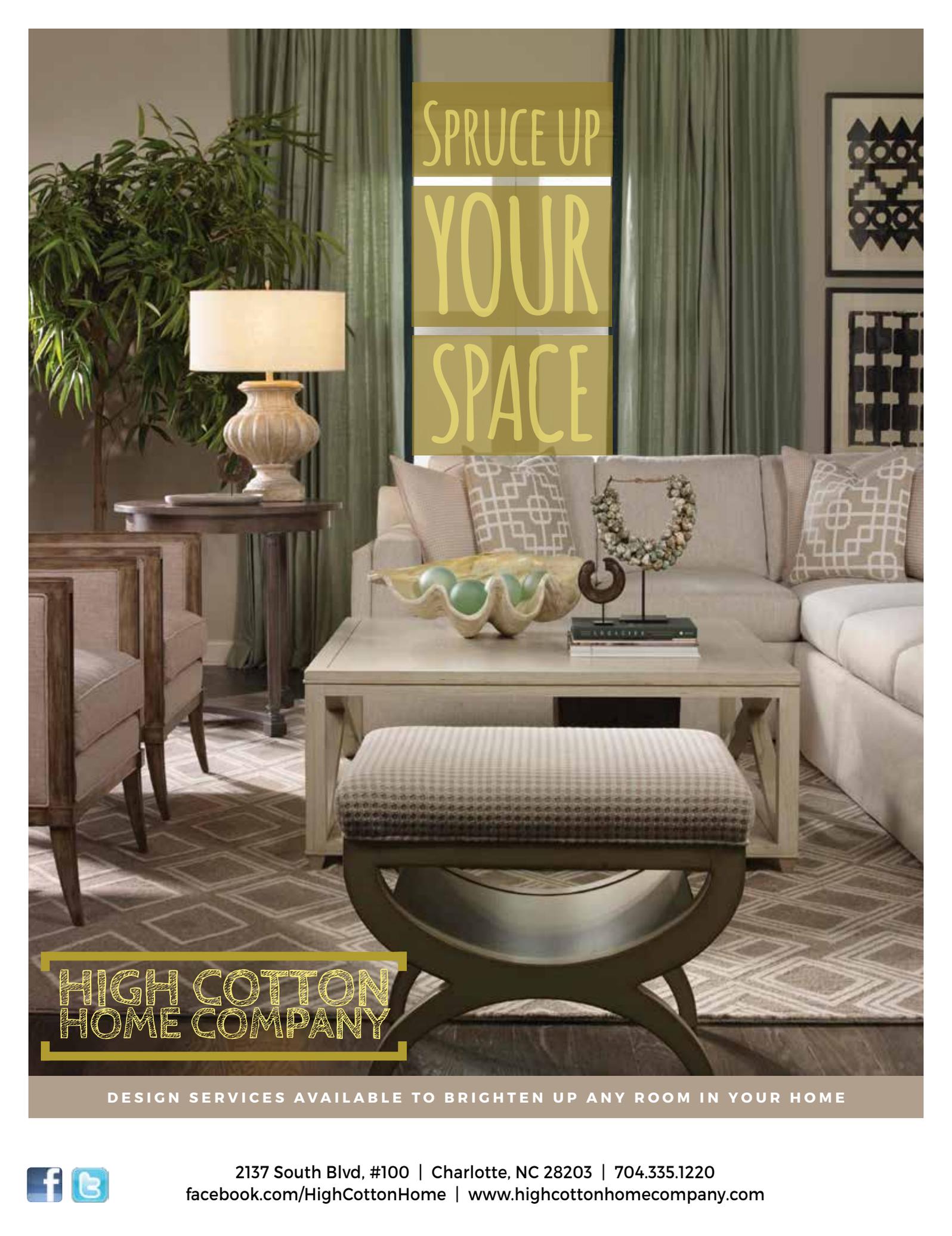
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THE HOUSE OF COLOR AND LIGHT

By Anne Marie Ashley
Photography by Dustin Peck

When a home in Dilworth popped up in Zane and Marcy Basarwala's search feed, they were immediately (self-admittedly) obsessed with it.

WHEN IT WAS PULLED OFF THE market, the couple was heartbroken; but the Basarwala's Realtor was able to make the owners an offer, and they signed on the dotted line to purchase their dream home.

"It truly is my dream home," explains Marcy. "It was brand new and move-in ready, but the back yard needed a lot of work. It had so much potential, we were eager to get started on it." Marcy, who has always used a lot of color to decorate her home, got right to work on bringing some heart and soul to the interiors. Having seen Tom Holley's design work in a friend's home down the street, Marcy commissioned his help. Tom, owner of Crazy Jane's in Southend, worked quickly over the next year to carefully curate the look of Marcy's home.

"I really like interiors that look collected," says Tom. "I like bringing organic casual pieces into dressier spaces. Comfort

is always key, though it all *has* to look sophisticated and fashionable."

Marcy adds that she has always had a bit of a bohemian flair and is never afraid to take risks. "I have always wanted people to find the space interesting, even if it isn't their style or taste," she says. Her dining room is the perfect example of daring and interesting design – from the red leopard wallpapered ceiling, old barrel art chandelier and Indian buffet to the hand-sewn patchwork draperies and natural reed top-down window shades, it's full of textures, layers and color. "I wanted to keep the modern organic theme of the home," shares Tom. "You can see that in the reclaimed marine wood, stone accents, and the sea grass and hide rugs in the dining room and kitchen."

All of the color and soul Marcy poured into her home dripped beautifully onto the veranda when the pool and backyard were finished in September of 2015, complete with an outdoor kitchen, fireplace and fire pit. They worked with B and B Pools





