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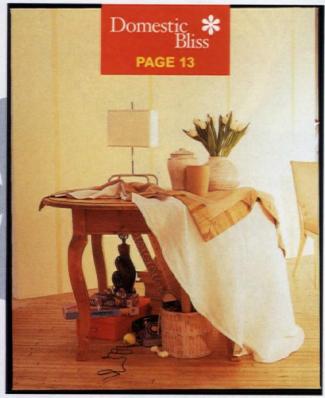
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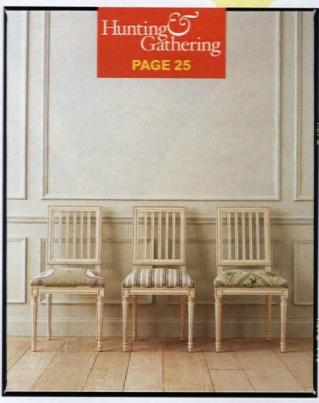
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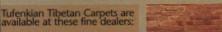
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### WELCOME

# Kid Stuff

O YOU DON'T LIKE kids, or what?"

This is one of my neighbors down the street, questioning me in his usual endearingly direct style; he's noticed that I'm planting trees to make a screen between my house and the one next door. Or more specifically, between me and the bright blue plastic sliding board slashing across the horizon. Why is it that the only place my neighbors could find for it turned out to be smack in my line of vision as I sit in the living room? Not a big deal in the larger scheme of things. And anyway, the trees are a good way to break up what had, under previous owners, been a

family compound and is now becoming the dominion of two unrelated households. My neighbors are fine people, with an adorable baby, who has cute cousins to boot; they simply wanted to keep the play area within view of their kitchen. My island of trees is an easy response that with time, luck, sun, and rain will grow into an attractive one as well. How vexing, though, that a division of styles has been cast as an issue of political correctness: To be against children's debris (and debris it is) is to be against children.

I visit a designer who is finishing the renovation of a house in Los Angeles that hangs off the side of a canyon. Built in the fifties, it is a glass box closed off to the street, and nearly hidden from neighbors on either side. All the glass opens onto a view that soars across the canyon, which this spring is unusually lush from El Niño's rains. Off to the east is the Getty Center, magnificent, gleaming, but far enough away not to encroach on the expansiveness of the view.

What mars this landscape is something far more banal: a garish tangle of plastic playstuff directly across the canyon. The household responsible for this stuff can't see it, since it is placed several terraces below their windows. But every single window across the way has a superb view of a fuchsia blemish on the horizon. My eye kept returning to the scene in horrified fascination. I wondered why the grownups responsible had not considered how that sprawl of plastic would look to everyone else. Certainly not adorable.

House & Garden recently ran news

of legislation being passed in a North Carolina town to prohibit the use of shabby indoor furniture outdoors. In the same issue, we ran a picture of a beautiful porch filled with overstuffed sofas and armchairs-virtually an outdoor living room. That photo had inspired me some weeks earlier to move a wing chair in desperate need of recovering onto my porch. I swaddled the thing in an old silk sari bought years ago at a consignment shop because the print was beautiful. And I felt quite satisfied with the accomplishment. But when I read about the rancor over exactly this sort of thing in some communities, I began to wonder.

It's a tricky thing, the legislation of taste and housekeeping. In Houston, there's no zoning, so in many neighborhoods you get apartment complexes next to single-family homes. In Dallas, you can be fined if you don't mow your lawn often enough. If a rich person, or a person with good taste in chintz, puts a sofa on a porch, it's considered chic. In some

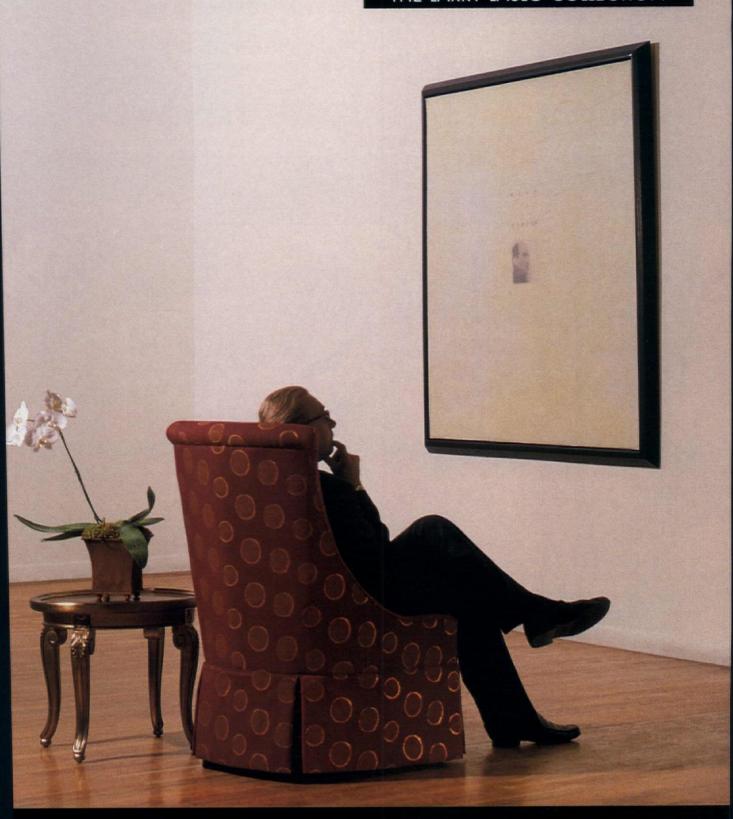
> neighborhoods, high-priced shabby itself is chic. The plastic blight on the horizon, as a matter of fact, was undoubtedly expensive, and no one is talking about legislating that stuff out of existence (except in those communities from which children themselves are banned).

I don't think laws are the answer here. But how about this for a radical solution: thoughtfulness. From both sides now.



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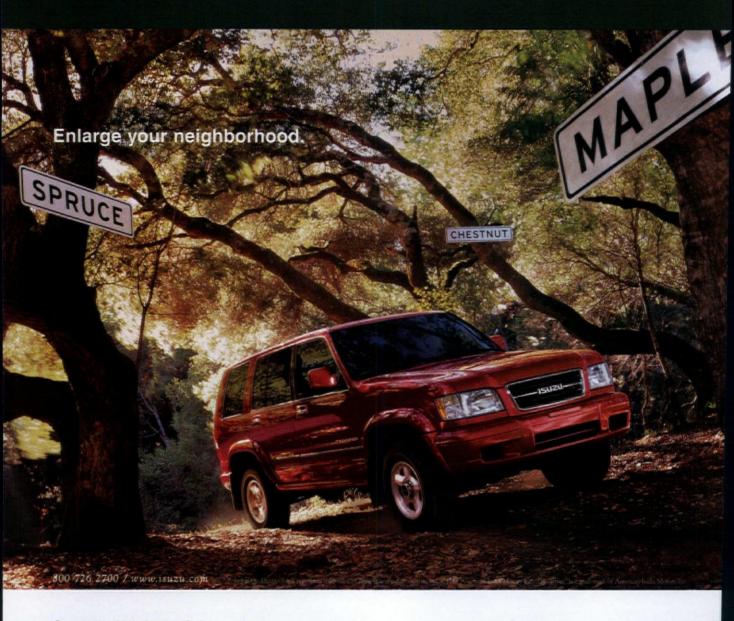
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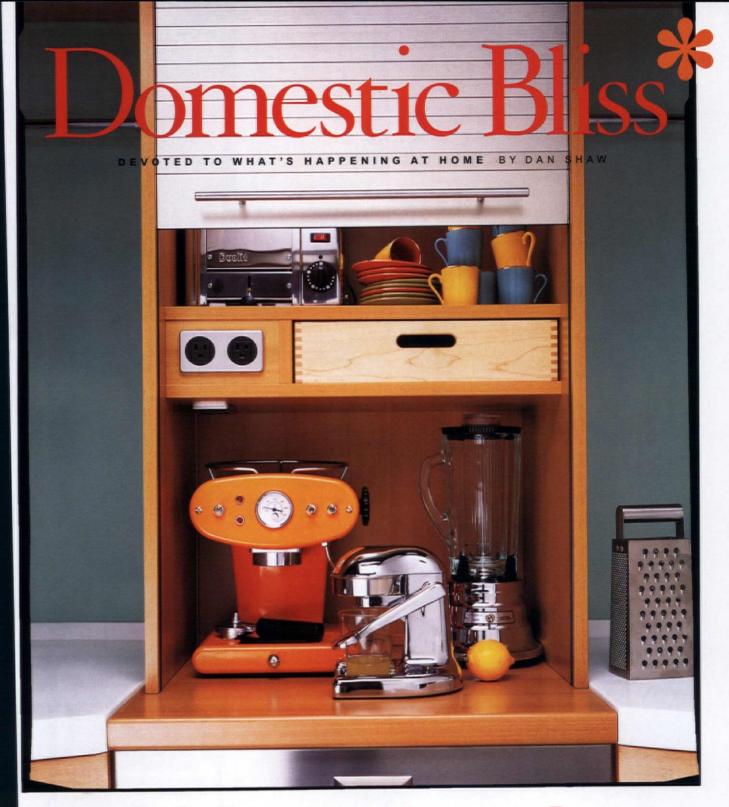
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# hide and seek

Where are the toaster, the television, the computer? In more than a few households, they're kept **incognito**, so this month we shed light on some **secret spaces**. We also visit doctors who care about **decor**, solve the mystery of those missing fabric samples, and hit the garden-tour circuit with **The 20-Minute Gardener**.

# Domestic Bliss\*





Just because you own great stuff doesn't mean you want to see it

his being the age of irony, it's fitting that we continue to invent ever more ingenious ways to disguise our status appliances. From TVs and computers to cappuccino makers and stoves, Americans are obsessed with conspicuous concealment. "The better you can hide something, the more impressed people are," says Rebecca Ellsley, an interior designer at Beverly Ellsley Design in Westport, Connecticut, a firm that specializes in cabinetry.

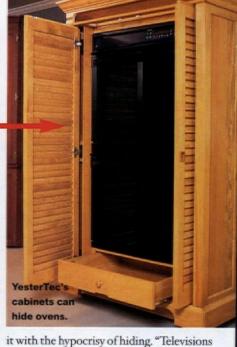




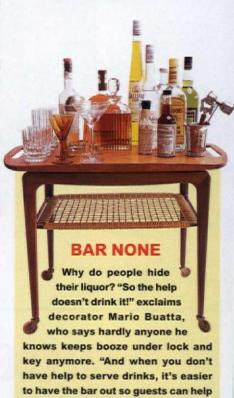
So even as companies such as Viking and Jenn-Air make ranges in dazzling, look-atme jewel tones, there are firms like Pennsylvania's YesterTec producing armoires and pie safes that camouflage cooktops and ovens. "Our furniture makes it easier to integrate the kitchen with the rest of the

house," says YesterTec's president, David W. Beer. "It's become commonplace to hide refrigerators. Stoves could be next."

Why not? We already stash our designer toasters in appliance garages, and build elaborate contraptions for hiding our stereos and TVs. "People like to be neat," says Jennifer Ellenberg, a New York designer, who has covered up everything from paperback books to TVs for clients. But another New York designer, Renny B. Saltzman, has had



it with the hypocrisy of hiding. "Televisions are a necessity, a way of life," he says. Over the years, Saltzman has hidden more than a few TVs on hydraulic lifts in cabinets at the foot of beds. But such charades can be troublesome. "The clients call, hysterical, saying the lift is broken and they can't get the TV down!" he says with mock exasperation. "You don't have to hide everything."



themselves." Even decorators who

routinely hide things like TVs think it's fine to display alcohol. "I think

liquor can be part of the decor," says

interior designer Penny Drue Baird.

"It's most appropriate in rooms like libraries, where people drink."

#### VANISHING ACT



into the fold "Women often have a side that's secret," teases the catalogue from Cassina, the Italian furniture company, which introduced Philippe Starck's Miss C.O.C.O. folding chair this spring at the Milan Furniture Fair. With its lacquered aluminum frame and thermoplastic seat (available in an array of easy-on-the-eye colors), Miss C.O.C.O. is underliably sexy, but it's her dual personality that's truly alluring.

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## functional furniture

Many furniture companies have taken a clue from Sherlock Holmes (who hid his cigars in a coal scuttle and his tobacco in the toe of a Persian slipper) and

are producing furniture that requires a bit of detective work to discover all its virtues. At the High Point International Home

Furnishings Market, Henredon introduced

a chaise, which is upholstered in tufted leather; it has an inconspicuous drawer designed for storing a few cigars (or, for nonsmokers, a remote control). In its new Moderne Collection, Bexley Heath, the up-andcoming Michigan manufacturer, offered a handsome sofa whose wooden arms

Pop-up Trans



LOUNGE CHAIR

encompass pullout drink coasters. Under the Eddie Bauer label. Lane has designed a coffee table with a springboard top that turns it into a steady (and ever-ready) TV tray. Poliform, the Italian firm that makes to-die-for closet systems, has devised a night table,

that appears to be built into the

POLIFORM'S TITANIA NIGHT TABLE

headboard of its Titania bed. But the table rolls out and transforms itself into a pop-up bed tray for eating or working in bed, and there's little mystery about the appeal of that. THE BUSINESS OF BLISS

## the art of containment

he Container Store's merchandise isn't meant for biding things but for finding them. "If your pantry is a disaster, you may go to the grocery store to buy something you already have," says Garrett Boone, who founded the company in Dallas twenty years ago. "Being organized is a way of saving time and gaining some semblance of control over your life." Boone and his cofounder, Kip Tindell, have turned

their initial \$35,000 investment into a nineteen-store chain, with sales of \$150 million last year. By selling everything from spice racks, laundry bags, pencil cups, and gift boxes to Metro Commercial Shelving and luggage carts in one location, the pair created a new retail category-the stor-

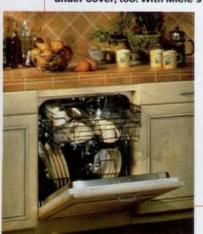


Translucent Totes from the Container Store.

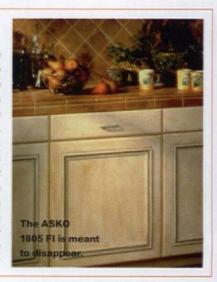
age superstore. "Before us, you might have gone to the hardware store, the office supply store, and the closet shop at a department store to buy all these things," says Boone. Tindell's wife, Sharon, the chief buyer, knows that they'll never lack for customers. "Being organized is a state of mind," she says. "It's a constant work in progress."

## honey, who hid the dishwasher?

Suddenly, your dishwasher isn't just supposed to be under the counter, it's got to be under cover, too. With Miele's new "fully integrated" dishwasher, you have to open the



machine to find the control panels located inside the top of the door. ASKO, a Swedish company, swears its very quiet, "disappearing" dishwasher is "as hard to see as it is to hear." The biggest news down under comes. appropriately enough, from New Zealand: Fisher & Paykel's DishDrawer-two stacking pullout drawers that resemble Sub-Zero's innovative undercounter refrigerator drawers-hits stores this fall. "They're really neat," says Mick De Giulio, a top Chicago kitchen designer. "For years we've been saying that people should have multiple dishwashers and store their dishes in them instead of in cabinets. With these new ones that disappear, this concept is finally practical."







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colour my world

If you summer on the Mediterranean,
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putting together an elegant alfresco dinner party is a breeze. Recreating that ambience in

America is a stylistic challenge—but help is on the way. Britain's Colour Blue catalogue (\$10; call 44-171-820-7700), a favorite sourcebook for inthe-know editors, has begun shipping merchandise to

the United States. Filled with terra-cotta pottery, hand-forged dining tables, Greek church tapers, and galvanized-tin trays, Colour Blue offers all you need

for an effortlessly chic season by the sea, even if you're on the wrong side of the pond.

—LYGEIA GRACE

### DESIGN SPEAK

## take a memo

"Memos or memo samples are a very important tool in the interiordesign trade," says Michael Sorrentino, Cowtan & Tour's president, referring to the industry term for fabric swatches. "Showrooms loan

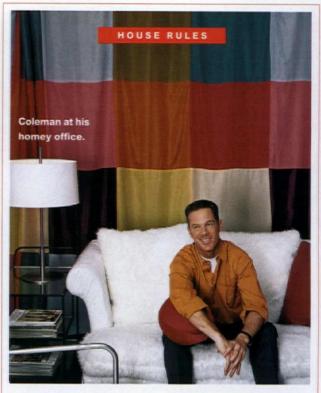
memos to designers. Then designers use them for client presentations."

Mark Bitter, managing director of Scalamandré, defines a memo as a loaned fabric sample. "The meaning has been totally lost," he says, "because designers rarely remember to return them." Adds Sorrentino: "Memo samples are like phosphorus: they disappear when they're exposed to the air!"

To make memos less appealing to designers who see them as permanent loans, most show-rooms scar their larger memos with grommets. Still, more than one interior designer has turned a memo into a pillow, above, with a telltale grommet hole.

—LESLIE BRENNER





### NAME Christopher Coleman PRIMARY RESIDENCE

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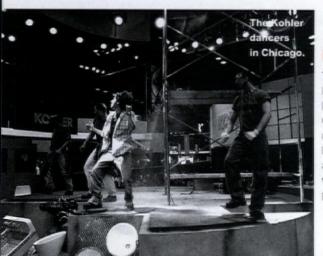
### SECOND HOME BECAUSE

I have space. Sometimes I feel like I live in a shoebox, and it's nice to come to my office and have a place to work, to lounge, and to meet with people

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### **BANG THE TUB SLOWLY**

The Kohler company is on the cultural cutting edge. While breathless leggy blondes are still the norm for trade show infotainment, the plumbing power-house's "industrial tap" extravaganza at the Kitchen/Bath Industry Show in Chicago in April was a thoroughly modern revue. The *Tap Dogs*-like performance was hip and hypnotic: five muscled guys in work shirts kept the beat by banging giant wrenches against the scaffolding and heavy metal grates and dancing around a display of Kohler's newest sinks. "The performance was like our product," says Tom Casper, Kohler's manager of audiovisual photo services. "It was unique and had Kohler style."





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## just what the doctor ordered

cabinets notwithstanding, doctors' offices rarely provide decorating inspiration. But the New York waiting rooms of Dr. Bradford Katchen, a dermatologist, and Dr. Martin Beitler, an internist, are both paeans to the art of interior design. "I wanted a Zen environment, since part of what we do is aesthetically oriented," says Dr. Katchen, whose office is in SoHo. "I wanted the room to reflect that sensibility." Designer Lanie Strahler created a tranquil, elegant setting ing for the perfect couch. -LEAH SINGER

he craze for old medical-supply by using soothing natural materials like Rocky Mountain quartzite, silk, and copper. Dr. Beitler's office, with a large window overlooking the Hudson River, soothes in another style. It's an homage to Finnish modernist Alvar Aalto, with an Aalto table and four of his webbed side chairs that allow patients to spread out and work if they want to. Alas, the room is ailing: the Aalto sofa is too small for the space. And the cure is elusive: Dr. Beitler's still search-



### settle in metal

hey're sort of an Andy Warhol thing," says designer Claudia McNulty about her metal Adirondack chair (\$2,800), a twist on an American standard that's almost as ubiquitous as the Campbell's soup can. She and Lisa O'Leary, her partner at Resurrection Furniture in Hudson, New York (518-828-3444; www. albany.net/~smiles/resurr.htm), are minting the old-fashioned loungers from gleaming aluminum. The chairs' pop art sensibility gained them admittance to the Whitney Museum's gift shop, where they've been for sale since April.