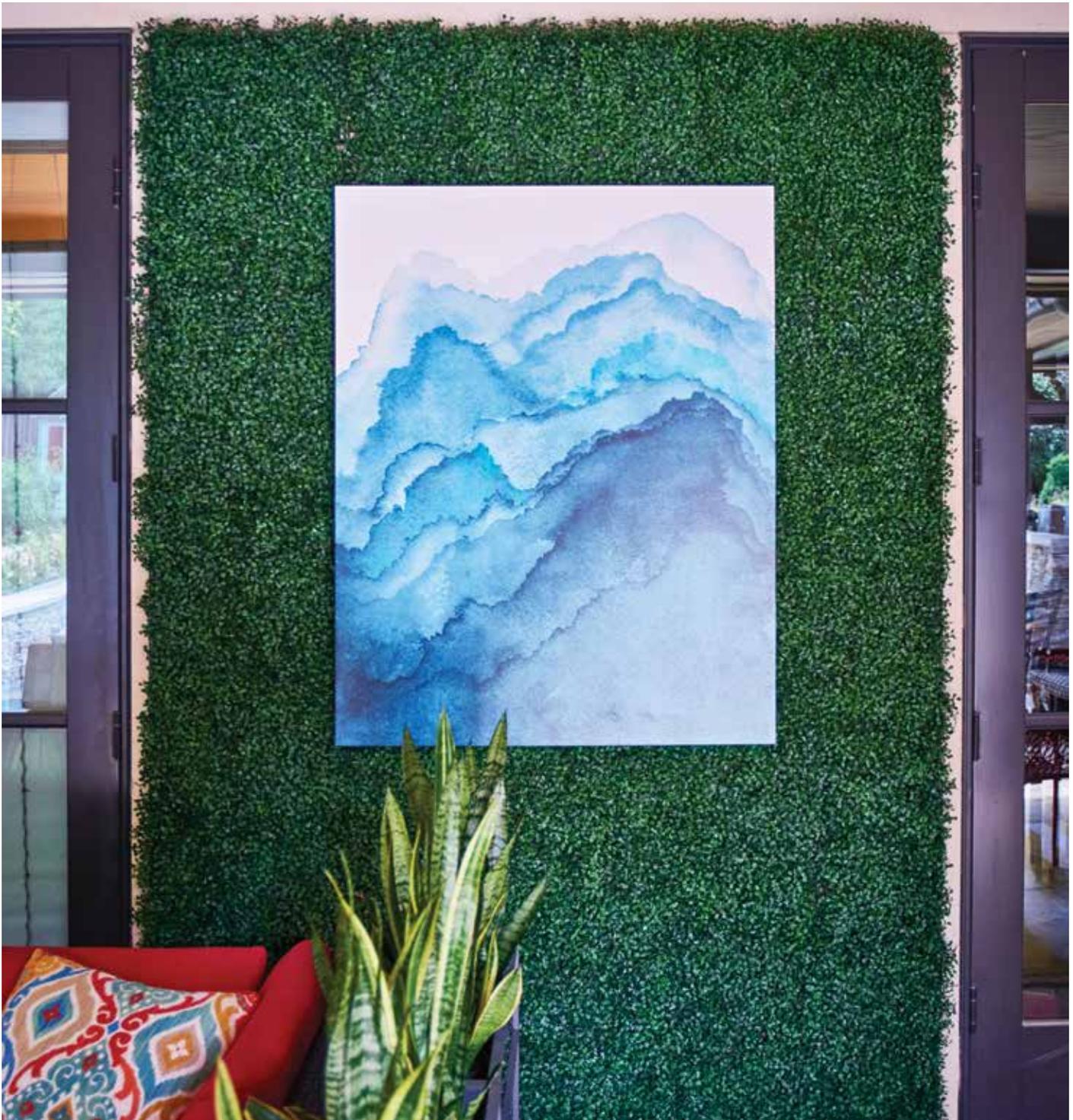


to design a relaxing salt-water pool oasis, and Marcy took to designing the outdoor living areas herself. “My mom is an amazing seamstress,” explains Marcy. “She sewed most of what you see out there, including the outdoor curtains, which I love!”

From Crazy Jane’s, Marcy pulled in some rugs and a cool iron mirror art piece which hangs outside. She uses an underground rainwater cistern for irrigating all the gorgeous and colorful landscaping in the yard in addition to using solar panels to power the hot water heater. Rain barrels (in addition to the metal

screens by the fire pit), designed by the wife of B and B Pools owner Bryant Bedingfield, were painted to look like planters and house an array of greenery and flowers, while a stone wall sets off a separate fire pit area perfect for lounging on crisp spring and fall evenings.

“I think your home should be a reflection of who you are,” advises Marcy. “Do something that makes an impact on people who come into your home. I’m not afraid to try unconventional things – if I don’t like it, it can be changed. Nothing is permanent!”◆





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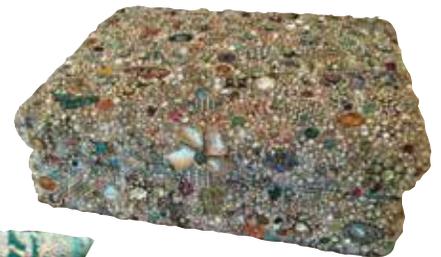


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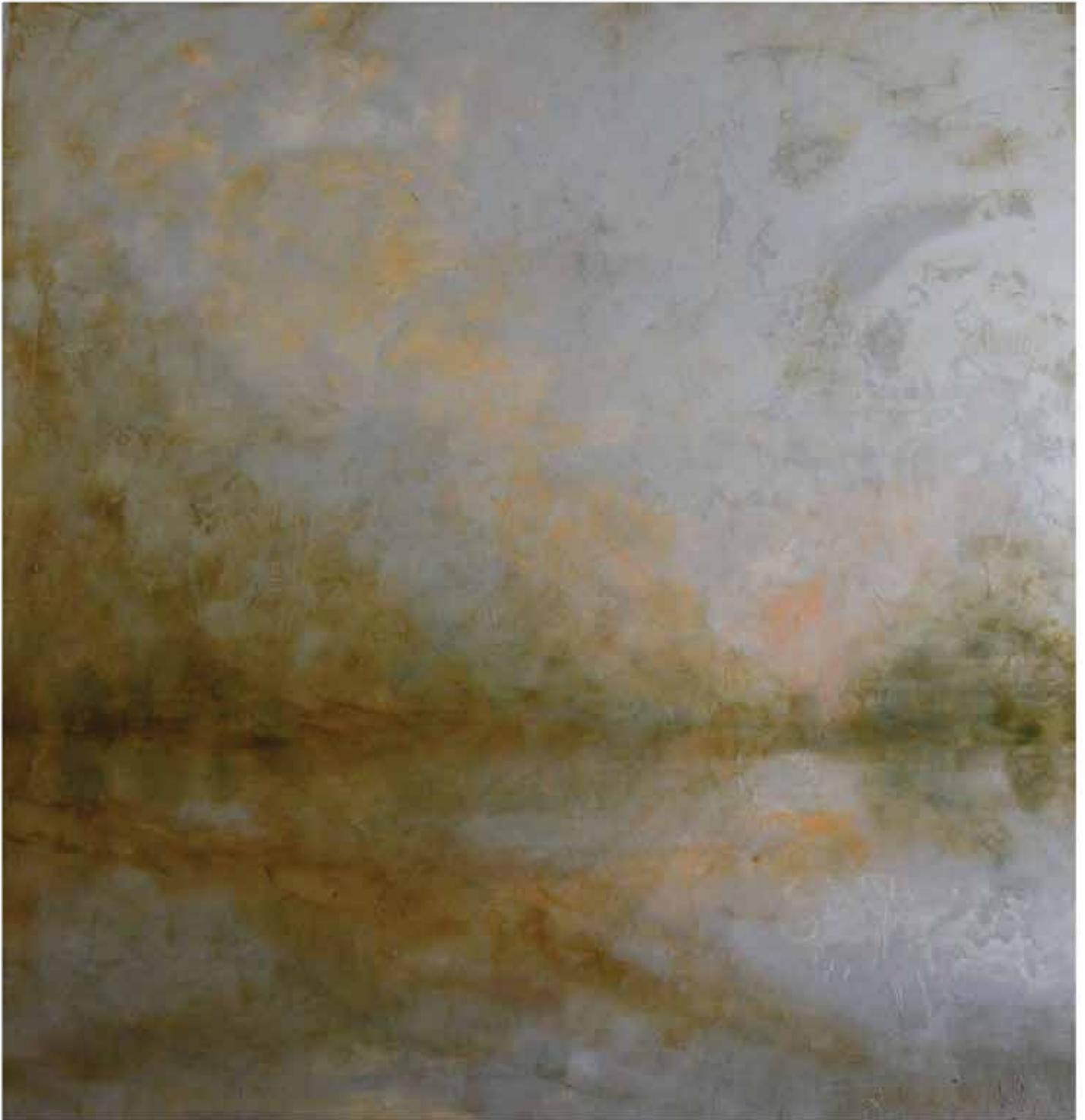
Like everyone who has ever lived, I am inspired by much of life: the colors and textures of nature, the rich cultural and geographic diversity around us, the accomplishments of prior generations...inspiration is everywhere!