But left outside on a sunny day, don't they get hot? "We thought we'd have to sell them with a can of PAM spray," jokes McNulty, who's happy to report that the chairs not only keep their cool but are "surprisingly comfortable." -JULIE GRAY

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> in the oven. The design allows for the long, slow simmering of rich, flavorful ragouts and makes a dramatic serving piece that doubles as a sculptural objet d'art. -GOLI MALEKI



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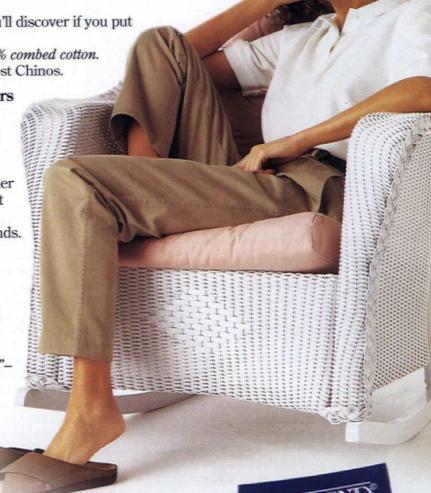
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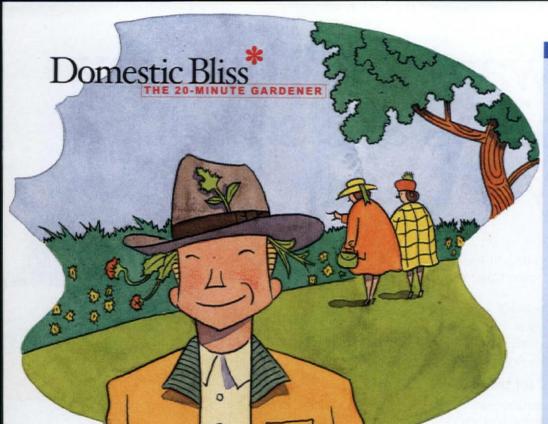
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There's fear and loathing on the garden tour bus

or astronauts, space travel may prove whether or not they've got the right stuff, but for gardeners, the ultimate test comes in a chartered bus.

From time to time, all of us feel the travel and the state of the s

From time to time, all of us feel the urge to see what other gardeners are up to. So we call the horticultural society, and we sign up for a garden tour. Such ventures are advertised as holidays. In fact, though, they are crucibles which will test whether you have the will and the nerve to triumph.

Marty would rather not know, and he stays home. But Tom has come to relish the ruthless, mean-spirited competition that hides beneath a garden tour's white-gloved civility. Indeed, he has triumphed in so many of these encounters over the years that he feels qualified to coach first-timers.

Lesson #1: Don't be fooled by fellow pilgrims who profess friendship. The whole point of a garden tour is one-upmanship. For example, those in adjoining seats will ask what you grow only so that they can expound on their rarer and more beautiful flowers. In this situation, your best tactic is to announce that you believe in natural gardening. Everyone, you insist, should grow only "pre-contact" plants—those that were native to the site before Columbus landed in the Bahamas. Describe all of your seatmate's prizes as "invasive exotics."

Lesson #2: Don't be intimidated by other tourists' use of Latin plant names. Remember that many of these names are not real Latin. They are counterfeits, manufactured by tacking an archaic ending onto an exotic place name or the name of a nineteenth-century botanist. With a few minutes of practice, you can learn to generate botanical nomenclature with the best of them: Rhododendron hobokenensis, Obnoxium knowitallii. You get the idea.

Lesson #3: Don't be surprised when, after several hours of travel, you arrive at a garden only to be told that you should have come the previous week or next month. It's a law of nature that a garden is never at the peak of bloom when visitors arrive. Once, the owner of an herb garden in east Texas actually did tell Tom that he had arrived at the ideal season. Or it would have been ideal, the owner quickly added, if a tornado hadn't obliterated the garden several years previously.

Lesson #4: The late great horticulturist T. H. Everett taught Tom that you must always wear a large felt hat when visiting gardens. A Stetson is stylish, but what's more important, it provides the perfect hiding place for the cuttings you steal (never admit that you got permission—that would spoil your outlaw image). Take your cuttings out during the bus ride home. Fellow travelers will loudly disparage you. That's proof that you have won.

-TOM CHRISTOPHER AND MARTY ASHER

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THERE IS A NATURAL GRACE about a Swedish home that is reflected in its fine lines, muted tones, and sparsely furnished rooms. Furniture painted in nature's hues is complemented by crisp fabrics of checks and stripes. Now these and other characteristics of classic Swedish style are being reintroduced by several fabric and furniture firms. In the dining room,

NATURAL LIGHT White with Wreath sheer curtains, Rococo desk in Swedish pine, and Torup chair, all from Country Swedish. Upholstery on chair is Eugenia in oyster, from Waverly. 800-423-5881. On desk: Regina candlestick, \$110 to \$350, and

Fanfare candlestick, \$60 to \$80, Galleri Orrefors/Kosta Boda. 800-529-4557; La Rochere glass, \$22, Barneys New York. 212-826-8900. Carina Seth Andersson's Helt Enkelt glass, \$148, through Svenskt Tenn, Stockholm, Sweden. 28-468-670-1600.



a painted pine gateleg table is set with uncomplicated porcelain dishes and pewter flatware. A window is dressed in a delicate white swathe to maximize light, a cherished element. Floorboards are scrubbed (or whitewashed), and a chandelier gives off true candlelight, both signature details of the Swedish home. "It's simple, refined, elegant," says Tricia Guild, of

NIGHTCAP Pine valance, Swedish Blonde. Canopy in Schumacher's Embellishments, Charlotte, NC. 704-334-8124. Krontorp stool, Ovedskloster Rose, lined in Cowtan & Tout's Ashbury. Rose bed, Swedish Blonde. Capellini pillowcase, \$100, Delphino boudoir pillow, \$80, Piacere sheet, \$240, and duvet cover, \$600,

Nordic Style, covered in Cowtan & Tout's Chelton Vine. Diane table, Julia Ltd. On table: Vase, \$36, Simon Pearce, and candlestick, \$110, Barneys New York; decanter, \$125, Galleri Orrefors/Kosta Boda.



Designers Guild, who finds Swedish style the perfect backdrop against which to mix classic and modern styles. An airy palette of blue and gray sets off 18th-century turned-leg chairs, gilded mirrors, and beds with carved headboards. How Swede it is. —HOPE MEYERS

PARED DOWN Sylvia crystal chandelier, Country Swedish. Wooden gilt mirrors, \$450 each, through Nordic Style, London. Diane chairs, Julia Ltd., Montclair, NJ. Seat fabrics, from left: Miromesnil, Anastasia Moiré, and Lorraine by Pierre Frey, NYC. Grinden painted pine gateleg table, Country Swedish. On table from left: crystal Squeeze vase, \$55, and Fanfare candlestick,

from Galleri Orrefors/Kosta Boda. Porcelain Staccato salad plate, \$7.50, made in Japan, at Crate & Barrel. 800-996-9960. Primo wineglasses, \$35 each, and Vintage pitcher, \$110, through Galleri Orrefors/Kosta Boda. Match pewter flatware, \$145 a place setting, made in Italy, from Barneys New York. Taipei linen napkins, \$15 each, Area Inc., NYC. 212-924-7084.



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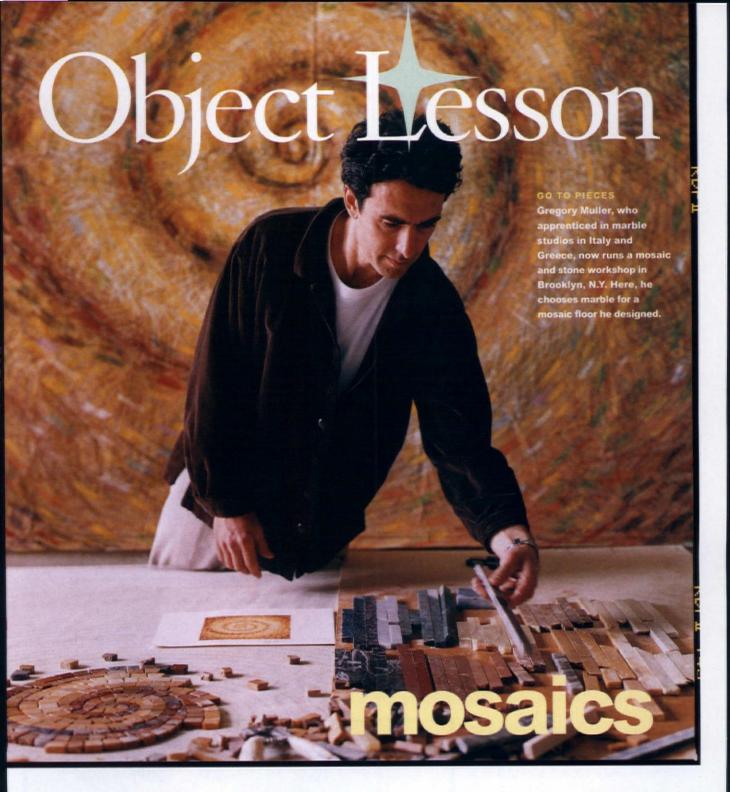
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It's hard to herald a trend when it was popular in **300** B.C. Yet mosaic, the art of **decorating** a surface with designs of densely **arranged** pieces of marble or glass, is as popular with the **moderns** as it was with the ancients. From classicists to minimalists, Kips Bay to Milan, this meticulous craft is turning up on walls, **floors**, and furniture. Now that's what they call a **gorgeous** mosaic.

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### Object Lesson



#### FIT FOR A CAESAR

It was a time of prosperity, when the homes of the wealthy were embellished with intricate mosaics, painstakingly assembled by artisans out of thousands of fragments of Mediterranean marble.

Ancient Antioch, circa the third century A.D.? Try Dallas or New York, circa last week.

Perhaps not since the Roman empire have so many homeowners looked at tile patterns and decided that what their foyer needed was a custom-made mosaic with abstract motifs of flowers and scrolls. "Before, it was marble, marble, marble, but now mosaics are back in vogue," says Nasser Nakib, a Manhattan architect whose luxury clientele frequently asks for them. "They

THE DEEP BLUE SEA Architect Frederic Schwartz commissioned a shower mural with a favorite motif: a yellow submarine. Stephen Spretnjak made this aquarium using hand-cut stained-glass tiles.

give a nice, warm feeling to a room."

And did the Romans have such a selection? Today, tesserae, the tiny pieces that make up a mosaic (the name comes from the Latin word for "cube"), are available in almost infinite variety. From Turkey, there is red marble the color of bordeaux, from Pakistan, translucent green onyx. In Italy, glass mosaic tiles are handblown and filled with 24-karat gold leaf. And whereas ancient mosaics took hundreds of years to get a weathered look, today's



#### "I LOVE MOSAICS, IN A LARGER BATHROOM,

# extraordinary rug on the floor"

BUNNY WILLIAMS
INTERIOR DECORATOR, NYC

tiles can be tumbled—a technique that suggests age—or polished, so they have a sheen fit for a Caesar.

Mosaics have always combined artistry with practicality, forming a surface so durable that many early examples are intact after thousands of years. "I have one in my garden that I use as a table," says Helen Costantino Fioratti, who deals in antique Roman and Byzantine mosaics in her New York store, L'Antiquaire & the Connoisseur. "It used to be a floor."

The earliest-known mosaics were

potamia, where walls of important buildings were reinforced with pieces of fired, colored earthenware arranged in decorative geometric patterns. The Greeks developed the pebble mosaic, made

from uncut pebbles, and tessera, in which stones were cut into triangular, square, and other regular shapes and then fit densely into a pattern.

But it was the Romans who invented many of the techniques used to this day. Considered some of the finest works of all antiquity, Roman mosaics have a sense of perspective and light and shadow that is achieved by using a range of stones, with subtle variations in color.

#### HANDMADE

Despite technological innovations such as computer-generated color selection, mosaic work is still done by hand. The current revival is largely credited to the appearance in this country of artisans trained in this antique craft. "It's part of the whole handmade trend in tile," says Berna Feuerstein of Studium V, a New York design showroom. "And the quality is really as nice as the European work."

At the Kips Bay Decorator Show House this past spring in Manhattan, no fewer than four rooms featured mosaic work, including a bathroom where Eve Robinson had spelled out "His" and "Hers" on the floor by two sinks, using stone tiles from Waterworks. In her clients' homes, New York decorator Bunny Williams uses mosaics as "an extraordinary rug." Across the Atlantic, swashbuckling French designer Philippe Starck sets his industrial washbasins in rooms swirling with psychedelic patterns in Venetian glass from Bisazza.

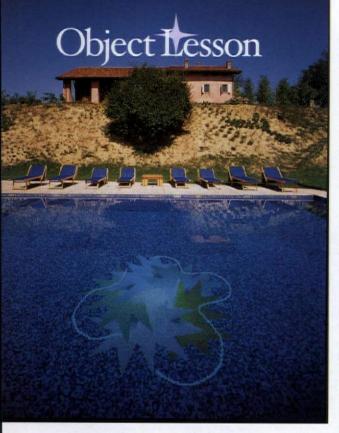
Although mosaics were once used mainly to decorate period bathrooms, Williams now finds they work well in modern settings. "They give a sense of antiquity and take the sterile feeling off of an antiseptic bathroom," she says.

Just fifteen years ago, glass mosaic tiles were used primarily for outdoor commercial applications such as covering skyscrapers, says Piero Bisazza, whose

FOOTWORK Stephen Spretnjak created

FOOTWORK Stephen Spretnjak created a mosaic carpet, above, with Venetian glass tile from Nemo Tile, NYC. His client, Phyllis Miriam, wanted bathroom mosaics inspired by the colors of Pierre Bonnard's paintings of his wife in the bath. A painterly touch: the carpet appears to spill over the step leading into the shower. Below: Decorator Bunny Williams collaborated with architects David Netto and Nasser Nakib on this Roman-inspired marble mosaic floor, fabricated through Studium V.





STARRING ROLE Milan architect
Alessandro Mendini created the design
for a swimming-pool mosaic, above,
and the Bisazza company used a computer to map the colors and numbers
of glass tiles needed to create it.
Architect Sarah Calkins used Brazilian
glass tile from Hastings Tile, NYC, for
the ocean-inspired kitchen floor, below.
Jim Burnard, of Colorco Ltd., Merrimack,
N.H., did the mosaic work.



family founded the Bisazza tile firm in Vicenza, Italy, in 1956. But in the last few years, designers and architects like Ettore Sotsass, Michael Graves, and Alessandro Mendini have begun to use glass mosaic as a decorative element in interiors. Mosaic swimming-pool bottoms now make up 25 percent of Bisazza's business.

#### FASHIONABLE FLOORS

Not long ago, Stephen Spretnjak, a New York artist and tile worker, was begging clients to let him try a mosaic instead of the standard 4" by 4" ceramic tiles in their kitchens and bathrooms. Now, people in search of mosaics come to him, especially when they find out he did the floor at Balthazar, the stylish SoHo bistro.

When they can get a reservation, the Manolo Blahnik-shod crowd steps lively across a Greek-key-patterned expanse of minute marble tesserae so perfectly antiqued it looks as if it had been unearthed during an excavation at Pompeii. "The tile arrived polished, so I washed it with acid," Spretnjak says.

While much new mosaic work draws on classical designs, anything is possible. Film and theater producer Phyllis Miriam hired Spretnjak to tile four bathrooms in her New York penthouse with mosaics inspired by Pierre Bonnard's colorful paintings of his wife in the bath. The job required sixty colors of Venetian glass tile.

Architect Frederic Schwartz ordered a mural for his bathroom featuring a favorite motif, a yellow submarine. Spretnjak designed a mosaic of an aquarium, using cut stained glass to create the submarine, a red squid, and a black bottom-dwelling shark. For water bubbles, he glued in mirrors from dental tools.

Others take a more minimalist approach. "I use mosaic when I want to richly texture a plane," says New York architect David Ling, who likes to cover a large surface with just one kind of tile, his favorite being cobalt blue glass from Brazil, which is available from Hastings Tile. "Really, you don't need anything else."

#### KITCHENS AND POOLS

Designers are using mosaics for fireplace surrounds, kitchen backsplashes,

#### CHISELED FEATURES

At the Gregory Muller Associates workshop in Williamsburg, Brooklyn, Gregory Muller, who owns the firm with his brother Harrison, paints watercolor sketches that he and his employees use to create marble mosaics.



After Muller designed this image of an anthropomorphic sun, he handed his watercolor sketch to two of his employees, Mark Polyakov and his son Dimitry, natives of Georgia (the former Soviet republic), to translate it into a mosaic tabletop. The elder Polyakov drew a template of the design on craft paper and outlined the sun and background grid on a granite surface. He then chose his palette from Muller's huge supply of marble, onyx, and limestone quarried all over the world. With Dimitry, he clipped each stone chip by hand into just the right shape and



glued it onto the granite with a thinset mortar. Finally, the mortar was cleaned off, the mosaic was grouted with the desired color, polished, and then sealed. "Each mosaic is interpretive from the sketch," Muller says, "and every artist does it differently."



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#### A MOSAIC GLOSSARY

FINISHES The appearance of marble mosaic tile depends on its finish. A polished finish brings out the color of the stone and makes it shine. Tumbled and honed finishes both give an aged look; tumbled stone has slightly rougher edges. A split face finish leaves the stones' surface irregular, not smoothed. MARBLE MOSAIC Includes marble and such stones as limestone, granite, and onyx. Pieces are machinecut in straight lines and then hand-clipped in custom shapes. Of these materials, granite is the most durable and limestone the most fragile, since it is porous and can stain. Protect them all with a sealant like Miracle Sealants' Porous Plus. PEBBLE MOSAIC Pebbles in varying colors have long been used to create patterned surfaces for courtyards and gardens. They are durable but hard on bare feet.

Ravenna basilica mosaics were made with smalti—colored glass tile that is handmade and highly prized. Smalti is still made by firms like Bisazza, including one style in gold leaf. Less expensive machine-made glass mosaic tile has a more uniform quality than smalti.

TESSERA A small piece of marble, glass, or ceramic tile used in mosaic work. There are three design styles (if your tile supplier isn't familiar with these classic terms, use the following descriptions to explain what you want). In opus tesselatum, best for backgrounds or geometric patterns, tiles are laid in straight rows on a grid. Opus vermiculatum-the most difficult method-involves hand-clipping tesserae and fitting them along curving lines that follow the shape of images. In opus sectile, large, shaped pieces of marble and stone are combined with tesserae.

and pool copings. And there was a man from Southhampton, England, who wanted an 800-square-foot mosaic inspired by the floor of the Reform Club in London's Westminster for his conservatory. When he asked if it was possible to fabricate a mosaic on that scale, Studium V's owner David Meitus assured him that it was—for \$108,000.

Clearly, price is a consideration in making mosaics. The materials, whether marble or glass, are expensive to begin with, and they are just a fraction of the cost. The main expense is labor: it takes hours to hand clip bits of tile and fit them into a pattern.

"I love mosaics, but I don't overuse them," Bunny Williams says. "They're not inexpensive."

However, mosaics don't have to cost the equivalent of a down payment on a small villa. Meitus often recommends what he calls a "mosaic punch," in which mosaics are mixed with less costly stone tiles or a slab of limestone, slate, or marble. A sixty-inch mosaic

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medallion, for instance, could be surrounded with stone and would cost about \$2,500, compared to \$10,000 to cover an entire floor in mosaic tile. Another possibility for both walls and floors is to use mosaics more sparingly, as a border.

#### MOSAIC BASICS

Any mosaic is a long-term investment, so keep the following in mind:

If you do combine mosaics with a natural stone, try to get chips of the stone to use as tesserae in the mosaic. This will link these two elements together visually, even if several other colors are used in the design.

Don't use mosaic tile for countertops, because the grout can absorb materials such as mouthwash or toothpaste. Since water won't harm them, mosaics are frequently used in shower stalls. Be sure to lay a mosaic floor on a hard surface such as concrete or cement, not wood, which expands and contracts and may crack tile work. If properly installed, most mosaics

and their grout should last centuries.

If you want an antique look, study ancient mosaics in books and museums and observe small details. Were the chips broken or cut? What color was the grout? Ask your tile store to show you samples of tesserae before you

start. "It goes a long way toward making it look more real," Nakib says.

Done right, mosaics should last forever. And while they are especially trendy today, this is one vogue that, after four thousand years, has never really gone out of style.