From a designer's perspective, however, I find my true inspiration from an ever-changing source: my clients. Each one delivers a new venue where I can use a fresh approach. It's their lives and families, the setting, the architecture and their dreams that create the buzz for me. I create warm, soulful spaces that my clients will inhabit, relax in, build and share family memories — I never forget that I am creating the settings of their lives.

My desire is to build from a personality accessory or furniture piece, either owned or inspired. For myself, I used my grandmother's jewelry box, shown below. My whole master bedroom was based around this single (and to me, precious) object. The soft colors and muted metallics, along with 'pops' of color, create a skillfully crafted space that serves as my haven of relaxation as well as an energy center.



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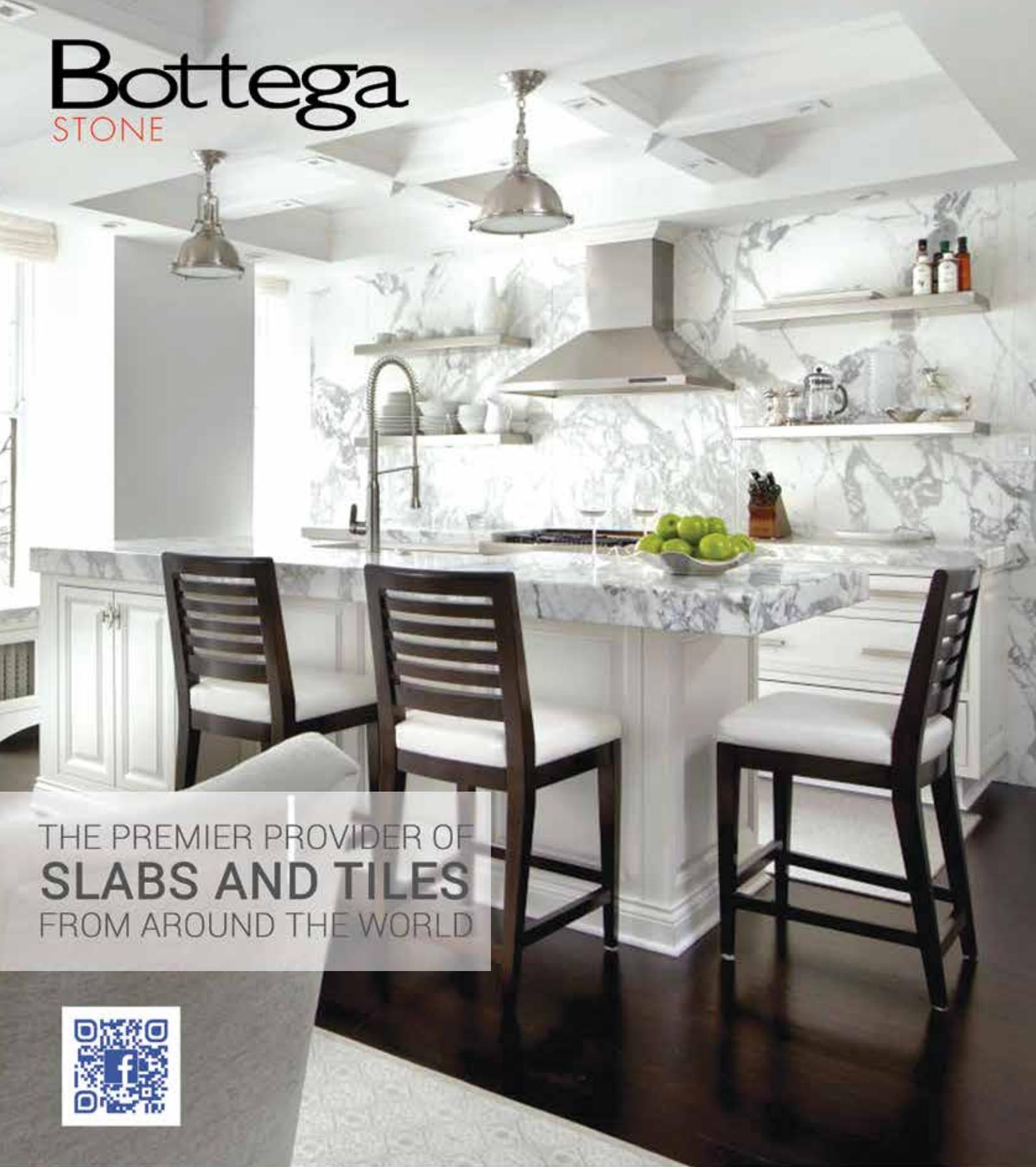


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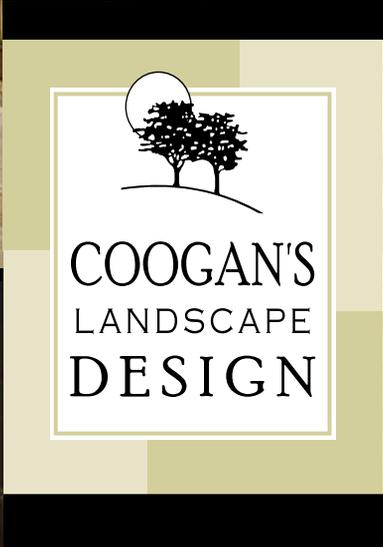


terrarium environment. Open terrariums are better for drier plants like succulents or plants that need a lot of direct sunlight, but not a lot of heat.

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“As grey city courtyards are converted into green gardens and warehouses are turned into lofts, the kitchen is now being transformed into an oasis from the chaos of modern life,” says Hans Henkes, president and CEO of SieMatic Möbelwerke USA. “With every new tech device introduced to the home, the desire for more greenery and a balance with nature is enhanced.”

The herb garden, which is available in all SieMatic StoneDesign countertop options, as well as laminates for even more color options, is part of a theme of open design in their lifestyle-inspired collection, URBAN. Designed to capture the

essence of city living, while celebrating nature and the outdoors, the collection allows organic gardening enthusiasts from cities, suburbs and rural areas to invite nature into their kitchen while delivering an open look that showcases aesthetic without detracting from any view of the outdoors.

“The URBAN theme is for anyone who enjoys mixing different styles with a creatively fresh perspective on flexibility and functionality,” Henkes says.