#### ANCIENT CRAFT, MODERN SOURCES

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#### HOME ECONOMICS



### Vitreous Fruits

As Orrefors celebrates its centennial, Lena Bergström and her colleagues are keeping it in the forefront of glass design

BY LYGEIA GRACE

ORCERY exists. At least that's what glass artist Lena Bergström believes. How else to explain the transformation of elements as simple as sand and soda into the sensuous material that is glass? "It's magic," she declares. "People respond to it because it's a magic material." Glass has power

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over you because "you use it near you: you eat from it, drink from it, and see through it," says Bergström. "It's like fresh air and good health." She should know. For the last four years, the former textile designer has been conjuring objects with an improbably soft appearance out of this most mysterious of substances for Orrefors, the venerable Swedish glass company.

It is only fitting to find a believer in magic at a company

that names its processes after Shakespearean sprites and figures from Viking mythology. But Bergström's sense of innovation-as evidenced by her adventurous shapes and her unusual cut-crystal pieces that are now in development-is also well suited to Orrefors's long tradition of experimentation.

The company, which celebrates its jubilee this year, was not always known

for its artistry. In the beginning, Orrefors produced only



Simon Gate 1917



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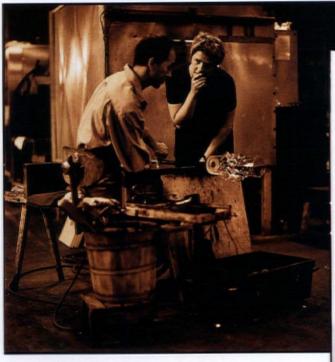


RAVENNA Sven Palmqvist

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glassware for medical and household uses. It was not until its second decade, with the arrivals of Simon Gate in 1916 and Edward Hald in 1917, that the firm established itself as a major force in artistic glass. Gate's refinement of the overlay-or casing-technique and Hald's unorthodox take on traditional glass etching made Orrefors an internationally recognized firm and its pieces sought after by collectors.

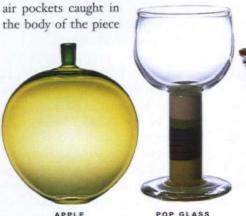
Gate's and Hald's innovations were the first in a long line of Orrefors specialties that have helped make Swedish glass into layers of colored glass and then covered with a final layer of clear glass. The

some of the most beautiful in the world. In the thirties, Edvin Öhrstöm and Vicke Lindstrand developed the Ariel technique, in which a design is sandblasted VASES AND PHASES From far left: Glass artist Lena Bergström surrounded by her work, and in the hot shop with a master blower making new cut-glass pieces; a vase by Bergström from 1995.

give the patterns a sculptural quality. The forties saw the development of additional methods-among them Ravenna, by Sven Palmquist. Named after the mosaics of Ravenna, Italy, the technique calls for filling sandblasted patterns with pigment before a final layer of clear glass is applied. The process produces a graphic effect that resembles floating fields of color. These techniques and the many that followed are still used by Orrefors designers.

> In spite of its formidable history, the company is very much grounded

in the present. In addition to Bergström, Orrefors has a stable of seven other designers-Lars Hellsten, Jan Johansson, Helén Krantz, Erika Lagerbielke, Anne Nilsson, Martti Rytkönen, and Per B Sundberg. Each is involved in the creation of original pieces of art glass and designs for mass production including the Orrefors Gallery 100, a limited-edition collection of twenty-five objects celebrating the company's centennial. Ranging from Nilsson's luminous hand-cut plates to Sundberg's colorful rhythmic vases, many of the pieces are destined to become classics. For the present, however, the eclectic styles of the designers are already bringing the company a new generation of admirers.



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# Gentlemen of the Club

Why should garden clubs be a female preserve?

BY TOM CHRISTOPHER

AM THE "BAD MALE MEMBER" of the Middletown, Connecticut, Garden Club. A woman told me this at another garden club's monthly meeting; she had assumed that I was Rob, the good male member. In fact, I don't participate as I should (Rob is currently serving as treasurer, and doing an outstanding job). Still, I'm proud of my membership in this local affiliate of the GCA, the Garden Club of America. By joining the GCA, I enrolled in one of this country's oldest, most progressive, and most misunderstood organizations.

Would the delegates from twelve local garden clubs who founded the GCA back in 1913 have described themselves as environmentalists? Probably not, for then as now, the routine of club

activities centered on monthly meetings and lectures, flower shows, and civic beautification. Yet within three years, the GCA founders had formed a Wildflower Preservation Committee, and they first went to Washington to stop the proliferation of billboards in 1919. "One year," Carol Stoddard, the National Conservation Committee representative for Zone 2 (Connecticut and Rhode Island), observed to me, "before we got the right to vote."

Carol didn't intend to make me feel like an outsider. This hardworking conservation rep was just making a point. The GCA is too often dismissed by the current generation of women as a social relic. In fact, it addresses up-to-date issues, such as the quality of your drinking water. Member clubs are

protecting watersheds by distributing brochures about chemical-free lawn maintenance to the public, and nationally, GCA is educating members about the data on public water supplies that the federal government is scheduled to put on-line.

Joining the Garden Club of America is not a genteel way to fill time. In the Partners for Plants program, for example, GCA volunteers spend six to eight weeks working with government-approved botanists (who have been funded by the GCA) to study and inventory plant populations on federal lands so that these public assets can be more intelligently managed. Over the last five years, these down-to-earth volunteers have completed forty such projects, ranging from the restoration

of a prairie in Minnesota to a detailed investigation of how grazing deer are opening a New Jersey forest to invasion by alien weeds.

ost significant, though, is this fact: Legislators in Washington take calls from GCA members. Or so Joe Lieberman, Connecticut's influential junior senator, assures me. He describes his meetings with GCA members as among his favorite visits from constituents.

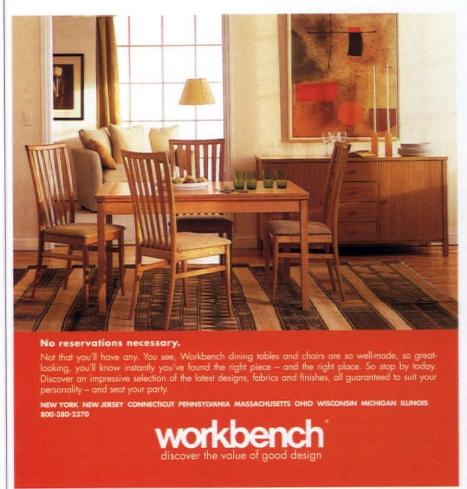
"They [GCA members] have been literally grass-roots educators on issues like the Endangered Species Act and the transportation programs that affect clean air and clean water. GCA members . . . are hands-on when it comes to our environment and the legacy of environmental stewardship we want to leave to our kids," Lieberman says.

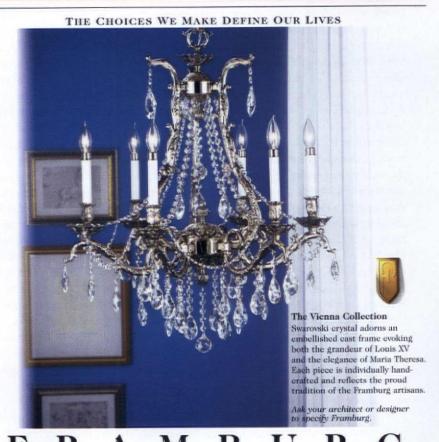
In fact, the GCA commands respect from decision-makers that is disproportionate to its size. Though wide-ranging—the GCA binds together 193 clubs in 40 states including the District of Columbia—the GCA's membership numbers only some 16,500. The secret of the organization's potency seems to lie in its unique approach to the issues. As Chris Willemsen, the current president, is quick to point out, the GCA does not have a paid lobbyist.

Instead, the GCA educates members both about the issues and about how to make themselves heard. Then it helps provide connections. In large part, this is accomplished during a two-day annual meeting in Washington. For thirty years, members from all over the country have assembled in midwinter for a day of briefing from government leaders up to the cabinet-secretary level, followed by a day of meeting with the members' congressmen and senators. GCA officers and the club's professional governmental consultant coach participants on how to handle these encounters and what to expect.

What GCA members do not do at the annual meetings or elsewhere is promote a party line. Though the GCA has published position papers on a handful of issues, such as waste management, it does not insist that members agree. On the contrary, it enourages diversity of opinion.

Carol Stoddard cites as an example





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of this the trip to southeastern Arizona that a western representative on the national Conservation Committee organized for her fellow members. Stoddard went with the conviction that grazing cattle were destroyers of public lands. However, after several days of intensive meetings with ranchers and conservationists, and tours of the range, she understood that responsible ranching can actually increase biodiversity. She is now a supporter of

members who also served on the city's forestry, historic preservation, and conservation committees. Eventually, \$1.1 million was secured from the state of Connecticut to purchase the 103.5-acre property. The city has since allocated \$3.8 million to restore the turn-of-the-century mansion for use as a banquet and conference center and as office space. Coming at a time when Middletown is seeking to upgrade its image, this project promises not only beautification but also a new direction in the city's economic development.

The question remains: will women

# While still a minority, male garden-club members have become more common over the last decade

changes to public policy that would make ecosystem preservation more possible within a private management framework.

Often though, the most effective connecting takes place not at national conferences and on trips but during local club meetings. Members are the volunteering type, and they tend to be active not only in garden-club work but also in other aspects of community life. This means that when something needs to get done, garden-club members know whom to call and how to pull the strings.

For example, in my own city, Middletown, garden-club members were among the first to recognize the historic significance of a local estate threatened by developers' bulldozers. A tip from a member of the Fairfield Garden Club, a historian of Connecticut gardens, alerted Middletown members to the fact that this Long Hill estate had been designed by Olmsted Brothers, whose founder, Frederick Law Olmsted, along with Calvert Vaux, designed New York City's Central Park. A computer search turned up correspondence at the Library of Congress, and a trip to the Olmsted archive in Brookline, Massachusetts, vielded plans.

A variety of local preservationists pushed forward with the estate's rescue, but a central role continued to be played by a network of garden-club coming of age today find this highly effective but backstage volunteer work attractive? Perhaps these women will take a cue from male counterparts. While still a minority, male garden-club members have become much more visible over the last decade. The Garden Club of St. Louis, for instance, boasts sixteen. These include Peter H. Raven, world-renowned botanist and director of the Missouri Botanical Garden, as well as Brien Meilleur, executive director of the city's Center for Plant Conservation.

LUB PRESIDENT Mary Ott spoke with excitement of the program that Raven presented to the club last February and of the ways Meilleur has involved club members in his center's network of 28 gardens and in its unparalleled program for the propagation and reintroduction of some 549 rare native plants. The female members of the club, who come from a tradition of volunteerism, continue to be the mainstay of the committees. The male members, president Ott observes, "don't do the little tasks. They don't participate in every way. Yet they have a unique contribution to make."

Surely, young professional women have a unique contribution of their own. And if there is a place in the GCA for a bad male, there must be a place for some good women, too.

#### **NATURAL VIGILANCE**

Among several environmental projects

sponsored by the Garden Club of Amer-

ica (GCA), Partners for Plants surveys plant populations on federal lands, with a view to protecting them. The following list details the projects for 1998.

CALIFORNIA: FORT ORD GCA volunteers join other community volunteers to survey populations of rare plants, including the Monterey cranesbill, Monterey spineflower, and sand gilia. The results will be added to a database locating rare plants and animals.

colorado: MT. Goliath GCA volunteers are assisting the Denver Botanic Gardens in an inventory of rare and endangered alpine plants.

COLORADO: PIKE NATIONAL FOREST
Working with volunteers from the Nature
Conservancy, the Colorado Natural
Heritage Program, and the U.S. Forest
Service, GCA volunteers have surveyed
for Botrychium lineare, moonwort, an
endangered plant around the world.
Volunteers number and tag plants and

identify locales.

FLORIDA: LAKE WALES RIDGE Working under the direction of the Archbold Biological Station, GCA volunteers look for rare plants in the Carter Creek Preserve. The data will guide management decisions for this portion of the ridge, which may be designated a National Wildlife Refuge.

MONTANA: FLATHEAD NATIONAL
FOREST Considered one of Montana's
unique plants, the water howellia
(Howellia aquatilis) lives in shallow
ponds on only a few sites in the Northwest. Volunteers have built fences
to protect this plant from cattle. The
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TENNESSEE: GREAT SMOKY MOUN-

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WISCONSIN: LEOPOLD WETLAND

MANAGEMENT DISTRICT In 1997,
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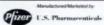


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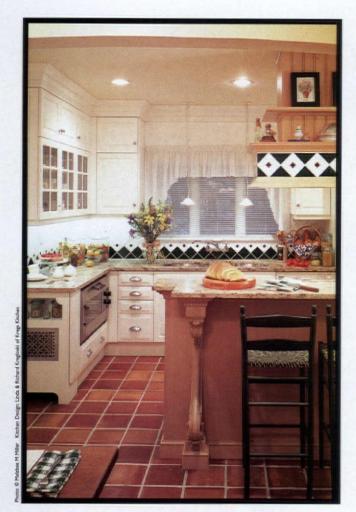
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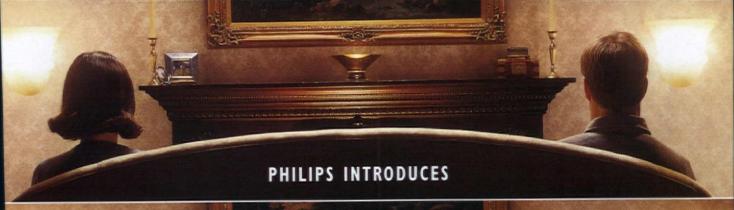
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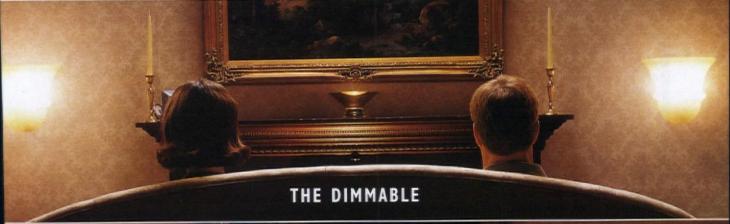
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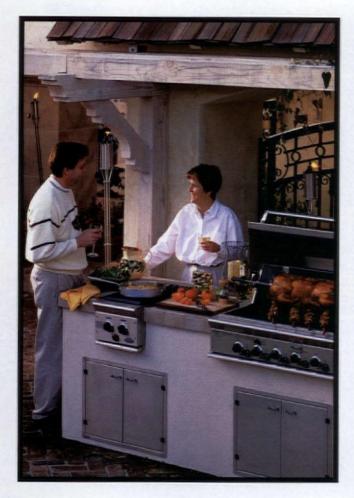
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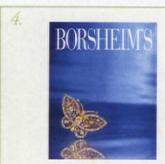
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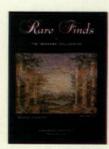
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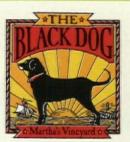
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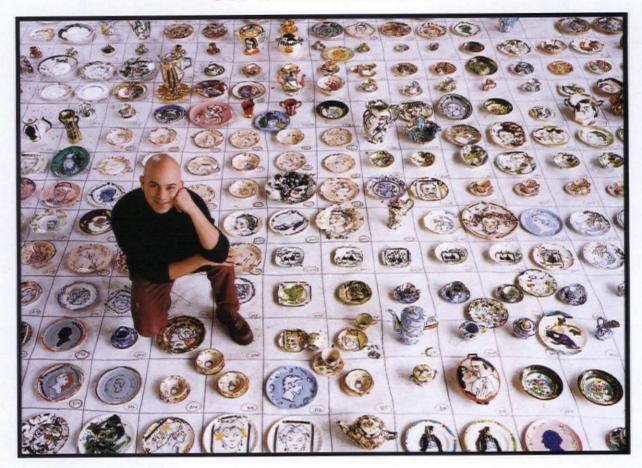
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# Not Your Everyday China

Izhar Patkin repainted 365 pieces of mismatched flea-market crockery and turned them into tabletop drama

BY SUZANNE SLESIN

HEY ARE THE cups and saucers, teapots, pitchers, plates, and tureens of everyday life. But Izhar Patkin, a forty-three-year-old Israeli-born painter and sculptor, has given them a new meaning. In his New York studio last winter, Patkin spent more than two months reglazing 365 pieces—one for each day of the year—of mismatched china that he had collected at flea markets.

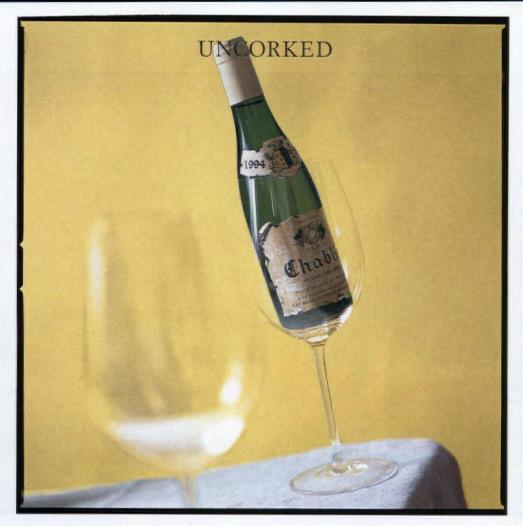
Patkin, who is represented by the Holly Solomon Gallery in New York, did the pieces on special commission from Malo. Every year the Italian cashmere company presents a home-related exhibit (Bohemian glass was its subject last year), displaying the work in the Malo

showrooms and shops. Entitled *Mistresses* and *Wives*, *Husbands and Other Lives*, the collection of china is featured in a book of the same title, published by Rizzoli. Malo will auction off the china in November to benefit HELP, a children's charity.

Patkin's endeavor was both ambitious and time-consuming. Because of the complex colored glazes, some of the pieces required more than two firings. "It was like creating 365 drawings," explains the artist, who works in a narrative, sometimes loosely figurative

ARTIST OF A YEAR Izhar Patkin poses with the cups, saucers, plates, pitchers, and bowls that he hopes will inspire the storyteller in everyone who sets a table.

style. "There are women, men, guys, dolls, boys, girls, high-heeled shoes, perfume bottles, jewelry," says Patkin of his colorful images. He wants to encourage people to make up their own plays or operas as they set their tables. "Traditionally, china represents the good home and family values," Patkin adds. "The set of china that was passed down from one generation to another represents, to a certain degree, the values of the culture. We have new kinds of families now. The mismatched, chipped pieces are more representative of that. I'm showing that things are not like they used to be." How optimistic is this message? Patkin shrugs. "It is what it is, and that's just fine."



### Half Notes

Great wines in small bottles advance both experimentation and moderation

BY JAY MCINERNEY

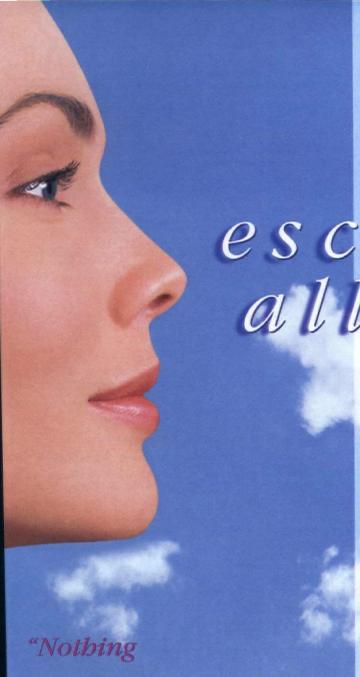
RAGICALLY, MY WIFE doesn't drink wine, except when she is confronted with a glass of Château d'Yquem. Even when she doesn't see the label, she has the good taste to love the king of Sauternes. Recently, at a friend's birthday party, she innocently asked the waiter for another glass of the delicious dessert wine. Since the bottle was empty, the waiter obligingly fetched another-it happened to be a 1953 Yquem-and opened it. The host gallantly bit his tongue-to the bleeding point, no doubt-the bottle probably costing far more than his wife's new Marc Jacobs beaded dress. Though Sauternes was often drunk with every course in the

nineteenth century, I can't afford to stock my larder with Yquem, and I can't seem to interest Helen in splitting a bottle of mere burgundy or bordeaux over dinner, no matter how often I explain to her that moderate drinkers have longer life expectancies, lower heart-attack rates, and a far lower incidence of rectal tightness. Hence my interest in half bottles.