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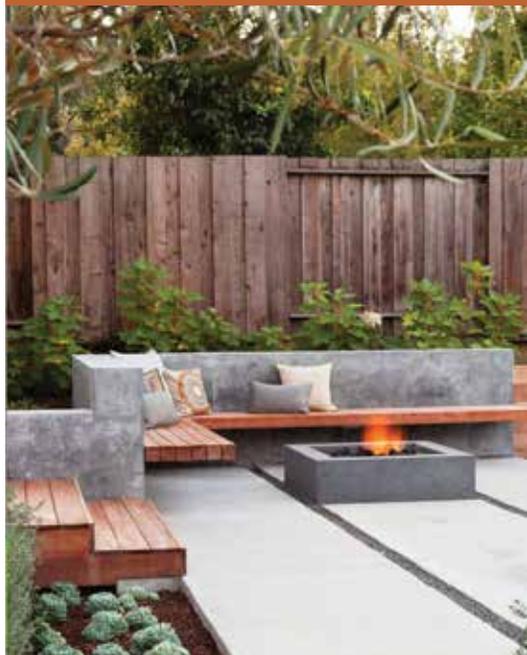
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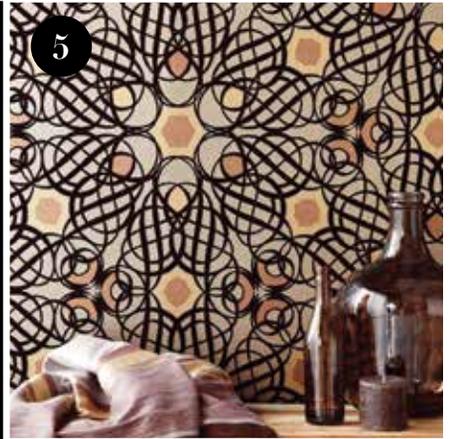
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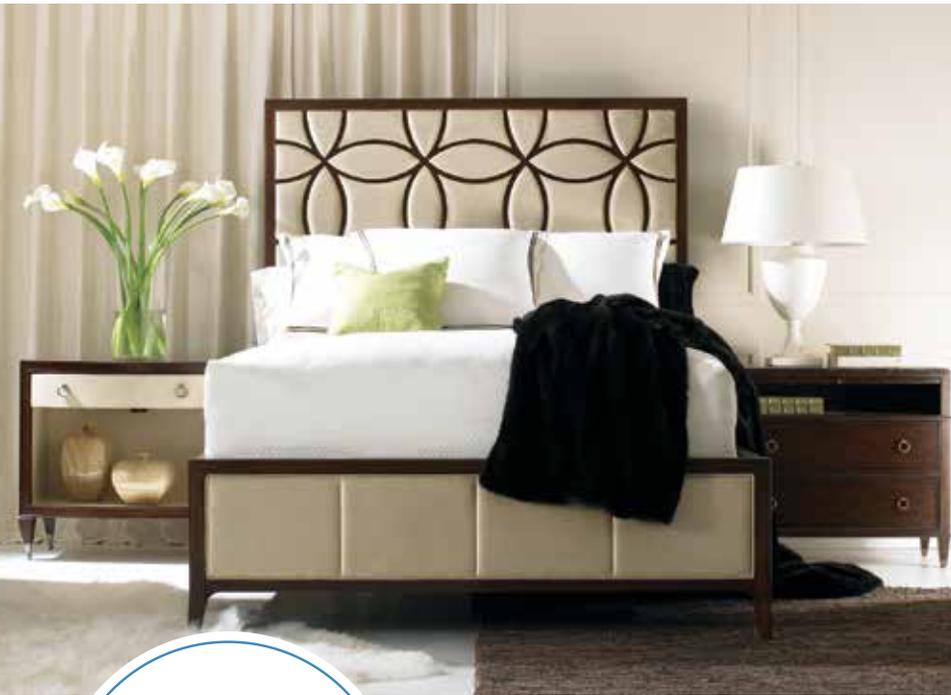


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THE COMPLEXITIES OF PRICING

*Is it possible
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Unlike days of old, when shopping took place within the showroom, today’s homeowners have endless online choices and a wealth of information at their fingertips.

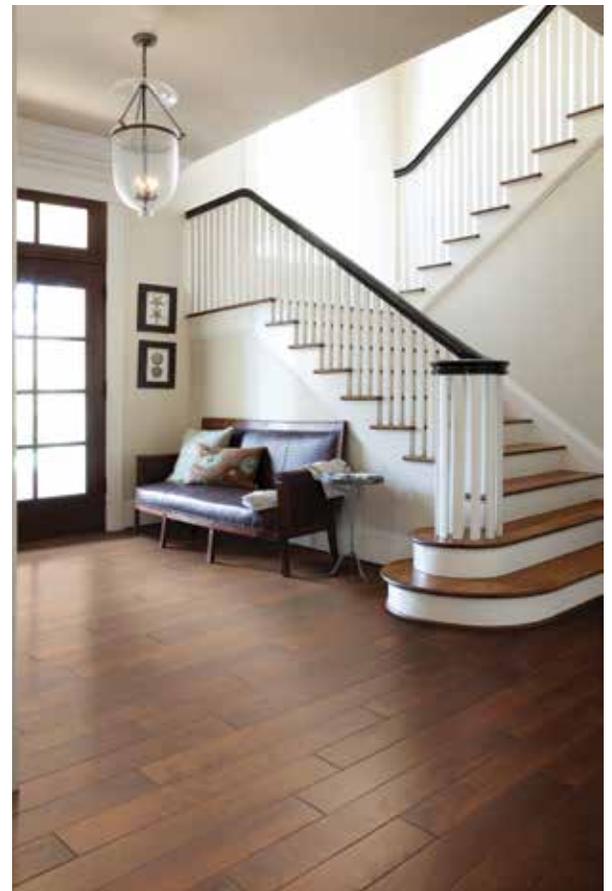
But despite all its benefits, the Internet creates a conundrum for consumers. People find options online and mistakenly assume that they can compare apples to apples, particularly when it comes to price. *But the fallacy lies in the fact that pricing is a complex equation, and low-cost leaders are notorious for leaving out key pricing details.*

Specifically, your price quote should include removal and disposal of the flooring you currently have, including labor related to this removal, as well as padding, sub-floor preparation, and more. There are war stories about unsuspecting consumers who choose flooring based on price, only to end up paying more in the end. Case in point: There’s the lady in Myers Park who signed with a low-cost flooring company, then had to pull up her old carpet on her own with no viable way to dispose of it. Or the family in SouthPark whose flooring company didn’t use the proper adhesive, resulting in shrinkage and breakage of the new wood floor. Or the man in Ballantyne whose flooring company wouldn’t return his calls after botching his installation.

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COULD BEAUTY BE ENOUGH?

We all love the beautiful: A sunset on the ocean, fall foliage, a blooming peony. Should art also contain beauty? Or is it to be strictly reflective of humanity? In this issue, I want to address these questions from my own perspective. Here is a statement I wrote a few years ago which is still true today.

“There is a widespread notion that any work of art worth its salt must be incomprehensible or out of reach, politically or socially motivated or clearly evoke the sanctioned concerns of the time in which it is created. Such directions as minimalism, conceptual art, formal realism, appropriation, installation works and attempts at the grotesque are all relevant. Issues intrinsic to our 21st Century culture such as poverty, discrimination in all forms, political views and hunger – are all worthy subjects; but to declare that the other side of life experience: Optimism, beauty, the recognizable, is not worthy of note seems simplistic at best. I disagree with the idea that incomprehensibility equates to sophistication. Is art required to be beautiful? No; however, works of art certainly have the right to be beautiful.”◆

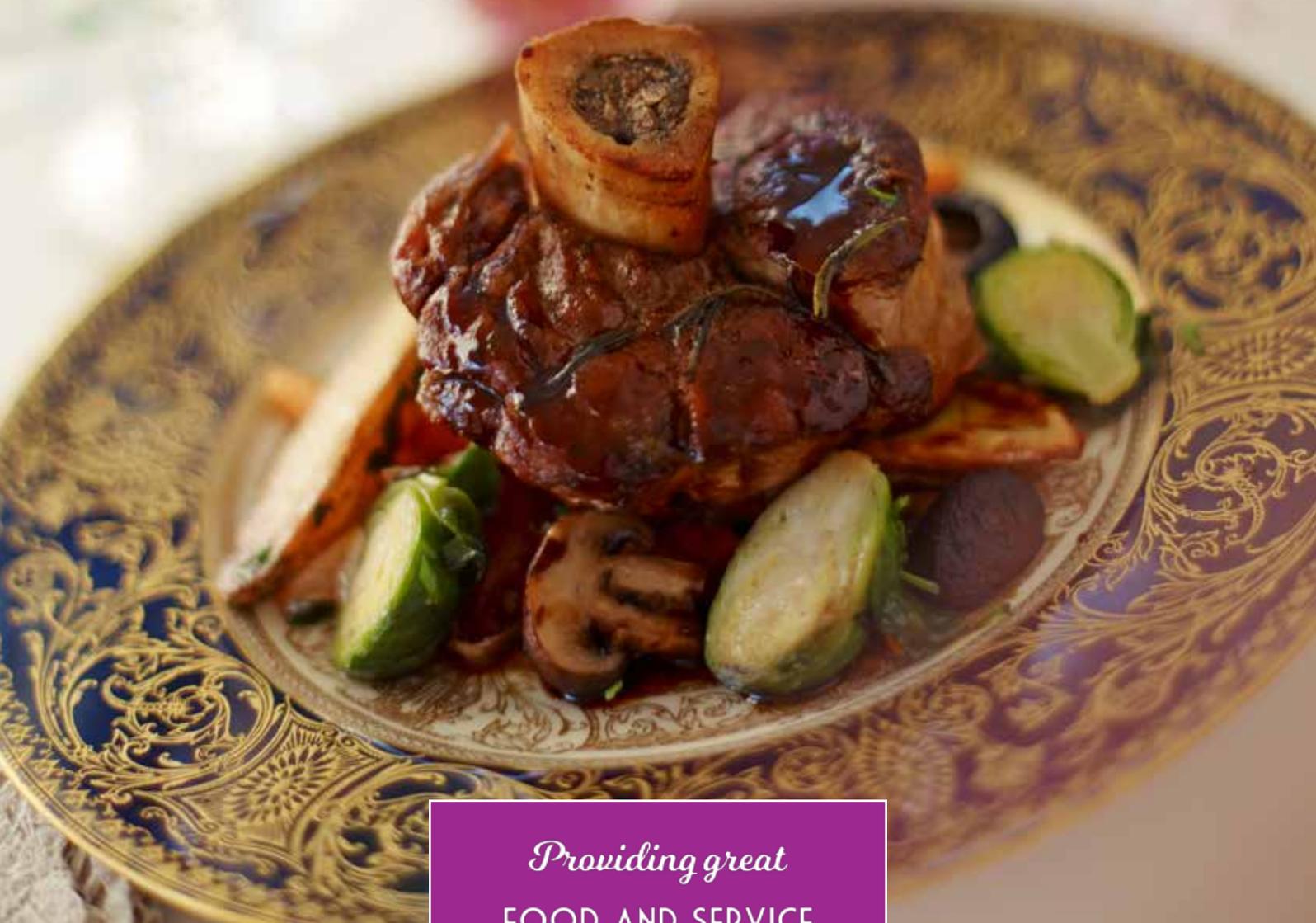
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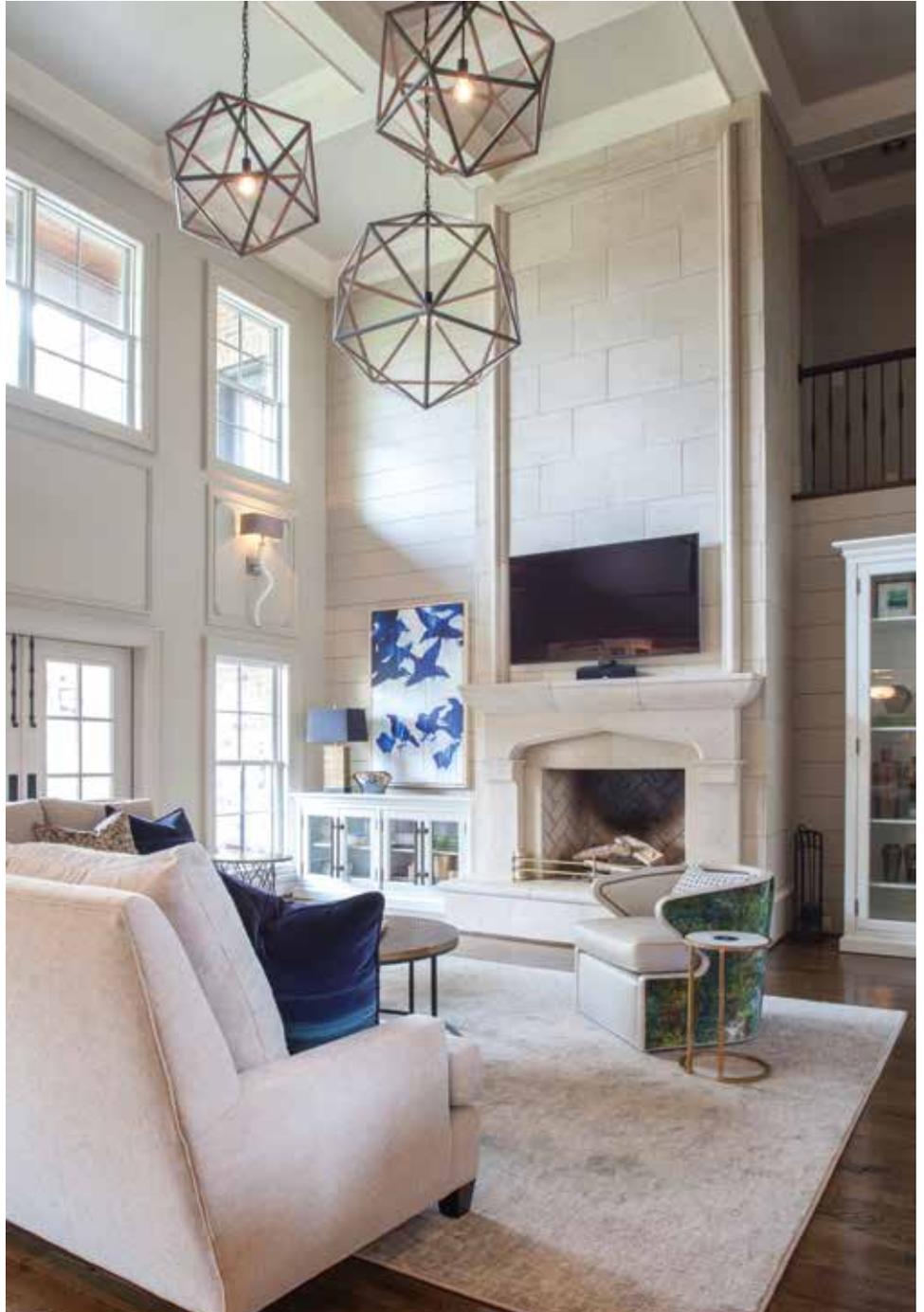
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*Great Rooms –
What to do with
those impressive
vaulted ceilings?*

Newly built homes today often have open floor plans with towering fireplaces and high ceilings. It is all about scale in spaces like this, which was our mantra when working on the main living area for our clients, Olga and John. They built their dream house and came to us for a unique and different design, as well as a grand plan for their grand place!

Though we installed their dining room first, we created a design plan for the entire downstairs and the master bedroom, so we knew it would all jive. The dining room has a moody dramatic look; with navy grass cloth and gorgeous lighting which complimented the navy runner we installed leading to the great room.