I don't usually advocate half measures, believing that anything worth doing is worth doing all the way, and then some. However, I'm getting older, and drinking a bottle of wine every night is, as a general practice, more than my doctor advises. Some of my fondest wine memories involve half bottles: a Keatsian 1953 Margaux served by Julian

Barnes with a lunch of sautéed wild mushrooms at his home in Highgate; a Soundgardenish 1994 Araujo Eisele Vineyard cabernet sauvignon consumed solo with lamb chops at the Wappo Bar Bistro in Calistoga, just a few miles from where the wine was made. Though I took no notes, I can still summon up the sensation of drinking these two wines, thanks in part to the clarity of mind I associate with half bottles.

Generally speaking, a bottle of wine yields about six glasses, a half bottle about three (unless you're pouring too high, as most waiters seem to do, in which case you miss out on the nose). Three glasses is just about the right dose for a moderate evening's dinner. Hence,



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CONTRAINDICATIONS: CLARITIN is contraindicated in patients who are hypersensitive to this medication or to any of its ingredients.

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Drug Interactions: Loratadine (10 mg once daily) has been coadministered with therapeutic doses of erythromycin, cimetidine, and ketoconazole in controlled clinical pharmacology studies in adult volunteers. Although increased plasma concentrations (AUC 0-24 hrs) ogy studies in adult volunteers. Although increased plasma concentrations (AUC 0-24 hrs) of loratadine and/or descarboethoxyloratadine were observed following coadministration of loratadine with each of these drugs in normal volunteers (n = 24 in each study), there were no clinically relevant changes in the safety profile of loratadine, as assessed by electrocardiographic parameters, clinical laboratory tests, vital signs, and adverse events. There were no significant effects on QT<sub>c</sub> intervals, and no reports of sedation or syncope. No effects on plasma concentrations of cimetidine or ketoconazole were observed. Plasma concentrations (AUC 0-24 hrs) of erythromycin decreased 15% with coadministration of loratadine relative to that observed with erythromycin alone. The clinical relevance of this difference is unknown. These above findings are summarized in the following table

Effects on Plasma Concentrations (AUC 0-24 hrs) of Loratadine and Descarboethoxyloratadine After 10 Days of Coadministration (Loratadine 10 mg) in Normal Volunteers

	Loratadine	Descarboethoxyloratadine
Erythromycin (500 mg Q8h)	+ 40%	+46%
Cimetidine (300 mg QID)	+103%	+ 6%
Ketoconazole (200 mg Q12h)	+307%	+73%

There does not appear to be an increase in adverse events in subjects who received oral

contraceptives and loratadine.

Carcinogenesis, Mutagenesis, and Impairment of Fertility: In an 18-month carcinogenicity study in mice and a 2-year study in rats, loratedine was administered in the diet at doses up to 40 mg/kg (mice) and 25 mg/kg (rats). In the carcinogenicity studies, pharmacodoes up to 40 mg/kg (mice) and 25 mg/kg (rats). In the carcinogenicity studies, pharmaco-kinetic assessments were carried out to determine animal exposure to the drug. AUC data demonstrated that the exposure of mice given 40 mg/kg of loratadine was 3.6 (loratadine) and 18 (descarboethoxyloratadine) times higher than in humans given the maximum recom-mended daily oral dose. Exposure of rats given 25 mg/kg of loratadine was 28 (loratadine) and 67 (descarboethoxyloratadine) times higher than in humans given the maximum recom-mended daily oral dose. Male mice given 40 mg/kg had a significantly higher incidence of hepatocellular tumors (combined adenomas and carcinomas) than concurrent controls. In

hepatocellular tumors (combined adenomas and carcinomas) than concurrent controls. In rats, a significantly higher incidence of hepatocellular tumors (combined adenomas and carcinomas) was observed in males given 10 mg/kg and males and females given 25 mg/kg. The clinical significance of these findings during long-term use of CLARITIN is not known. In mutagenicity studies, there was no evidence of mutagenic potential in reverse (Ames) or forward point mutation (CHO-HGPRT) assays, or in the assay for DNA damage (rat primary hepatocyte unscheduled DNA assay) or in two assays for chromosomal aberrations (human peripheral blood lymphocyte clastogenesis assay and the mouse bone marrow erythrocyte micronucleus assay). In the mouse lymphoma assay, a positive finding occurred in the nonactivated but not the activated phase of the study.

Decreased fertility in male rats, shown by lower female conception rates, occurred at an oral dose of 54 mg/kg (approximately 50 times the maximum recommended human daily oral dose

dose of 64 mg/kg (approximately 50 times the maximum recommended human daily oral dose on a mg/m² basis) and was reversible with cessation of dosing. Loratadine had no effect on male or female fertility or reproduction in the rat at an oral dose of approximately 24 mg/kg (approximately 20 times the maximum recommended human daily oral dose on a mg/m² basis). Pregnancy Category B: There was no evidence of animal teratogenicity in studies performed in rats and rabbits at oral doses up to 96 mg/kg (approximately 75 times and 150 times, respectively, the maximum recommended human daily oral dose on a mg/m² basis). There are, however, no adequate and well-controlled studies in pregnant women. Because animal reproduction studies are not always predictive of human response. CLARTIN should

animal reproduction studies are not always predictive of human response, CLARITIN should be used during pregnancy only if clearly needed.

Nursing Mothers: Loratadine and its metabolite, descarboethoxyloratadine, pass easily into breast milk and achieve concentrations that are equivalent to plasma levels with an AUCmink/AUCplasma ratio of 1.17 and 0.85 for loratadine and descarboethoxyloratadine, respectively. Following a single oral dose of 40 mg, a small amount of loratadine and descarboethoxyloratadine was excreted into the breast milk (approximately 0.03% of 40 mg are 48 bytes). A design should be mode worther to dispatches.

descarboemoxyloratadine was excreted into the breast milk (approximately 0.03% of 40 mg over 48 hours). A decision should be made whether to discontinue nursing or to discontinue the drug, taking into account the importance of the drug to the mother. Caution should be exercised when CLARITIN is administered to a nursing woman.

Pediatric Use: The safety of CLARITIN Syrup at a daily dose of 10 mg has been demonstrated in 188 pediatric patients 6-12 years of age in placebo-controlled 2-week trials. The effectiveness of CLARITIN for the treatment of seasonal allergic rhinitis and chronic idiopathic urticaria in this pediatric age group is based on an extrapolation of the demonstrated efficacy of CLARITIN in adults in these conditions and the likelihood that the disease course, pathophysical pow, and the drug's effect are substantially simple to that of the adults. The recommended dose logy, and the drug's effect are substantially similar to that of the adults. The recommended dose for the pediatric population is based on cross-study comparison of the pharmacokinetics of CLARITIN in adults and pediatric subjects and on the safety profile of loratadine in both adults and pediatric patients at doses equal to or higher than the recommended doses. The safety and effectiveness of CLARITIN in pediatric patients under 6 years of age have not been established.

ADVERSE REACTIONS: CLARITIN Tablets: Approximately 90,000 patients, aged 12 and older, received CLARITIN Tablets 10 mg once daily in controlled and uncontrolled studies. Placebo-controlled clinical trials at the recommended dose of 10 mg once a day varied from 2 weeks to 6 months' duration. The rate of premature withdrawal from these

trials was approximately 2% in both the treated and placebo groups.

REPORTED ADVERSE EVENTS WITH AN INCIDENCE OF MORE THAN 2% IN PLACEBO-CONTROLLED ALLERGIC RHINITIS CLINICAL TRIALS IN PATIENTS 12 YEARS OF AGE AND OLDER

PERCENT OF PATIENTS REPORTING

	10 mg QD n = 1926	PLACEBO n = 2545	1 mg BID n = 536	60 mg BID n = 684
Headache	12	11	8	8
Somnolence	8	6	22	9
Fatique	4	3	10	2
Dry Mouth	3	2	4	3

Adverse events reported in placebo-controlled chronic idiopathic urticaria trials were simlar to those reported in allergic rhinitis studies.

Adverse event rates did not appear to differ significantly based on age, sex, or race,

although the number of nonwhite subjects was relatively small

CLARITIN REDITABS (loratadine rapidly-disintegrating tablets): Approximately 500 patients received CLARITIN REDITABS (loratadine rapidly-disintegrating tablets) in controlled clinical trials of 2 weeks' duration. In these studies, adverse events were similar in type and frequency to those seen with CLARITIN Tablets and placebo.

Administration of CLARITIN REDITABS (loratadine rapidly-disintegrating tablets) did not result in an increased reporting frequency of mouth or tongue irritation.

CLARITIN Syrup: Approximately 300 pediatric patients 6 to 12 years of age received 10 mg loratadine once daily in controlled clinical trials for a period of 8-15 days. Among 188 children were treated with 10 mg loratadine syrup once daily in placebo-controlled trials. Adverse events in these pediatric patients were observed to occur with type and frequency similar to those seen in the adult population. The rate of premature discontinuance due to adverse events among pediatric patients receiving loratadine 10 mg daily was less than 1%

ADVERSE EVENTS OCCURRING WITH A FREQUENCY OF ≥ 2% IN LORATADINE SYRUP-TREATED PATIENTS (6-12 YEARS OLD) IN PLACEBO-CONTROLLED TRIALS, AND MORE FREQUENTLY THAN IN THE PLACEBO GROUP

PERCENT OF PATIENTS REPORTING

	LORATADINE	PLACEBO	CHLORPHENIRAMINE
	10 mg QD n = 188	n = 262	2-4 mg BID/TID n = 170
Nervousness	4	2	2
Wheezing	4	2	5
Fatigue	3	2	5
Hyperkinesia	3	1	1
Abdominal Pain	2	0	0
Conjunctivitis	2	<1	1
Dysphonia	2	<1	0
Malaise Upper Respiratory	2	0	1
Tract Infection	2	<1	0

In addition to those adverse events reported above ( $\geq 2\%$ ), the following adverse events have been reported in at least one patient in CLARITIN clinical trials in adult and pediatric

Autonomic Nervous System: Altered lacrimation, altered salivation, flushing, hypoesthesia, impotence, increased sweating, thirst.

\*\*Body As A Whole:\*\* Angioneurotic edema, asthenia, back pain, blurred vision, chest pain,

earache, eye pain, fever, leg cramps, malaise, rigors, tinnitus, viral infection, weight gain.

Cardiovascular System: Hypertension, hypotension, palpitations, supraventricular tachy-

Cardovascular System: Hypertension, hypotension, palpitations, supraventricular tachy-arrhythmias, syncope, tachycardia.

Central and Peripheral Nervous System: Blepharospasm, dizziness, dysphonia, hyper-tonia, migraine, paresthesia, tremor, vertigo.

Gastrointestinal System: Altered taste, anorexia, constipation, diarrhea, dyspepsia, flat-

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Reproductive System: Breast pain, dysmenorrhea, menorrhagia, vaginitis.
Respiratory System: Bronchitis, bronchospasm, coughing, dyspnea, epistaxis, hemopt-

ysis, laryngitis, nasal dryness, pharyngitis, sinusitis, sneezing.

Skin and Appendages: Dermatitis, dry hair, dry skin, photosensitivity reaction, pruritus, purpura, rash, urticaria.

Urinary System: Altered micturition, urinary discoloration, urinary incontinence, urinary retention

In addition, the following spontaneous adverse events have been reported rarely during the marketing of loratadine: abnormal hepatic function, including jaundice, hepatitis, and hepatic necrosis; alopecia; anaphylaxis; breast enlargement; erythema multiforme; peripheral edema; and seizures.

OVERDOSAGE: In adults, somnolence, tachycardia, and headache have been reported with overdoses greater than 10 mg with the Tablet formulation (40 to 180 mg). Extrapyramidal signs and palpitations have been reported in children with overdoses of greater than 10 mg of CLARITIN Syrup. In the event of overdosage, general symptomatic and supportive measures should be instituted promptly and maintained for as long as necessary. Treatment of overdosage would reasonably consist of emesis (ipecac syrup), except in patients with impaired consciousness, followed by the administration of activated charcoal to absorb any remaining drug. If vomiting is unsuccessful, or contraindicated, gastric lavage should be performed with normal saline. Saline cathartics may also be of value for rapid dilution of bowel contents. Loratadine is not eliminated by hemodialysis. rapid dilution of bowel contents. Loratadine is not eliminated by hemodialysis. It is not known if loratadine is eliminated by peritoneal dialysis.

No deaths occurred at oral doses up to 5000 mg/kg in rats and mice (greater than 2400 and 1200 times, respectively, the maximum recommended human daily oral dose on a mg/m² basis). Single oral doses of foratadine showed no effects in rats, mice, and monkeys at doses as high as 10 times the maximum recommended human daily oral dose on a

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#### UNCORKED

a half bottle is perfect for solo dining, or, as in my case, for dining with a nondrinker. Of course, there are various systems for preserving open bottles of wine: I sometimes open a 750 milliliter bottle and immediately pour half of it into an empty half bottle, corking it promptly. The half bottle reduces air contact, and thus retards spoilage, though only for a day or two. Baccarat, Riedel, and Wine Enthusiast all make special half-bottle decanters for this purpose. And the Vacu Vin pump system supposedly removes the need for containers; available for about twenty bucks at most wine stores, it comes with a couple of rubber stoppers and a hand pump, which sucks the air out of unfinished bottles-again slowing oxidation and decay. Be advised that bouquet freaks, such as Al Hotchkin, Jr., at New York's Burgundy Wine Company, are suspicious of all this suction, preferring the half-bottle method.

Basically, there's no question-half bottles are more desirable than any preservation system. If you can find them. Your average wine store will display eight or ten of them somewhere near the cash register, as if they were novelty items. And many wine makers don't want the hassle of separate bottling lines. But there's hope. "More and more producers are making half bottles," says Jean Luc Le Du, sommelier at New York's celestial Restaurant Daniel. "It's a response to the way people live and eat now. People are traveling a lot, eating alone. Also, half bottles are perfect for multi-course meals. With two people dining, it's much easier to match half bottles to individual courses. You could have, say, a Savennières with a soup, a white burgundy with the fish, and a Pinot Noir with the meat course, and at the end of the meal you've split a bottle and a half of wine, which seems about right." Of course, if it's a special occasion, you might want to order a half bottle of dessert wine as well.

On the other hand, Richard Geoffroy, the effervescent, brush-cut physician turned wine maker at Dom Pérignon, doesn't trust the way champagne ages or holds its bubbles in half bottles. So you won't be seeing any DP in halves. Sad, since half bottles of champers are extremely useful, although I have sometimes opened a half bottle only to find it flat. Bad enough if you've paid fifteen, let alone fifty. There's no question that splits—quarter bottles of champagne—seldom deliver the right fizz. On the other hand, if you insist on a luxury cuvée in a smaller format—as you sometimes should—Krug makes a very handy half bottle of its big, woody multivintage, which sells for about half a C note.

Experts agree that half bottles age more rapidly than full ones, largely because the ratio of air to wine inside the bottle is nearly doubled. This can be a blessing when you are waiting for big vintages in big bottles to come around. That '94 Araujo I mentioned earlier was, surprisingly, approachable without a whip and chair, but it might have been savage from a larger format. At the other end of the scale, far from having accelerated into a grimace, the '53 Margaux I consumed with the author of Flaubert's Parrot was holding up nicely when I drank it some forty years after the harvest.

Most dessert wines are available in half bottles, which makes a rare Trockenbeerenauslese or an Yquem from a good vintage seem more affordable. Unless you frequently entertain eight or ten guests, half bottles of these sweet wines are more useful than the 750s. A glass per person is usually sufficient, although when you are serving Château d'Yquem you will find that your guests seldom decline a second glass. If my wife is coming to dinner you may want to have a second bottle standing by. Or not.

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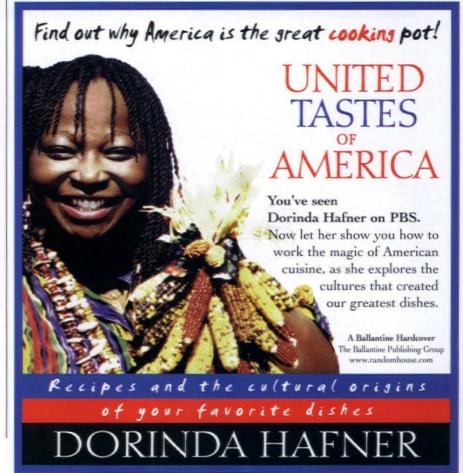
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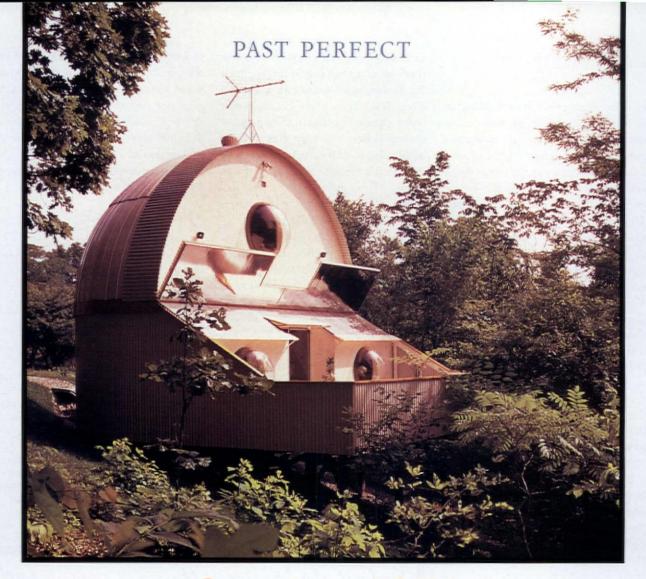
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# October 1975

A futuristic house goes all out to capture the most primitive heat source—the sun's rays

BY VÉRONIQUE VIENNE

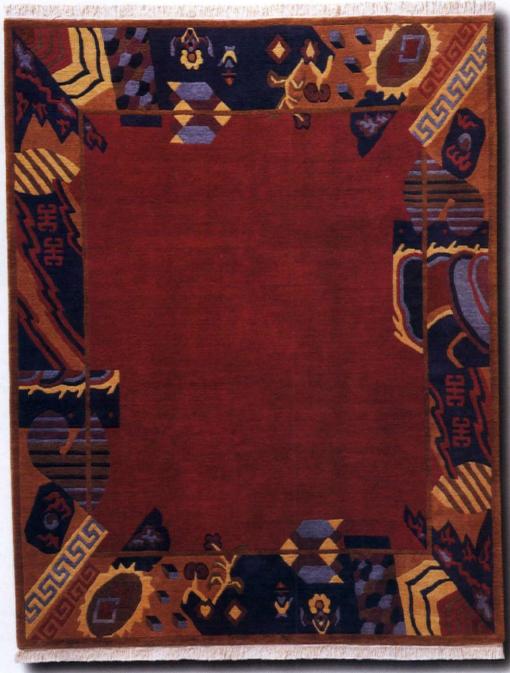
OR ALL ITS space-capsule allure, this bubble-eyed, corrugated-steel house was not destined to become a twenty-first-century dwelling. Looking like a propeller on a beanie, the TV antenna atop its baseball-cap roof signals its eventual obsolescence. Pictured in House & Garden in 1975, the futuristic unit was built in a spirit of environmental optimism at a time when solar power appeared to be the solution to the energy crisis.

Under its silo top, this Illinois vacation house sported reflective Mylar panels

that could be angled to catch as much sunlight as possible. The heat was directed through transparent awnings into water tanks beneath the bubble windows. The work of experimental artists Michael and Ellen Jantzen, the low-tech hideaway was a miracle of ingenuity: low-cost, self-sufficient, and alternatively chic.

Unlike costly solar houses, where . photovoltaic panels turn light into electricity, the Jantzens' "passive" solar retreat was labor-intensive and required Rube Goldberg-like operations. To control the temperature of their mini biosphere,

the Jantzens had to open and close shutters, trapdoors, and vents more than once a day. Cables and boat winches operated roof panels. Hinged window seats had to be lifted to expose heat collectors. "When we sold the house, the new owners didn't understand it," says Michael Jantzen, who teaches environmental design and fine art at the Art Center College of Design in Pasadena. His visionary house may not have survived the changes made by its new owners, but Jantzen is still at it. His latest project is a conceptual beach house designed to function like a Web site.