Going for major visual impact, Maggie chose to cluster three chandeliers in this space, welcoming you and filling the air with something unique and interesting. This large space also needed substantial pieces and large-scale art to create balance. Rather than build in pieces around



the fireplace, we chose two different sizes and added tall art to balance that wall. We really like the idea of a more tone-on-tone look for this grand space so the focus moves to the architectural elements (of course, we still had a little fun with fabric!). A swivel chair with a big pop of color on the back was strategically placed so that you could see it when you walk in the room – which turned out even more amazingly than we imagined!

We loved working with this couple to create a cohesive and dramatic look for their new home. Having a plan for everything ahead of time takes the stress away.◆

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6 CLASSIC CUSTOM CABINETRY MYTHS

*As a kitchen designer,
I meet with many
prospective clients
each week.*

Some homeowners are well heeled in construction terminology and the ups and downs of new construction or renovation. Others have never been involved in a home project that is as complicated as the design and execution of a custom kitchen or master bath. In my conversations, I often hear many “myths.” As a professional with over 30 years of experience, I feel that it’s my duty to help educate and inform prospective clients about everything they will encounter. Here are some of the most common misconceptions:

MYTH: A local cabinetmaker can produce my cabinetry in less time than a custom factory that is located out of town.

FACT: High-quality custom cabinetry takes time. The average lead time for quality custom cabinetry is likely a minimum of six weeks, but could take as long as 10-12 weeks depending on the complexity of the finish and construction materials.

MYTH: If I buy locally, it will cost less money.

FACT: The price of your custom cabinetry is consistent with the quality of materials, design and craftsmanship of the product. If the price is too low, ask questions so that you can make informed decisions that will leave you confident with your purchase. Remember, this is fine furniture for your home!

MYTH: There isn’t much difference between one painted finish and another.

FACT: Quality painted cabinetry should receive high-quality sealer, primer and catalyzed color coats to ensure beauty and lifetime durability. Extensive hand



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sanding is performed between each catalyzed color coat, ensuring a satin smooth surface. A lifetime warranty should be extended on the best finishes.

MYTH: Particleboard is bad.

FACT: Similar to wood selection, there are many levels of quality in manufacturing particleboard. Particleboard or engineered wood must be made with the right kind of wood fibers, compression, and manufacturing techniques in order to produce a high-quality material. Some of the high-end cabinet manufacturers actually extend a lifetime warranty for particleboard just like the plywood options that are available. Engineered wood is more



stable than plywood and is considered a superior product, if made correctly.

MYTH: I will save money if I install the cabinets myself or hire my own carpenter.

FACT: It's possible that you will save money but you will miss a great opportunity to have the experience of a trained cabinet installer. If you're going to pay someone, it's best to use the cabinet supplier's handpicked installer. This ensures the oversight and management of your designer and cabinet supplier, beginning to end. Your kitchen doesn't have to cost a fortune. An experienced cabinet installer can make or break your kitchen design, so why not let the professionals who designed and sold your product install it too?

MYTH: I will save money by acting as my own general contractor and decorator.

FACT: When you hire a general contractor or decorator,

you are hiring experience and a deep network of trade labor and products. As the homeowner, these relationships benefit you greatly. These professionals can organize the process and coordinate your project; construction and design are sequential processes that require careful planning. Everyone wants the best price and quality and since "time is money" as they say, your project will be run most efficiently and cost effectively. ♦

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THE BENEFITS OF CUSTOM



*Through the years,
I've found that people
have a difficult time
seeing tremendous value
in custom building.*

Or, they believe it's a luxury that's out of their reach and they decide they're better off working with what they have. However, consider this: custom building isn't about over-the-top embellishments; it's about creating a home that fits you.

Custom building is nothing more than the creation of a solid, streamlined design based on your family's specific needs. However, as simple as this concept is, the impact is weaved into every part of your day-to-day life. A custom design transforms your home, taking it from something to be managed and worked around, to a workhorse that does the heavy lifting for you, making your daily life easier.

As a mom, I know all about managing a busy household. I have scrounged for that missing shoe, packed the lunches, and been dismayed at the muddy boots and the wayward backpacks. I am intimately familiar with the daily rhythm of work, school, laundry, dinner, dishes and dog-walking. And I know how easily that rhythm can be thrown off with a home that doesn't quite meet your needs.

Being in the trenches myself has given me an intuitive understanding of how my clients need their homes to work for them. I know the right questions to ask. Have kids and need a zone to tackle and corral kid clutter? Let's add a hard-working command center off your kitchen. Constantly wading through toys? Let's create a nearby playroom that can transition to a homework station as your children enter school age.

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Custom building allows you to define and carve out the different spaces in your home. It allows you to maximize efficiency and improve your lifestyle. It's much more efficient to design and build exactly what you need, rather than retrofit spaces that end up working "just okay."

It's remiss to ignore that there's also an aesthetic element to a custom build. But that too is about meeting your individual needs. Rather than sitting in your living room wishing there was more sunlight, or that that ugly column in the middle of the room would just disappear, your home will be a space that you find beautiful and comforting everywhere you turn. In my book, that's what a custom builder's job is – making a home the functional, happy and welcoming respite it was always meant to be. ♦

Mary Ludemann is the founder of New Old Custom Home Builders and has been designing and building homes for over 12 years. To discuss your next dream build or renovation project, contact New Old at 704-975-5196. For more information, visit www.newold.com or email them at building@newold.com.

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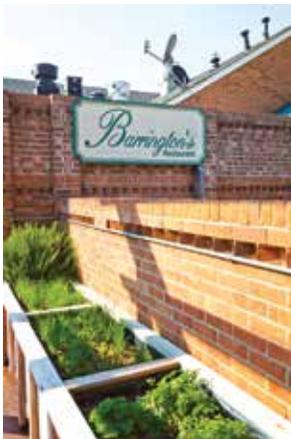
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CHARLOTTE IS HOME



*Everyone in
this city has
been a part
of my journey
to find a home
in Charlotte.*

It is kind of ironic, when I think about it, writing a column for Urban Home Magazine. I write that because when I moved to Charlotte 16 years ago, I was basically homeless.

Let me back up a bit; two months prior I was the executive chef in a small restaurant in Boston. I was beginning to gain recognition and had a promising career in that city. That all changed when I came to Charlotte to see my son, who was born here, and a close friend from college. During that quick visit, I already began to picture myself living here. It seemed easy here. Charlotte was so clean and affordable. On a whim, I stepped into a small restaurant to apply for a job. She didn't just offer a job; she offered to sell me the restaurant. Talk about a bombshell.

I went back to Boston with my head swimming. Could I actually do this? How would I be able to navigate starting a new business and a new life, at the same time? Ultimately, I decided to roll the dice. I headed south with very little money, no car and no place to live.

When I arrived on a hot summer day in 2000, I crashed on my friend's couch, purchased an old, beat-up Honda and searched for a place to live. Imagine the looks I got as the leasing agent read my application.

As I was working through the cumbersome restaurant permitting process, I realized I was going to need help. I needed to quickly make myself a part of this community. I reached out to the few people that I knew, who connected me to people they knew. They freely shared their local knowledge and gave me the confidence that this might actually work.

Three months later, I opened the doors to Barrington's. Panic time. I never thought a new restaurant could be that slow. I would go out to the courtyard and pace. Peggy, the manager and rudder of my business, would talk me off the edge. Gradually, the neighborhood found us. A few really good reviews in local newspapers helped, too. Every night, I walked out into the dining room to introduce myself to my customers and learn something about each of them. Everyone was so welcoming.

It is with this in mind that I am excited to contribute to this magazine. Everyone in this city has been a part of my journey to find a home in Charlotte. Now, I look forward to being a part of your home. ♦

Bruce Moffett is the owner and head chef of Barrington's Restaurant in Charlotte. He's been in the restaurant business for 35 years and has been cooking for even longer. Visit Barrington's at 7822 Fairview Road, or check out their menu online at www.barringtonsrestaurant.com. To make reservations at Barrington's, call 704-364-5755.





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In July 2016, the Black Southern Belle Collective will host an invite-only Charlotte Tastemaker Summit. The event will feature artisans, entrepreneurs, top chefs, artists, brand-makers, interior designers, event planners, independent businesses and industry-specific vendors in North Carolina. Included in the list of speakers is Ariene Bethea, owner of Dressing Rooms Interiors; Daniele McKim, owner of Tuft and Cheryl Lockett, owner of Dwell by Cheryl – just to name a few.



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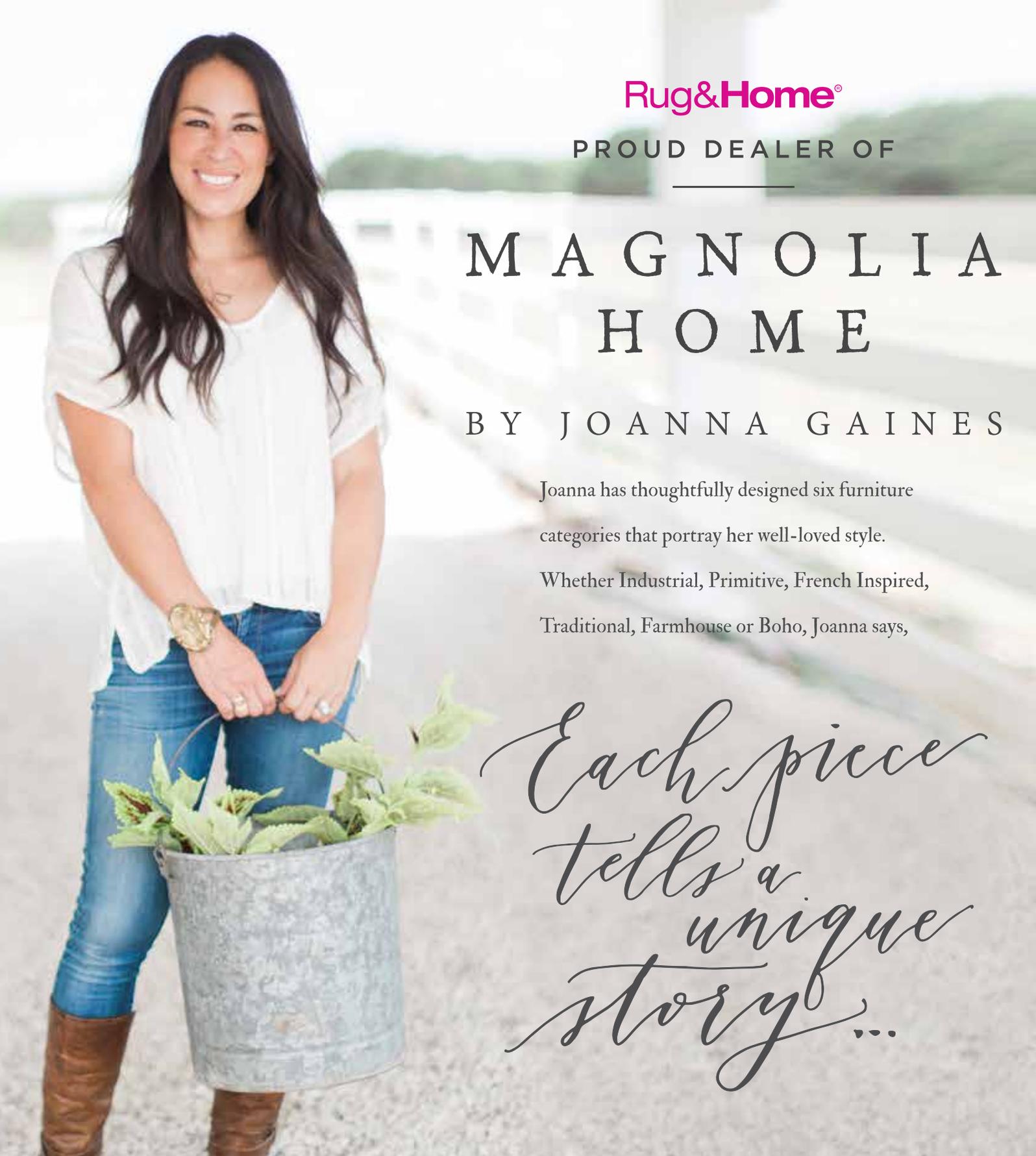
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New Line from Madcap Cottage for Robert Allen at Home

The new fabric line, Into The Garden, is a collaboration between Madcap Cottage and Robert Allen fabric and is inspired by the owners travels in American and abroad. Full of florals, geometrics offset with embroidered wovens, and hand painted lattices, the collection is now available at Front Door Fabrics.

Joanna Gains Rug Line at Rug and Home

Joanna Gaines, co-host with her husband Chip on the wildly popular HGTV show *Fixer Upper* and co-founder of Magnolia Home, has partnered with Loloi on her own line of rugs. The result is a closely edited and exclusive collection of rugs, pillows and throws; one that reflects Joanna's simple and fresh, yet timeless style. Check out the full line, now available locally at Charlotte's Rug & Home.



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a division of AV Homes, Inc., addresses buyers' wants head-on by merging current trends with the specialized conveniences and amenities her clients desire. "We aspire to create homes with functional space and a timeless ambiance to achieve our buyers' vision for their new homes," says Gardner. "Homebuyers

appreciate a well-thought-out space that essentially saves them time, but they don't want to and shouldn't have to settle for a less than appealing design aesthetic to get it. Our team is very considerate of that buyer promise and works diligently to combine form, function and luxury. For example, a kitchen layout that not only considers proximity of appliances for visual appeal, but also for how a homeowner will utilize them, is key to the development of the space."

The Alexander, a home plan in Bonterra Builders' new Mia Manor community located in the popular SouthPark area, successfully demonstrates this sought-after balance of luxury living and lifestyle. The home features an open floor plan with a gourmet kitchen and downstairs master bedroom with en suite, and four additional bedrooms and game and fitness rooms on the second floor. Its layout achieves accessibility with customization options that enable buyers to personalize their homes to suit their families' needs.

"Our Alexander home is a charming, thoughtfully planned home that continues to be a favorite among homebuyers," adds Gardner. "Located in desirable SouthPark, we knew this home had to offer numerous design details and showcase the craftsmanship and quality of our work to match the upscale destination the area has become," adds Gardner.

A unique feature of the Alexander plan is its covered porch with herringbone brick surface that flows into the backyard revealing a detached two-car garage with second-story loft for storage. The beautifully designed outdoor living space enables homebuyers to visualize Saturday evening gatherings with good wine and great friends or hosting porch parties for special holidays like Mother's Day or spring birthdays.