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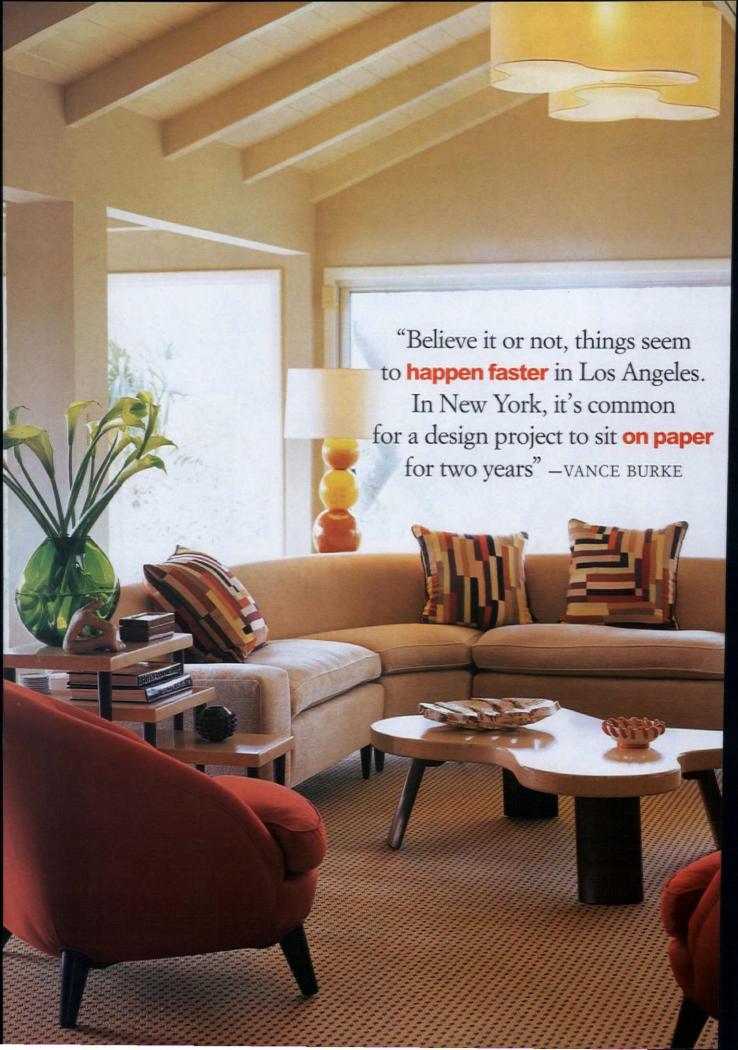
# L.A. confidential



**first principle** Maybe it's the bright sun or the oh-so-cool-looking people zipping around in convertibles or the new shops that seem to pop up overnight, but Los Angeles these days brings on a shopping fervor in all of us—even knowledgeable dealers. They take pride in ferreting out the most seductive and imaginative wares that once graced Hollywood homes. An entertaining mix of colorful furnishings typifies a California design spirit, where refinement replaces the familiar zany kitsch of the past.







N MANHATTAN, Todd Peter and Vance Burke lived down the street from each other. Just as Burke was in the process of finishing the design of Peter's apartment, Peter was offered a new job in Los Angeles. "Neither of us had ever lived there," Burke says. "This was a chance to exercise our fantasies about the place." For the pair that meant looking for what Burke describes as a "seventies, Dean Martin-style house in the hills.

"People who don't live in New York think of the city as Le Corbusier furniture in a high-rise with drop-dead views, while those who don't live in Los Angeles dream about the California sunshine and the Hollywood Hills," says Burke. Which is exactly what the Kansas-born interior designer was looking for. When Burke (who attended the Parsons School of Design in New York and worked at Donghia Associates, Parish-Hadley, and Jed Johnson & Associates before starting his own business) and Peter (now a vice president and head of design for Guess Jeans) pulled up their Manhattan stakes, their fantasy of L.A. became a reality.

But when Burke took on the challenge of combining their furnishings in a house that had wraparound views of sky and palm trees, surprises were in store. "Somehow we had twenty dining chairs but no dining table big enough," he says. (Of their two small tables, one

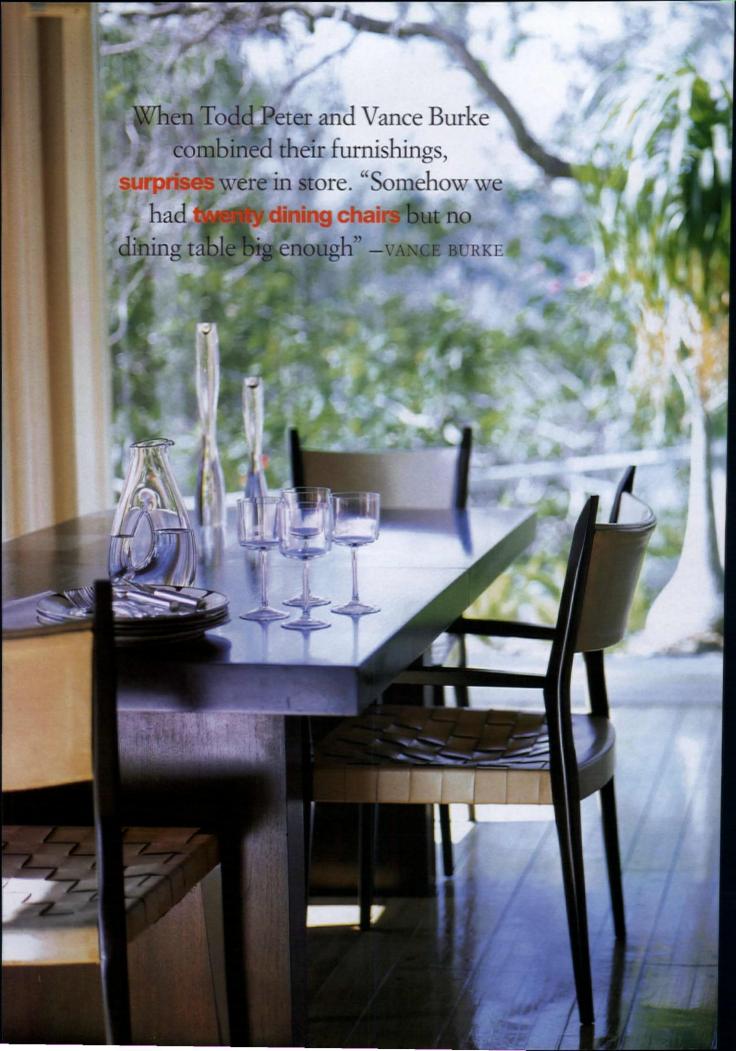
Low, curvaceous furniture—a sofa in a Rogers & Goffigon chenille, from Depression Modern in New York, chairs by Jean Royère—enhances the living room's open feeling, opposite page. Paul Frankl tables are from Donzella in New York; the broadloom rug is from Patterson, Flynn, Martin & Manges.

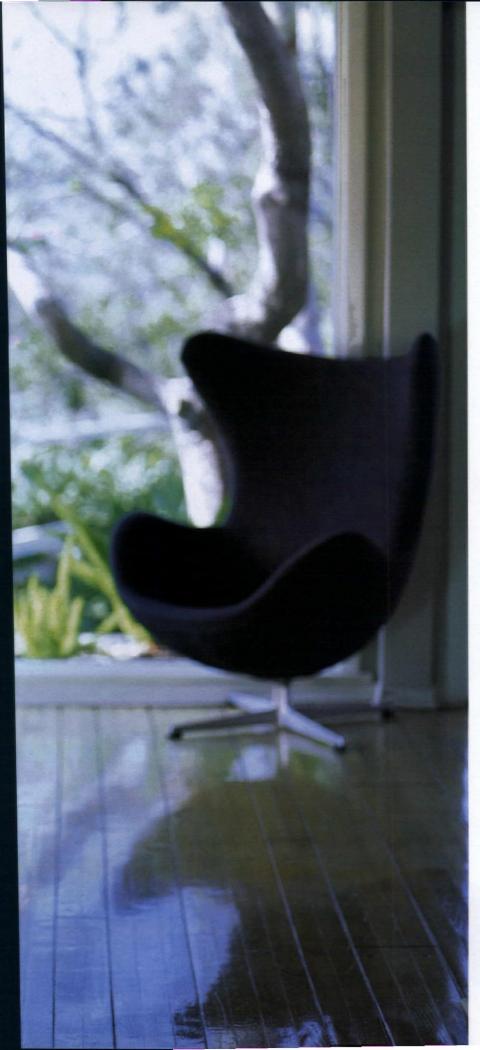
A lamp from Russell Simpson, paintings from Dragonette in L.A., and Vance Burke stools and table made by the Costello Studio in New York, this page, top, create a geometric montage in the living room.

A chaise from Dragonette, right, with a pillow from Laura Fisher Antiques in New York, offers a quiet perching point under a living room window. The lacquered table is from Blackman-Cruz, Los Angeles.









ended up in the breakfast room, the other on the terrace.) And although the house is not large, Burke says it "swallowed everything." Even after placing the big, curved, custom-made sofa from Peter's apartment in the middle of the living room, along with a pair of rounded orange chairs (one an original Jean Royère bought in London, the other made to match in New York), Burke noted that "we needed more, lots more."

What better reason to go shopping? So shopping they went, starting as soon as they had signed the rental agreement for the Beverly Hills house. Cruising around L.A. that very evening, they came upon Downtown, a store on La Cienega Boulevard that was to open the next day. "We saw people inside, so we pounded on the door until they let us in," Burke says. The two men pounced on a rug by Pierre Cardin (now in the study), a pair of tables by Paul Frankl (in the bedroom), and a sculptural dining table made out of slabs of polished walnut.

Burke says he was soon gripped with L.A. shopping fever. Barrel-shaped side tables from Blackman-Cruz, a perfectly upholstered chaise from Dragonette, and an amoeba-shaped coffee table from Modern One hardly took his temperature down a notch. "Oh my God, look at all this great stuff," Burke found himself exclaiming over and over as he made his rounds to shops near and slightly off the beaten track.

Finding pieces that were custommade for an old-time movie star or producer raise the Must-Have Quotient because of their cachet. Designer names like Paul Evans, Harry Bertoia, and Billy Haines, as well as vintage manufacturers such as Edward Fields and Dunbar, offer name-dropping provenance with prices to match. On Melrose Avenue, Burke was intrigued by a night table by Paul Evans in the designer's

Graceful vintage glasses, candlesticks, and vases add sparkle to the dining area. Paul Frankl dining chairs from the Lin Weinberg Gallery in New York are paired with a 1960s table from Downtown in Los Angeles. The Arne Jacobsen Egg chair was found at Modernica, Los Angeles.



signature textured, brutal look. "I've got a headboard and a table," Burke says, "but I'm trying to collect as much of it as possible. This is all made by hand. It's a folk-art kind of modernism."

N NEW YORK, Peter had already been an enthusiast of modernist design. "When I was working on his apartment in New York, Todd was well on the way in this direction," Burke says. The move to L.A. stimulated their tastes and whetted their appetites for fifties, sixties, and seventies furnishings. "New York just does not have the abundance of L.A," Burke says, "so once we moved out here, all we'd do is run around every Saturday to as many stores as we could, piling stuff in our Jeep Wagoneer."

The freewheeling attitude toward shopping seems to have had an effect on Burke's decorating. "I think my work has become more fluid and interesting," he says. "And believe it or not, things seem to happen a lot faster in L.A. In New York it's common for a design project to sit on paper for two years while the clients agonize over the right decision. In L.A., where the movie studios are used to building Rome in a day, the attitude is more about immediacy and spontaneity."

But just like hungry children who cannot finish everything piled on their plates because their eyes are bigger than their stomachs, people who shop in L.A. sometimes seem to acquire more furniture than they have room for. "Our house is all decorated," says Burke wistfully. "But what's wrong with storage anyhow?" &

In the cheerful, yellow-walled breakfast room, opposite page, Piero Fornasetti plates complement the geometric rug from Modernica. Gio Ponti chairs sidle up to a Fornasetti table from Barneys New York.

On a deck, this page, top, a wire sculpture by David Csuri overlooks Charles and Ray Eames chairs and a table from Eclectica and Skank World, both in L.A.

A rattan rug from Cost Plus in L.A. turns a deck, right, into an outdoor living room. Bucket chairs are from Russell Simpson; metal chairs and bench from Murray's Iron Work; square tables from the Koan Collection, all in L.A. Sources, see back of book.



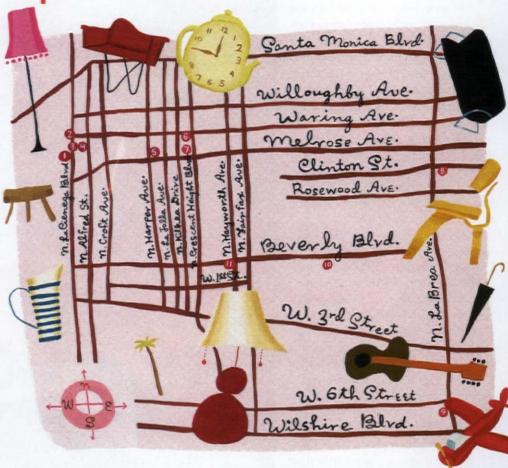


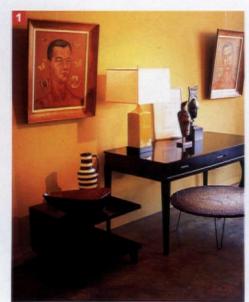
## shopping

# fill er up

few years ago, interior designer Vance Burke frequented the eclectic shops of West Hollywood and Melrose Avenue for mid-20th-century finds and then shipped pieces home to the East Coast. Now he's a fullfledged Angeleno and eager to take us on a tour of favorite shops in his new hometown, a bastion of modern chic. Burke attributes the abundance of modern furniture in Los Angeles to the city's coming of age in the fifties, sixties, and seventies. More than just storehouses of atomic-age kitsch, these retailers offer a unique West Coast combination of hardto-find designer furniture and mass-produced pieces-many at irresistible prices. Cool, dude.

-JOYCE BAUTISTA





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A Dunbar-style desk made by the store, \$3,300, and a vintage lamp, \$9,000. 719 N. LA CIENEGA BLVD.



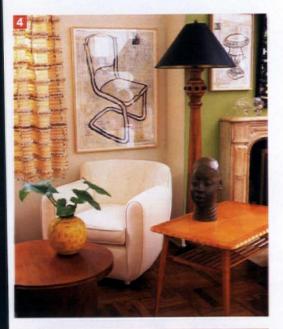
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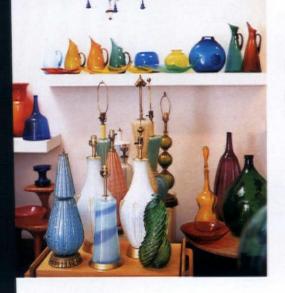
A pair of Gothic windowpanes, \$15,000, and a huge clockface, \$7,500. 800 N. LA CIENEGA BLVD.



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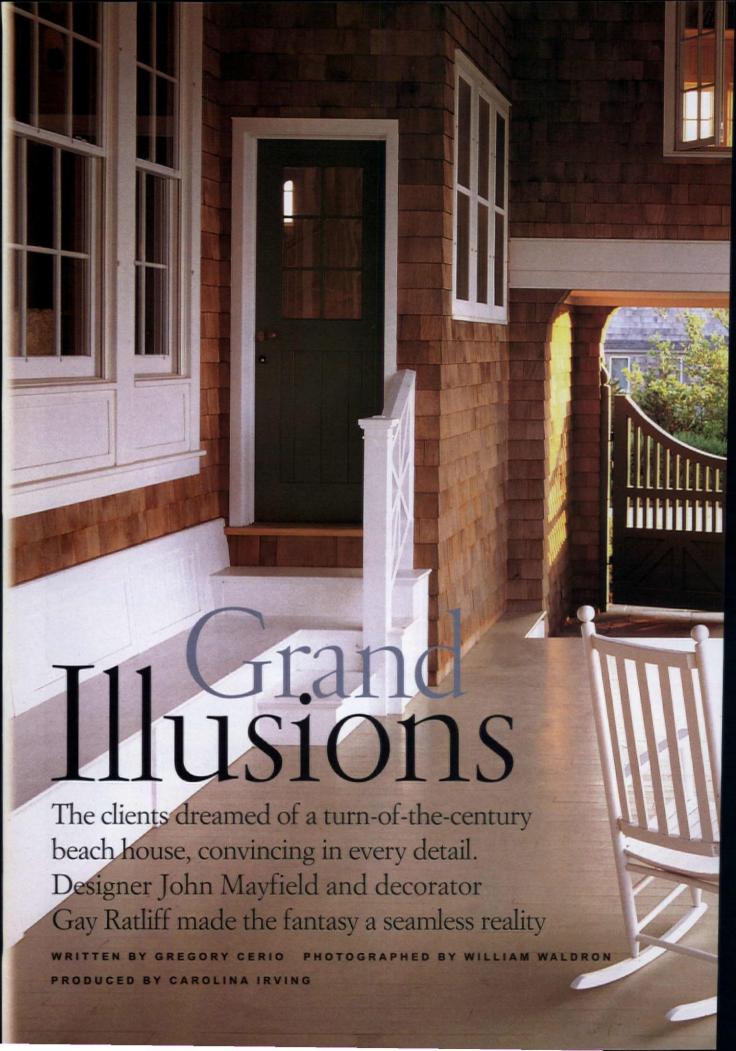
### 11. MODERN ONE

Design world's heavy hitters—T. H. Robsjohn-Gibbings, William Haines, George Nelson, Philippe Starck. A 1950s Vladimir Kagan chaise is \$4,000. 7956 BEVERLY BLVD.













OU COULD CERTAINLY understand the plumber's mistake. Tucked between the Atlantic dunes and the reed-fringed banks of Jule Pond, the house seems every inch a century-old fixture on the Southampton, New York, landscape. The building's exterior details—a low pitched roof, gray shingles, white banistered porches, neoclassical doorways—seem of a piece with the grand beach homes Charles Follen McKim or Stanford White designed on eastern Long Island for tycoons of the Gilded Age. Pulling up the pebble drive to the house's green gates, one can easily imagine that once, decades ago, ladies in significant hats alighted here from horse-drawn landaus and Stutz Bearcats.

And so when the plumber stepped out of his truck that day and tromped across the porch, he may have envisioned the worst: leaky lead pipes that predated World War I or a drain stopped up with a fifty-year-old chicken bone. "He came in muttering, 'I don't know why city folk have to come out here and buy these old piles when they could start from scratch,' "recalls John Mayfield, the house's architectural designer. "In a way, that is the highest compliment about the place that I've received."

If the inspiration for this Hamptons beach house comes from the last turn of the century, it is wholly a creation of this one, having been completed in March 1997. It was Mayfield's task, and that of interior designer Gay Ratliff, to make real a fantasy conceived by the owners, a couple with a large family, who divide their time between Austin, Texas—where Mayfield and Ratliff are based—and the East Coast. "Ideally we'd have bought a hundred-year-old house, but none were available," says the woman of the house. "Southampton homes can









get so 'important,' as if they are a testament to someone. We wanted a comfortable place—something livable and very real."

And thus, ironically, she, Mayfield, and Ratliff set about creating a myth. As blueprints for the house developed, so did an imaginary history of the place: it had evolved along with a family over the course of three generations, growing as the family grew. Like prewashed denims, the house, though new, would come broken in. "We wanted screen doors that slammed," says one of the owners. "It didn't have to be perfect." As Ratliff recalls, "It was like playacting. The best jobs usually are."

Mayfield, too, was more than pleased with the assignment. "An opinionated client," he says, "really gives you something to chew on." And clearly the designer sank his teeth into the project. He conceived a house with three areas that would each evoke a different ambience—formal public rooms; a congenial kitchen and adjoining den; and cozier bedrooms, the largest of which are, surprisingly enough, located on the house's lower floor. "I'm interested in the transitions in a house, the different experiences you have as you move through it," he explains. "I don't want to give it to you all at once."

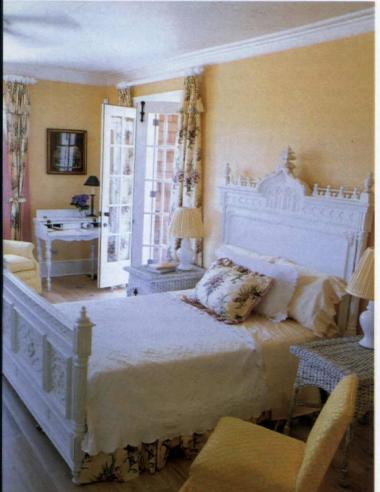
ROSSING AN ENTRANCE PORCH, you get a view across a swimming pool to the wetland ponds. The ocean is held in reserve—first seen from the bright and airy living and dining rooms. From them, a visitor is drawn through the kitchen, through a lofty den constructed from the remnants of an old barn (which, in the owners' fantasy, was added on one year), and toward the bedrooms, discovering odd nooks along the way, like a small staircase that leads to a tiny "minstrel's gallery" above the living room and a back stairway to a series of smaller rooms. "The rooms are laid out in a rambly, eccentric way that suggests age," says Mayfield. "Quirky back halls that lead to what might once have been maid's rooms—they're not quite appropriate to the way we live today, but we enjoy the feel."

Mayfield says he hopes "no one can see the hand of the architect" in the house. It's plain he went to pains to ensure that it appeared he took no pains at all. Subtle details throughout the house build the sense of a place lived in long and well. In the kitchen, for example, counters have been built from a seemingly random group of chests. In the same room, a ceiling made of plywood panels hatched with battens evokes a 1920s prefab house. Rather than hide the joints between the pine panels that form the ceilings and walls in several rooms, Mayfield left the gaps exposed, giving the structure a "handmade" feel. "I fought the painter so he wouldn't fill in those cracks," Mayfield admits.

For all its purposeful homeliness, the house is not without

The fabrics and colors in the neoclassical Swedish-style dining room establish the feeling of a beach house without sacrificing elegance. The flooring is antique quartersawn pine. The curtain fabric is from Hinson & Co. An antique wood-and-porcelain chandelier hangs over the Swedish neoclassical dining table. The crystal sconces are Georgian style. The 18th-century Swedish-style reproduction chairs were made for Caradunne in Paris. The recamier is from the late 19th century. The neoclassical plaster mantel is from an estate in Greenwich, Connecticut. A collection of antique Staffordshire chickens lines the chimney breast and a sideboard. The floral painting is 19th century.

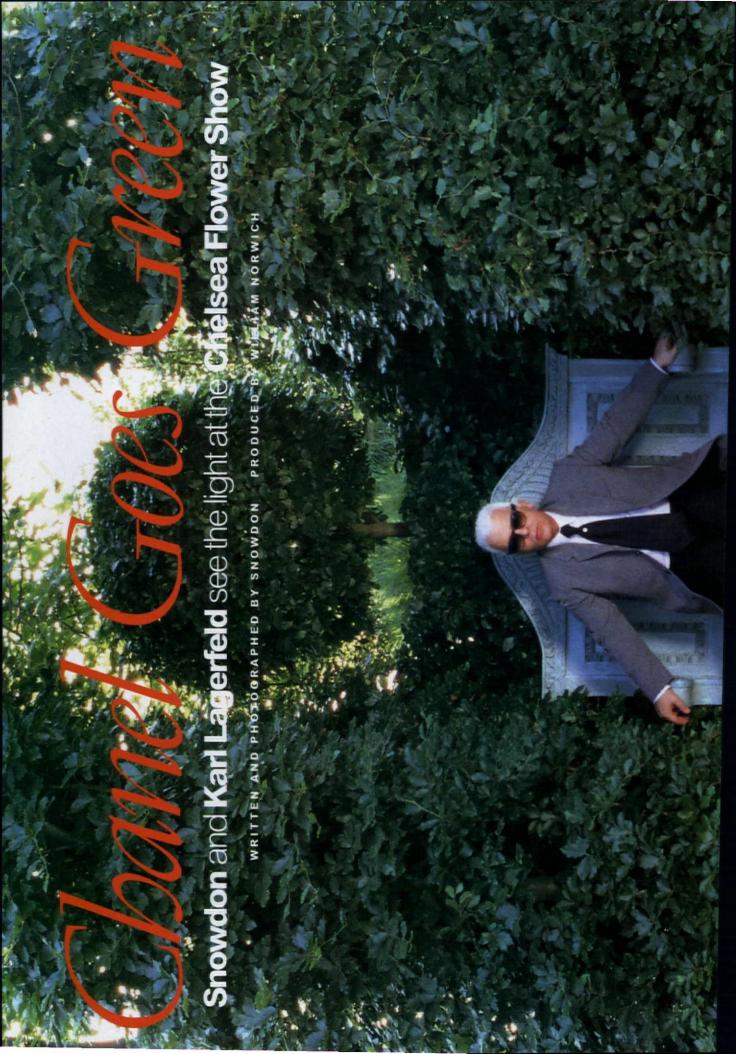




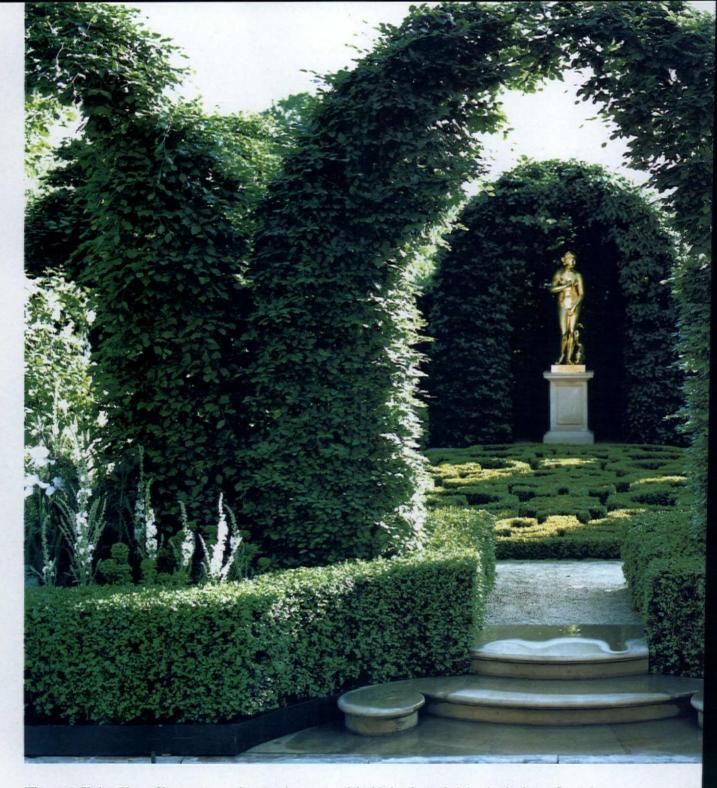
pedigree. Mayfield roamed the area to learn the architectural vernacular of the region, and his design quotes worthies from McKim and White to H. T. Lindeberg and John Custis Lawrence. His chevron-incised Dutch front door copies that of the 1790 Webb House in East Marion, Long Island, and the barrel-vaulted ceiling of the living room was suggested by a room in Leicestershire, England, by the great Edwardian architect Sir Edwin Lutyens. "I call myself an educated provincial," Mayfield says. "The sort of person this country saw in the eighteenth century—someone who visited the big cities, saw the best, then brought ideas home to the hinterland with a personal twist."

It is also an apt description of Ratliff's work on the house. The interior designer spent six weeks in England hunting up antiques, such as the Edwardian croupier's table used as a drinks cabinet. Ratliff modified other items in ways that, she says, suggest the house has been lived in long and well. She discovered a Gothic walnut bed in Texas that was too ornate for a beach house, and decided to paint it white. "The shop owner was going on about the bed's finish," Ratliff recalls. "I didn't have the heart to tell him I was going to paint it." That dealer may be the only person the Southampton home displeases. For her part, one of the owners admits that her fantasy has come so close to reality that she sometimes forgets the line between fact and fiction. "When people ask how old the place is, I'm often on the verge of saying it's been in the family for generations," she says. "Then I catch myself and say, 'Oh, just a year or so.' "









This year's Chelsea Flower Show was more glittering than ever, with highlights that included such splendors as Cartier's celebration of Prince Charles's Highgrove garden. But it was in Karl Lagerfeld's Chanel garden, inspired by Coco Chanel's passion for camellias, that royal in-law and world-famous photographer Snowdon was nearly unseated by scores of paparazzi.

OR ME, the Chelsea Flower Show signals the beginning of summer. I've always gone, because my grandparents, Leonard and Maud Messel, were great gardeners at their home, Nymans, in Sussex, which is now a National Trust property. They even had plants named after them—'Leonard Messel' magnolia, a 'Leonard Messel' camellia, and Eucryphia nymansensis. They always exhibited at Chelsea and won many gold medals over the years.

I myself haven't always agreed with the powers that be at the

Royal Horticultural Society. I have spent a lot of my time fighting for the rights of disabled people; at one time Chelsea would not allow wheelchairs nor guide dogs into the show. It was the only time I have ever written a letter to *The Times*, and both policies were overruled. I must say, I was extremely pleased.

As House & Garden had asked me to photograph Karl Lagerfeld in the Chanel garden, I got a press pass for Sunday, May 17, the day before the show opened. The garden was Lagerfeld's inspiration, a "salon de verdure—a formal French Baroque





Lagerfeld imagined the garden as an ode to everything Coco Chanel admired about British aristocratic style as well as everything she appreciated in more formal French design. A gilded statue of the Venus de Medici, left, is framed by the beech and box hedges. Tom Stuart-Smith, above, designed the garden, making a point of including all the white flowers Coco Chanel adored. His serene setting betrays nothing of the bustle of the Chelsea Show going on around it. Even the television crew and scores of photographers hoping to snap Snowdon snapping Lagerfeld are offstage.

garden," is the way he described it. Tom Stuart-Smith, a noted garden designer, actually did the plan, and was putting final touches to it, along with Mark Fane, from award-winning plant suppliers Waterer's, when I got there.

The design was a formal one, with the recognizable double Cs done in box hedges, a gilded statue of the Venus de Medici, and a profusion of camellias. The clever thing about it was the way the hedges obscured the cluttered background—a good thing at Chelsea, which is right in the middle of London. I loved its design, rather similar actually to a formal garden I've got in the country, except that mine took fifteen years to grow, and this one took five days, according to The Times, and cost one million pounds. Mine cost four pounds, 50 pence!

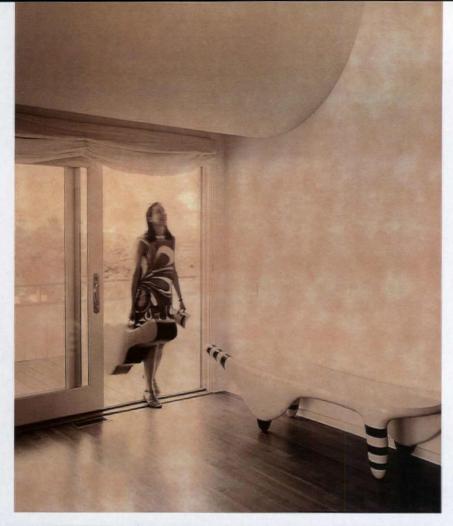
Karl Lagerfeld asked me to dine that evening at Nobu, a Japanese restaurant in the Metropolitan Hotel. I thought it would be just the two of us. I later rang my son, David [Linley], and asked what he was doing that night, and he said, "Going to dinner with Karl Lagerfeld," to which I replied, "That's funny, I thought it was just me." When we got to dinner, we numbered about thirty.

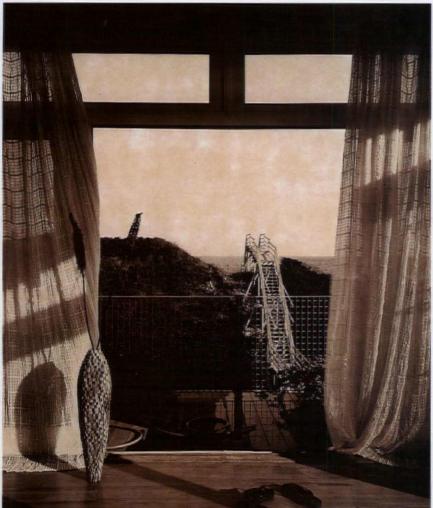
Karl said he would meet me the next morning at the show, and I thought, again, it would just be the two of us. No such luck! A hundred photographers and a television crew greeted me. As I was about to climb my ladder, some of the other photographers scrambled to photograph me photographing Karl. I fought my way up the ladder and, wobbling, got the photograph of the Maestro keeping guard at the entrance of the garden.











HERE FURNITURE is concerned, Gertrude Stein's "a rose is a rose is a rose" might be translated as "a bed is a bed is a bed." But for Peter T. Joseph and Wendy Evans Joseph, and even their young children, a bed-as well as a table, a lamp, and a chair-is a work of art. "There is a difference between people who collect and people who don't," says Wendy, an architect with her own firm in New York. "If you are a collector, you always have more things than you can decorate with. You already have a bed or a sofa, but then you see another one you love, and you buy it."

This kind of acquisitiveness demands a flexible approach to decorating, "While most people are scared of making changes in their houses—once they decorate, they are done—we are constantly changing things," says Wendy. It helps that they have a large collection from which to draw. Until recently, Peter, who is an investor, also ran a gallery that specialized in bold handcrafted furniture by well-known, mostly American artists, including Wendell Castle, John Dunnigan, and Edward Zucca.

The Josephs also happen to have a suitable place to put the striking, often overscaled chairs, sofas, tables, lamps, and, of course, beds: a fairly new, approximately 6,500-square-foot house that Wendy reworked with the New York-based GF55 Architects. Set on a narrow slip of land on the eastern tip of Long Island, it has clear views of both the bay and the ocean. "It's a beach house with an interior that is very much like a loft's," says Wendy. "Peter said I could do anything I wanted in order to accommodate the art

Architect Wendy Evans Joseph, this page top, fine-tuned the spaces of the contemporary house. Visitors come face-to-face with dramatic furniture as soon as they enter the downstairs hallway.

Racoon Bench, 1993, is by Alphonse Mattia.

Intriguing shapes aren't limited to the interior. Roller-coaster-like stairs go over the dunes to the beach, left. A sculptural column by Hap Sakwa stands near the window, framed by sheer draperies made of Organdy Big Chequered cotton from Nuno.





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For a little girl, right, bedtime is fun, thanks to Edward Zucca's bed with robot-shaped posts. The robots' heads swivel so they "either face you or turn around to guard you," says her mother. The chest with drawers created by a variety of artists was made for Peter on the fifth anniversary of his gallery.

From the pool, which is nestled between the two wings of the house, below, swimmers have a view of the dunes. Bronze pieces by Wendell Castle and Judy Kensley McKie can be left outdoors year-round. Sources, see back of book.

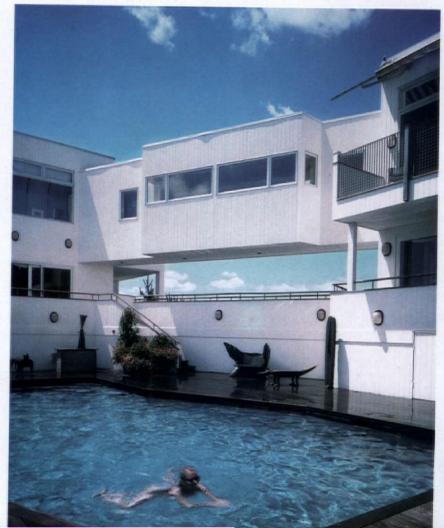
furniture. By placing pieces in the spaces, instead of against the walls, we allowed the house to stay transparent."

The Josephs installed new bathrooms and a stainless-steel kitchen, and got advice on upholstery and draperies from Paula Rice, a Los Angeles-based interior designer. Most important, the couple commissioned numerous artists to make things especially for the house, including hard-to-miss mantelpieces by Wendell Castle.

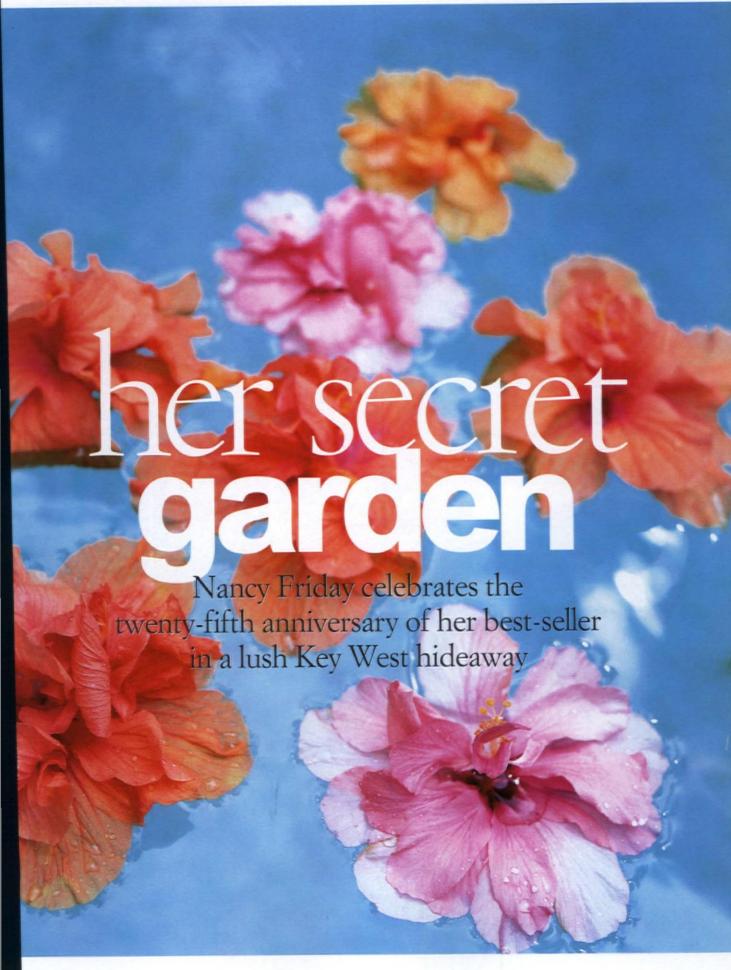
Chairs and lamps, most of them monumental (Wendy calls them "expressive"), have almost become members of the family. They meet visitors at the door, stand dramatically at the top of the stairs, and punctuate windowsills and even bathrooms. And though the pieces are hefty, the Josephs like to move them around-no mean feat in some casesin the light-filled rooms. "We are constantly making up new groupings," says Wendy, who likens the shifting of various pieces to inviting different groups of friends to dinner. "They bring conversation to the table. As a family we always see new things in them."