Gardner shares that she enjoys hearing from clients about how they will use the space in the homes she and her team design. "We are intentional with every design decision and detail we select for our clients' homes and communities. When they notice our level of commitment to their wants and needs, it's very rewarding." ♦

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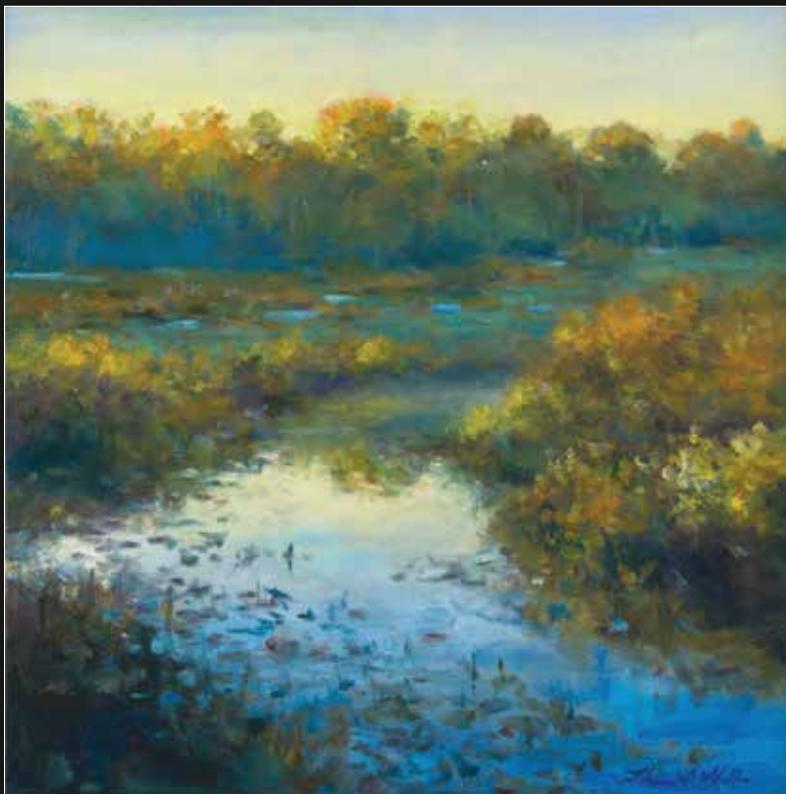
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RADIANT MIST, 2012, Oil on Canvas, 16 x 16 inches

Thomas McNickle

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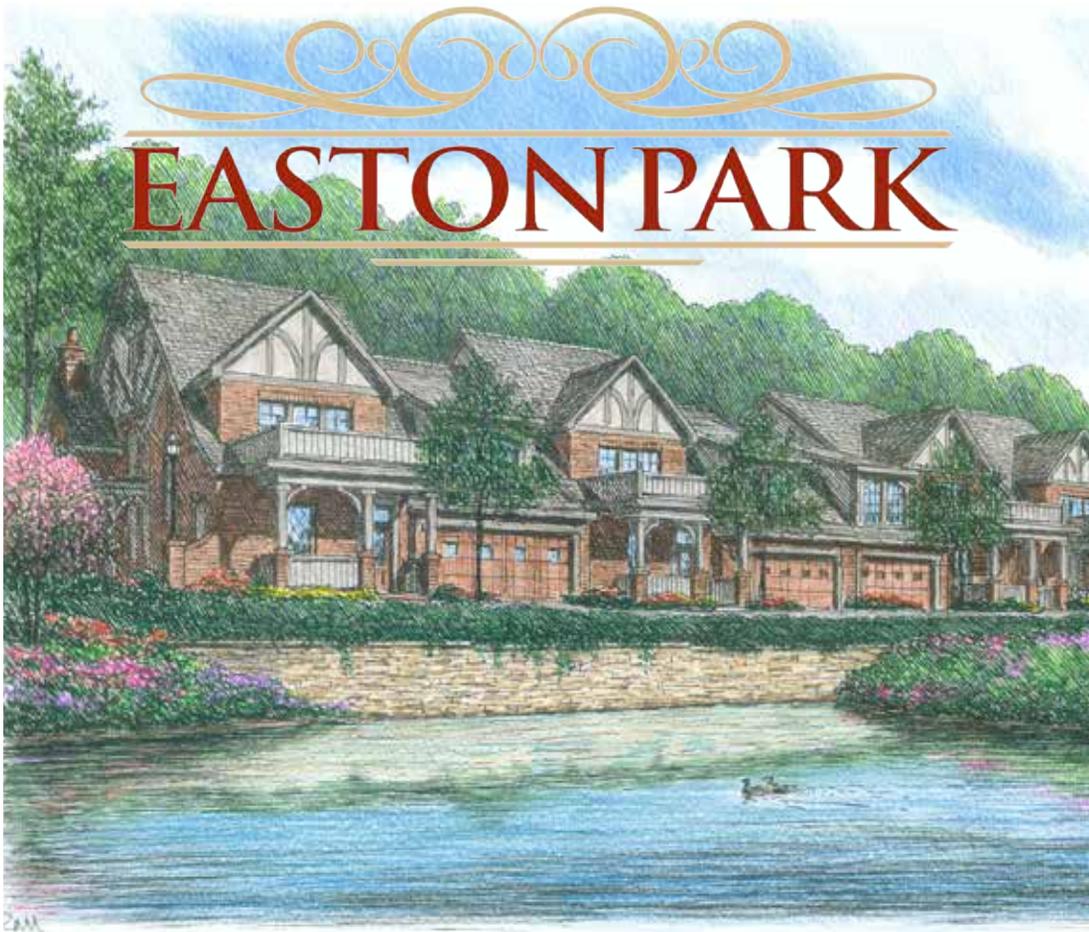
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Thomas McNickle presents a series of new landscape paintings and watercolors alongside previous work from his archives. This exhibition marks the first time McNickle will release art from his own personal archives, with selections including works with personal significance as well as some which have been in museum shows. With this pairing of old and new, viewers and admirers have the opportunity to enjoy observing the subtle technical progressions McNickle has made in his career.

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The Storied South: Voices of Writers and Artists Levine Museum of the New South

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Author, scholar and renowned folklorist William Ferris has been working to document and preserve Southern culture for nearly fifty years. In 2013, the results of his work were published in the highly acclaimed book, *The Storied South: Voices of Writers and Artists*, which compiled decades' worth of personal one-on-one interviews with the South's greatest luminaries. The Museum is excited to host the related exhibit that was created and debuted with the book's release at the Center for the Study of the America South at UNC Chapel Hill in 2013. This traveling exhibit features 45 of Ferris' striking photographic portraits from the book.

Made In the South; A Group Exhibition

Hidell Brooks Gallery

June 15 -August 27

www.hidellbrooks.com

This group summer exhibition at Hidell Brooks Gallery focuses on contemporary Southern painters. The showcase will highlight 24 of the south's most celebrated artists, including John Folsom, Charles Edward Walker and Kiki Slaughter to name a few.

The piece below by Kiki Slaughter is called "Chick Flick 2016". Slaughter grew up in Charlottesville, VA and studied painting at the University of Virginia. She pours, scrapes, layers and otherwise manipulates paint on the canvas to create works that are rich in both color and texture.



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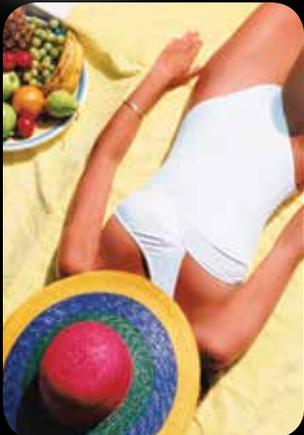


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