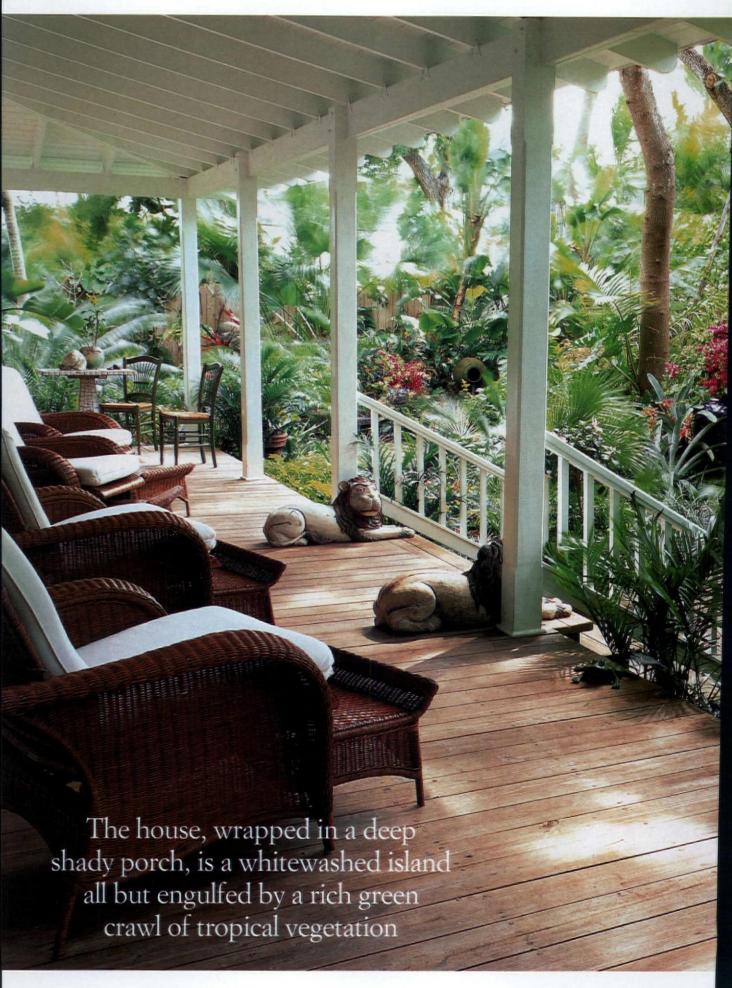
That might explain why their three-year-old son and four-year-old daughter navigate comfortably around the collection. "Unlike many children, who don't realize that furniture is made by people, they know that artists make it, and they really love the stuff," says their mother. Proof of this came to Wendy and Peter when they asked their daughter what she wanted for her fourth birthday. A night table, she answered. So Judy Kensley McKie's metal table in the shape of a bird now sits by her bed. This little apple has clearly fallen very close to the tree.













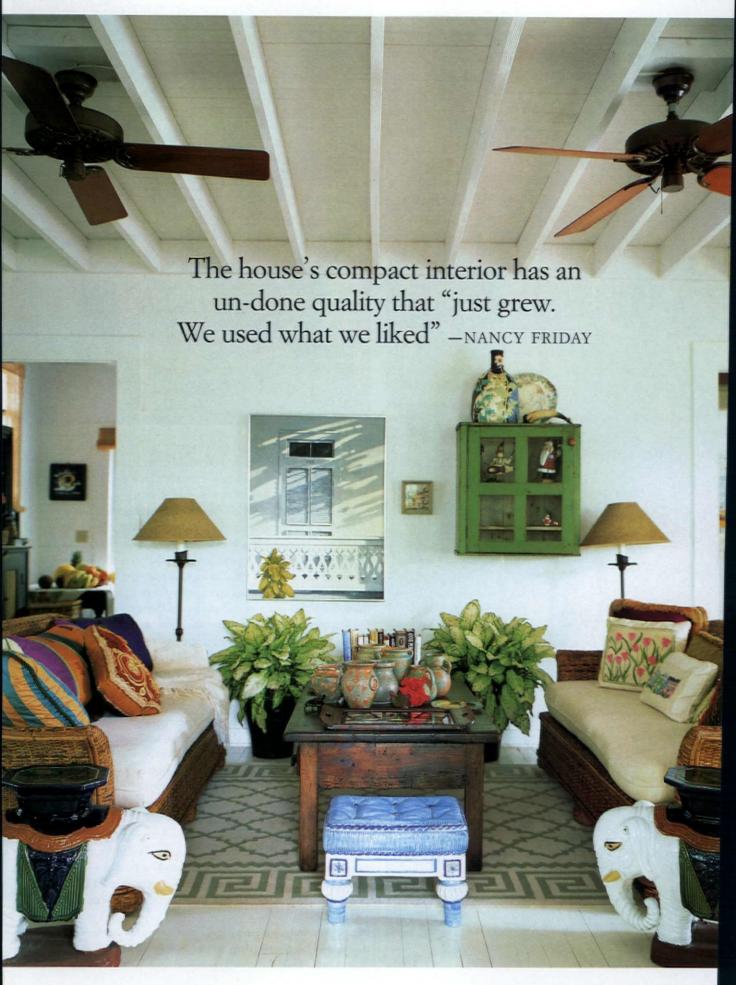


West's Pinder Lane, you would never know that author Nancy Friday's house existed. Once you brave the barking dogs and challenging shouts—"Do you have business on this lane?"—of the family who lives nearby, you must duck under a bush and a palm to spy a tall gate camouflaged with bougainvillea. Hidden behind it lies a tiny cigar box of a structure wrapped in a deep, shady porch—a whitewashed island all but engulfed by a rich green crawl of tropical vegetation. And it represents an eerie instance of life imitating marketing: this is the secret garden of the writer whose first book, a compilation of women's sexual fantasies, My Secret Garden, steamed up America's reading glasses twenty-five years ago.

"Norman, you better watch out," Friday told her husband, Time Inc. editor-in-chief Norman Pearlstine, on first seeing the house. On the porch of what was then "a falling-down dump," Friday couldn't help imagining Bette Davis in the opening scene of *The Letter*, smoking gun in hand, having sent a man's corpse rolling—thump, thump—down the steps. The image suggested the mystery the place still holds for her: "I can imagine people being born and dying in this house," she says.

It was built at the turn of the century, one of the one- or two-room shacks occupied by Cuban cigar rollers in whose memory the locals call the dwellings cigar houses. A quarter century back, the lazy encirclement of porch made its appearance. Before Friday and Pearlstine moved in, they installed a new ceiling and floors, and added a bedroom and bathroom—Friday's sybaritic "pièce de résistance," complete with raised shower platform overlooking the treetops—under the pitched roof.

Woven armchairs, opposite page, from Neiman Marcus laze on the front porch. Nancy Friday and Norman Pearlstine, above, with their shih tzu Bongo, can't agree on who loves Key West more.



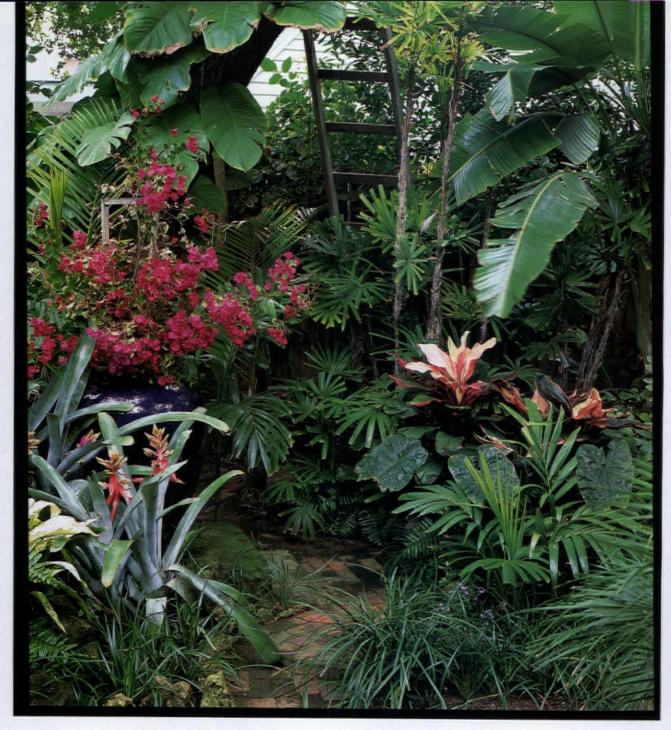
Out front, decayed wooden slats were replaced by a walkway of old brick. The surrounding sea of greenery was conjured from scratch; the sole original occupants were two avocado trees that still yield crates of fruit. "I love living in this jungle, but I am not a gardener," says Friday. About three years ago she recruited local plantsman David Kelley to refine and shape her sexy welter of snaky-trunked palm and banana trees, prehistoric cycads, philodendrons, and ferns. From dumps and road-sides he culled the homemade painter's ladders propped about the garden—ladders to nowhere that remind Friday of romantic Fragonard canvases. From the garden of the late Tennessee Williams, who enticed her to Key West in 1975 ("You'll have much more fun here," promised Williams, with whom Friday shared an agent), came the wrought-iron chair and table that bear witness to her long-standing passion for the place.

Kelley ensures that Friday has good crops of the showy and

The living room is a loose translation of My Mother/My Self.
Opposite page, and below: A pair of wicker sofas are from
Friday's mother's Charleston, SC, home, and her mother stitched
the needlepoint pillows. Key West shops provided the coffee
table and elephant stands. Ceiling fans, original to the house,
cool the un-air-conditioned space. The kitchen in which Friday
declines to cook, right, features a table from the Tulip Tree
in Washington Depot, CT. Sources, see back of book.







suggestive double white hibiscus that Friday calls "my signature down here." When writer's block strikes, she scouts the garden for likely blooms; when the flowers are at their peak, she refrigerates them. "In the evening I put two or three all over my hair and then I go dancing out the door," she says. "I figure I've extended their life by carrying them around town on my head."

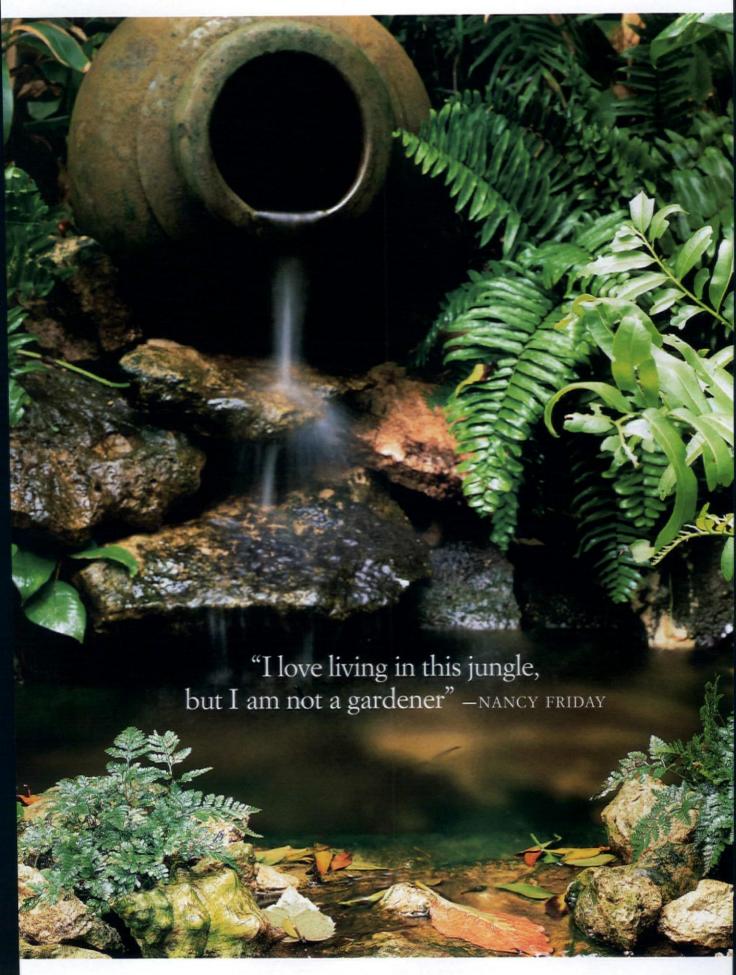
The house's interior has an un-done quality that "just grew. We used what we liked," says Friday. Bamboo blinds and rattan sofas cohabit with distressed Canadian antiques and Japanese chests from Pearlstine's 1970s stint as head of the Asian edition of the Wall Street Journal. That the sofa bears needlework from

David Kelley helped shape the lush, languid gardens. A ladder, above, peeks out from a mass of avocados, hibiscus, philodendrons, and bromelias. A terra-cotta pot, opposite page, functions as a fountain in a pond embraced by ferns and white birds-of-paradise.

Friday's mother seems only right, since money from My Mother/ My Self financed Friday's first Key West house (this is her fourth).

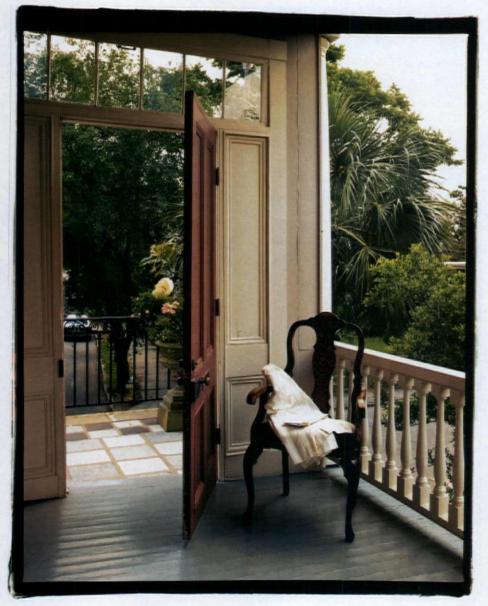
Surprisingly, in this party town, Friday and Pearlstine rarely entertain at home. They make the evening restaurant and cocktail rounds, but mostly they stay hidden away, accompanied only by the smoky balladeers—Johnny Hartman, Dinah Washington—that jazz-buff Pearlstine thinks suit the house best. "I feel more myself here than anywhere," says Pearlstine. "Everywhere else, the business and personal get mooshed up together, so that you are your business card or your luggage tag. But Key West can be an extraordinarily private place."

To a point. In the couple's kitchen hangs a testament to the millennial way in which public and personal inevitably moosh together. It is a sign commissioned by Pearlstine. On one of his bike rides around town, he found a neon artist who spelled out, in glowing letters, the title of Friday's first book.



# Style David Rawle's town house takes

delightful liberties with Charleston tradition



The porch door leading to the piazza of this Charleston house is one of its traditional features. The serene vignette gives no hint of the many surprises that lie within.

N THE BEGINNING there were Mantle and Rizzuto. Topps baseball cards begat lead soldiers, which begat memorabilia from Eisenhower's first campaign, which in time begat art glass and Andean textiles and Navajo textiles and contemporary art. The baseball treasures David Rawle amassed as a schoolboy disappeared. But his lead hussars are still standing, alongside chipped Britains and brave lead firemen and stiff circus acrobats and Coldstream Guards. Eternally frozen at the ready on a glass-topped table, they're all under the bland, despotic surveillance of Andy Warhol's Chairman Mao. "I'm not a collector, really," says the owner of these collections, with tongue firmly planted in cheek.

Rawle's Charleston house is located well away from the Slave Market hubbub, in an area renowned since the eighteenth century for its gardens. (By 1775 Henry Laurens had already established a nearby garden of olives, capers, limes, ginger, guinea grass, strawberries, apples, and a white grape called Chasselas.) A four-story building clad in gray clapboard, Rawle's dwelling has shutters painted Pompeiian red and a curved exterior stair connecting the piazza to the sidewalk. Placed "side enwaies" to the curb, as are most Charleston single houses, it also has the usual southwestfacing piazza to trap the prevailing







breezes. It's in this house that Rawle indulges his taste for profusion, for tense and ironic juxtapositions, for echoes transmitted between decorative objects and fine art.

A marquetry settee in the second-floor hallway sits primly beneath one of Robert Rauschenberg's Star Quarters of the 1970s. Cheek by jowl atop a maple dresser stand a macho archangel and a saccharine Christ child perched beneath a shell arbor in a miniature bell-jar tomb. There is a density of texture and pattern, gem colors refracted through the surface of Venetian glass, light muffled by a lampshade covered with a Lucullan profusion of velveteen grapes.

S A CHILD, Rawle listened to his grandfather invent stories to go with scenes on the French wallpaper in the dining room of a family house in New York. Rather than replicate this memory with period papers, he renewed the idea by commissioning painter Billy Sullivan to draw murals that take their inspiration from scenes of Charleston life. And they aren't only about Charleston's high life, either. "I did take him backstage at Spoleto," Rawle allows. "But I also took him to an oyster place and to a dive on Mosquito Beach." Ultimately, Rawle decided that rather than mount the resulting drawings on canvas, he'd pin them casually to the walls. "They're scenic, in one way," says Rawle of panels that illustrate a

The elements of the living room are unified by Rawle's sensibility. The antiquities on the end table with the 17th-century Christ child seem compatible with the diptych After Church's 'Icebergs,' by Carl Palazzolo (1980), above them, and with Sled (1969), by Joseph Beuys, nearby. The lithograph to the right of the diptych is Decoy, by Jasper Johns (1971). The small oil on the mantel is by Palazzolo, and the oil-and-charcoal is by Elizabeth Dworkin. A watercolor by Palazzolo hangs below the Dworkin. In the foreground, Rawle has combined an early Steuben candlestick, an Egyptian sphinx from the 3rd century B.C., and a 1940s glass vase by Pietro Melandri.



Local and world history come together in the dining room. Billy Sullivan's pastel of Bull Island, above, is the backdrop for a collection of glass objects—a blue Venetian candlestick from the 1860s, an early Steuben rose threaded candlestick, and an early Steuben bowl among them. The fragment is from an old Venetian chandelier. The watercolor is by Carl Palazzolo. The blue glass vase is by Robin Mix. More pastels, right, by Sullivan, lining the walls, include from left, Nancy Wilson at the Spoleto Festival, oysters for lunch at Shem Creek, Rawle's dogs, Bear and Eugenie, and backstage at Spoleto.

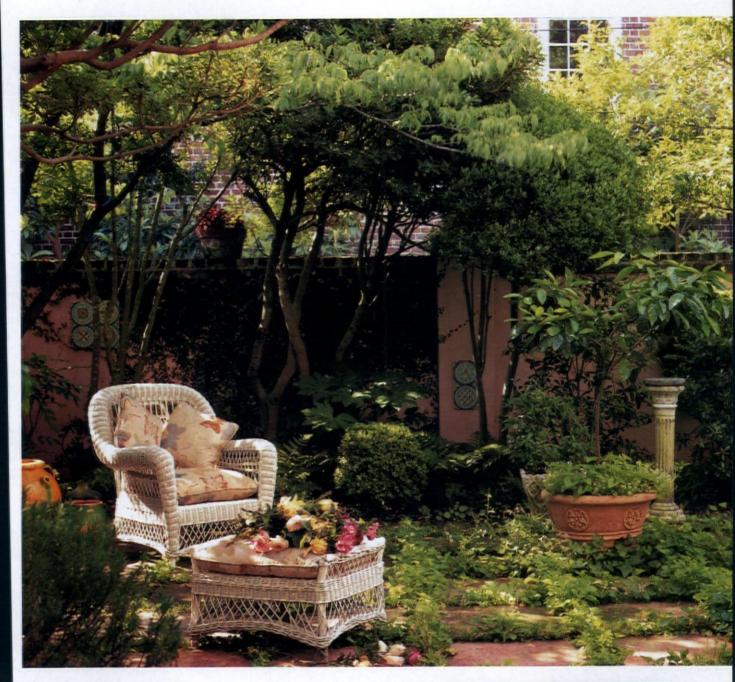
dressing room during a performance of the comic opera *Platée*, a jazz singer belting out a number, a checkered tablecloth covered with oysters, and Rawle's big shaggy dogs, Bear and Eugenie. "Hung this way, tacked to the wall, the drawings are also deliciously abstract."

German artist Joseph Beuys once remarked that "each personality creates a specific intervention." To that observation, Rawle, whose business is advertising and public relations, adds: "It's my business to see things differently." Rawle began collecting Beuys multiples in the 1970s, and his decision to display them not in a predictably barren setting but incorporated into the plush interior of his house could also be considered an aesthetic intervention. Beuys's famous felt suit hangs in a room that also contains a gilded harp and a table filled with statuary fragments. Lying diagonally on the floor is Beuys's sled with a flashlight and lard strapped on top: it's a piece meant to be evocative of hunger and war. Far from sapping the Beuys artworks of their intellectual energy, the room seems to engage in









Every corner of the house reflects the enthusiasms of an inveterate traveler. The marquetry settee on the second-floor landing, opposite page, is covered with fabric from Ecuador, and the walking stick beside it is also from Ecuador. Robert Rauschenberg's Star Quarters, a mirrorized silk screen on Plexiglas, hangs over the settee.

The garden, above, is an oasis in the city.

The antique wall tiles are from Sicily.

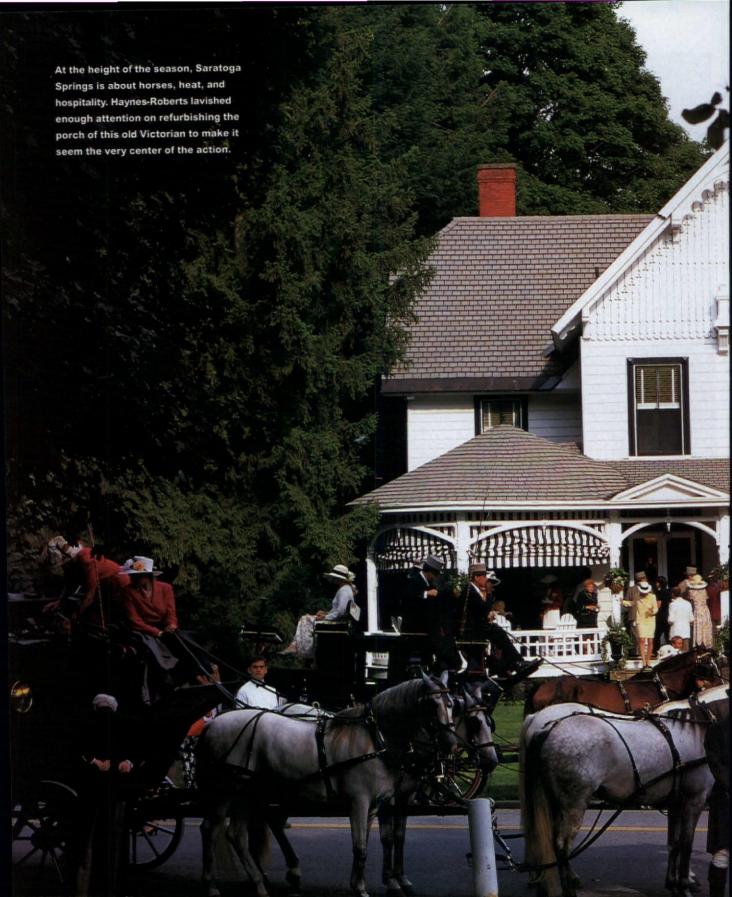
Rawle found the fountain with the three graces, right, in an antiques shop. It provides the garden with a suitably romantic note.

the aesthetic challenge. And perhaps references to dislocation and survival are well placed in a city that has been riven by earthquake, swept by fire, taken by storm.

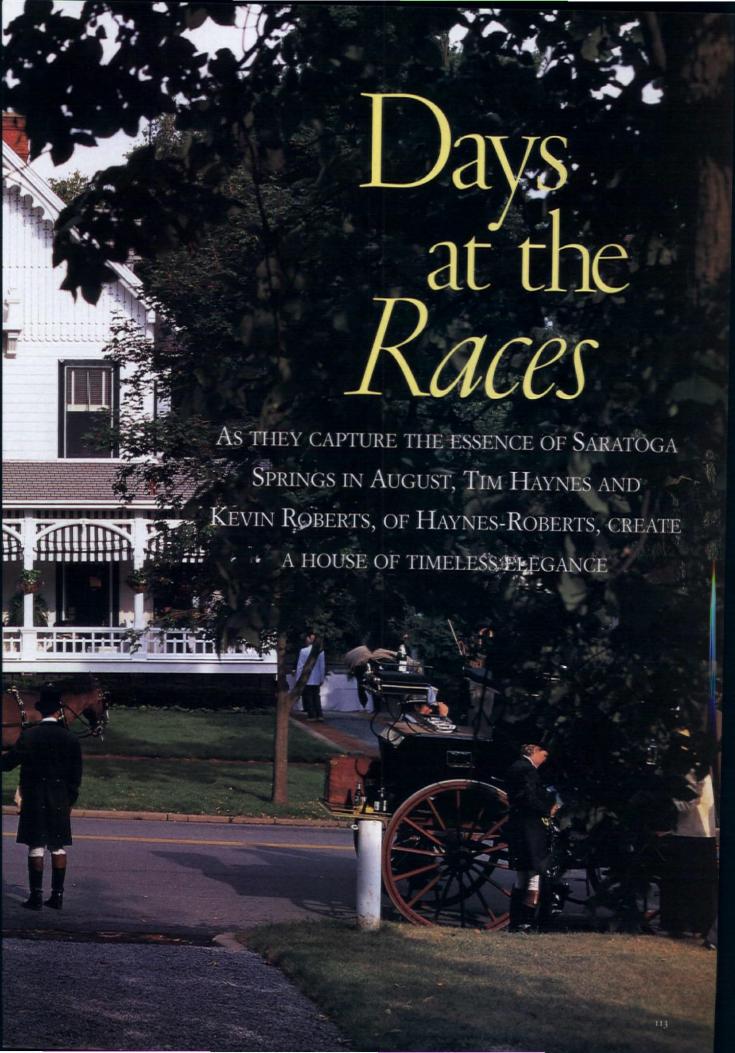
Rawle is also surrounded by an assortment of Catholic santos and Murano vases, of Rauschenberg lithographs, and sweet-grass baskets by Mary Jackson. "I see things and I bring them home," Rawle says, although it's probably just as accurate to say that he sees a home and brings things to it.

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Hospitality is all. In the entrance hall, guests are welcomed by family photos on a Victorian black lacquered table. The wallpaper, Gallier Diamond in a customized color, is from Brunschwig & Fils.

N ANY LANGUID August afternoon, just as you're taking a stroll before changing for cocktails or dinner, chances are you'll hear spirited laughter coming from the white Victorian house that sits on the main street in Saratoga Springs, New York. Getting a closer look can be difficult, since the carriages parked outside are usually busy discharging enthusiastic passengers on the brick-lined path, but persist. Look beyond the heavy black-and-white-striped awnings, and get a glimpse of a porch fragrant with gardenias planted in baskets with purple salvia.

High tea has moved into the cocktail hour, and cucumber sandwiches, tiny strips of smoked salmon on dark bread, and mint juleps in heirloom silver glasses are being passed around, while talk of horses and high stakes brings passionate responses from those assembled in wicker chairs, welcoming the slower pace at day's end. It's high season in Saratoga Springs, and from late July until Labor Day, the hospitable owner of this home, a fortyish bachelor—of impeccable breeding himself—makes this place his headquarters for overseeing the buying and selling of thoroughbreds.

Although he was entirely familiar with Saratoga Springs, having visited it every summer as the child of a family famous in the racing world, the owner bought this house, a bit over two seasons ago, on an impulse. He then asked architect Tim Haynes and interior designer Kevin Roberts, of Haynes-Roberts, Inc., to make it house-party-ready in six months. Dormant the rest of the year, it must spring to life the moment he and his







entourage arrive, and stay lively until the day the last race is won.

The house was built in 1870 and its interior revamped in the mid-1920s. Despite its evident charm, the place presented Haynes and Roberts with a serious challenge: how to make this rundown house comfortable, somewhat authentic to the period, and

glamorous enough for an owner with a château in France and an estate on Philadelphia's Main Line. And how to do it all quickly.

"The key," says Roberts, "once the plumbing and electrical systems were overhauled, was to make the house look inevitable and not to impose modernity on it." Considering

feel using a hodgepodge of curves and styles



its prominence in the racing season, the designers focused on creating "curbside appeal," because, Roberts says, "porches are a big deal in Saratoga Springs, and people promenade up and down the wide boulevard during high season."

After extensive brick work on the exterior and some vital

landscaping, overseen by Derrick Boulay, an American landscaper who lives in France, the designers painted checkerboard squares on the porch floor in black and white, the owner's racing colors, and added heavy canvas awnings for protection against sun, heat, and dust.



The master bedroom, above, gets its masculine air from the faux bois bed and nightstands. The walls are covered in Hodsoll stripe from Clarence House. The horn stool is from K. West Antiques, Hudson, NY. The carpet is from Stark.

Although the porch is the central meeting and greeting spot, the interior had to be equally inviting for entertaining. Hall floors were stenciled and painted to look like parquet, and the living room, once divided into two rooms, was opened up and its entrance framed by 1920s Ionic columns. Neither giving into the Victorian style of the house nor turning their backs on it, the designers decided to create a Regency feel using "a hodgepodge of curves and styles so it wouldn't look like a new shoe," according to Roberts, who says they wanted it to appear "playful, comfy, and as if it had been there forever."

Because the house is used during the summer season, the designers felt free to punch up its background with colors they describe as Kentucky bluegrass summer green and winner's-circle purple. These hues appear in wallpaper and on fabric throughout. A green-and-cream chintz roundabout serves as a centerpiece in the lanky living room, while apple-green taffeta draperies punctuate cream-colored woodblock wallpaper. The effect is cozy

enough to make guests feel they can lounge about, play cribbage, or simply put their feet up on furniture the designers describe as a few very good pieces mixed in with some whimsical ones.

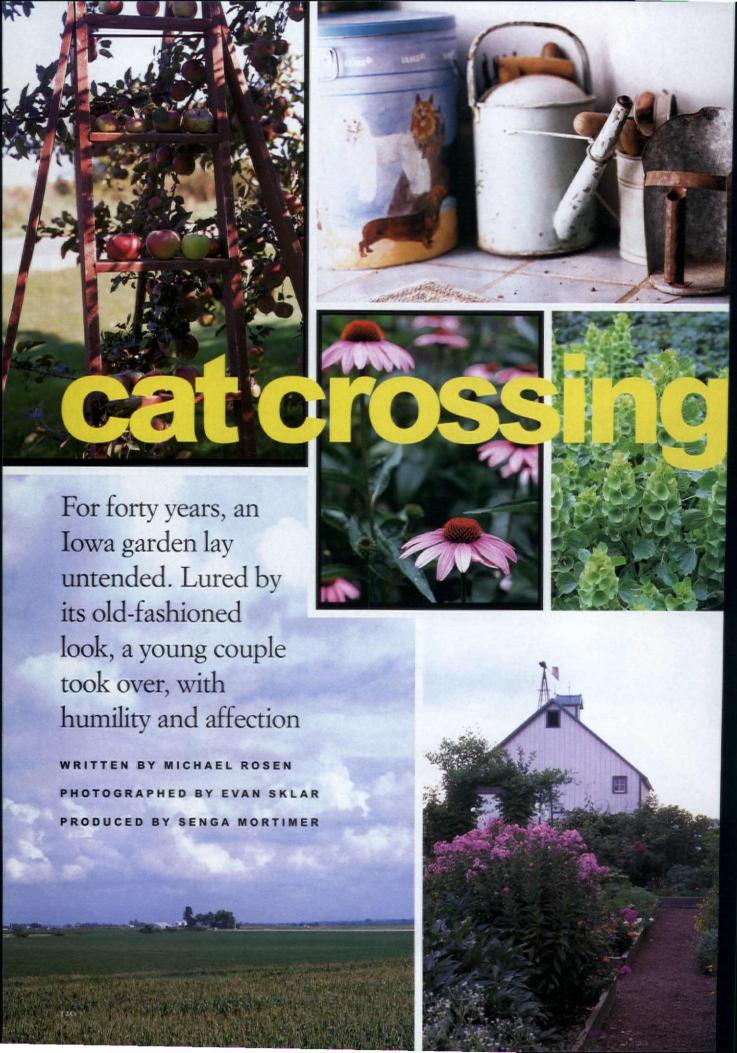
To make the house efficient enough to accommodate a number of guests, the vintage kitchen was rebuilt, although it retains the feel of past days, when a full staff scurried behind the scenes. The wainscoting was repaired and extended throughout the kitchen and pantry, and Carrara marble counters were added.

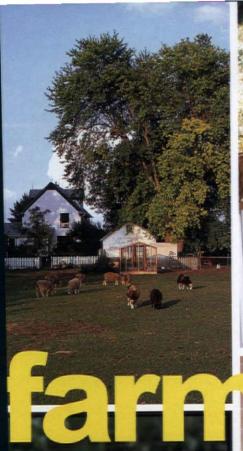
At night the dining room is set with family silver and Chinese export porcelain, and a collection of amethyst glassware is filled with bouquets of purple hydrangea. Rather than reupholster the 1920s Louis XVI-style dining chairs, the designers used easy-to-care-for linen slipcovers, printed with the owner's bold racing monograms, so that guests would be completely at ease.

Indeed, nearly every decision seems to have been made with the maximum comfort of owner and guests in mind. As Roberts puts it, "Our primary job was to make sure that everything looked as if it had found its own way into the house and was not so perfect that it would be off-putting. Our other responsibility was to make it exciting to the eye."

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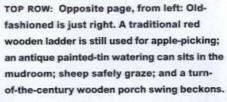












MIDDLE ROW: Echinacea and bells of Ireland thrive; sheep gaze; canaries perch in antique cages; koi swim in a lily-rich pond.

BOTTOM ROW: In corn country, gravel walkways intersect a colorful garden. Douglas and Karen Jimerson, dogged by their pooches, go for a stroll; sunflowers point the way to the barn.





N WOODWARD, 10WA, it's farming, not gardening, you mean when you talk about what soil and seed can do with a little human meddling. It's yards, not grounds. It's crops of corn and soybeans, not beds of *Cimicifuga* and ornamental kale. Oh, there's the occasional local with thick-as-your-wrist hollyhocks facing his barn and bearded iris besieging the mailbox. But there's nothing close to Douglas Jimerson and Karen Weir-Jimerson's Cat Crossing Farm.

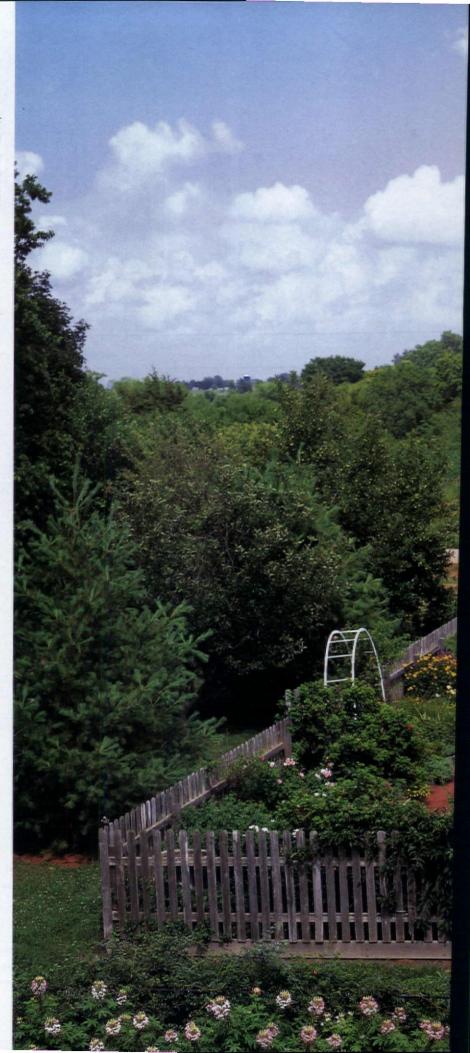
Douglas bid on his 1900s farmstead—which hadn't been remodeled for nearly forty years—the day Pope John Paul II came to Des Moines, in 1979. It's no coincidence that Douglas felt the comfort of recognition in the bones of the languishing garden: he had spent his childhood in New Jersey following his grandparents around such rose and iris beds and arranging and rearranging his toy farm sets—plastic animals, barns, and fences.

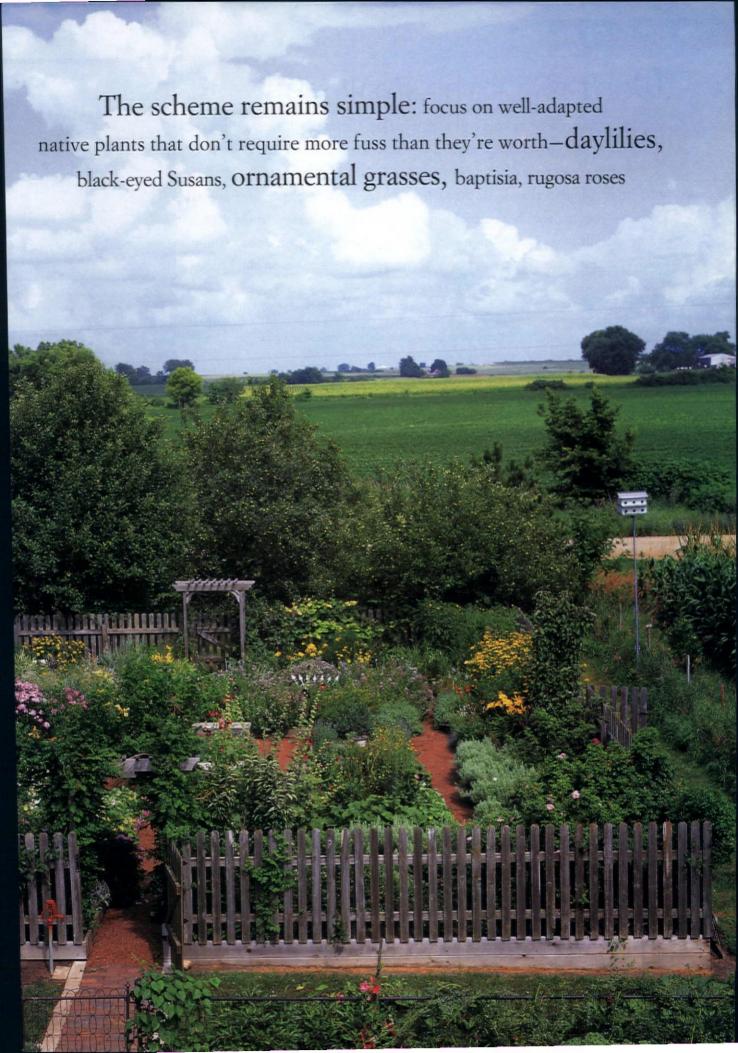
What Douglas loved about Cat Crossing Farm, he says, were "these knee-high picket fences and trellises of old roses everywhere. Even how the sun goes down along the alley between the barn and the other outbuildings reminded me of the home I grew up in."

When Karen Weir married Douglas, her prior garden experience, she admits, concerned "a mint plant someone gave me when I was eight or nine." Both husband and wife, who had worked in the area for trade and book publications, are now part-time gardeners and editors at *Garden Escape* (http://www.garden.com), a handsome Internet magazine and comprehensive resource database.

"This home is my Sears farm set, in full scale," Douglas says. With childlike inventiveness and energy, the couple—who have two boys, eight dogs, innumerable cats, and a flock of sheep—re-create their three-acre farmstead each growing season. Some playing pieces remain the same—favorite plants like *Echinacea*, peonies, and catmint. But when it comes to new items, "we binge," Karen says. "One year it's miniature daylilies, the

A weathered picket fence is an informal frame for a colorful Colonial Williams-burg-like garden, opposite a wire-enclosed plot of vegetables, strawberries, and flowers. The plants vary from year to year, but always include catmint.





# Don't sweat the small stuff

rop anything in this soil and it grows," Douglas Jimerson boasts. Iowa's rich, jet-black topsoil is often two feet deep, and is without the rocks that plague New England. Add high heat and humidity, and Jimerson says that with crops like "basil, corn, melons, and annual flowers—you can hear them grow." Offsetting such congeniality, Iowa presents four constant adversaries: "high winds, a dry July and August, bone-chilling cold, and grasshoppers that eat everything, even the screens on the house."

#### Search for alternatives

If, like the Jimersons, you hanker for the structure of broad-leaf evergreens or boxwood hedges, buck up, avoid disappointment, and seek other plants better suited for your habitat.

#### Take a place in history

While Cat Crossing Farm has surprises, the ongoing joys are those of recognition: a seamless participation in the century-old story that the land there tells. "There's little about the place that couldn't have been created fifty years ago," Douglas admits.

#### Plan a year-round garden

The Jimersons selected serviceberries, highbush cranberry viburnum (Viburnum trilobum), and Sergeant crab apple to ensure both winter color and an oasis of food for birds in this prairie that can be habitat-spare in winter months.

#### A CROW'S-EYE VIEW approximately 3 acres

- 1. House
- 2. Fruit trees
- 3. Raised-bed garden
- 4. Picket fence
- 5. Cornfields
- 6. Toolshed
- 7. Patio and water garden
- 8. Wire fence
- 9. Flowers and vegetables
- 10. Barn
- 11. Sheep yard
- 12. Greenhouse
- 13. Potting shed
- 14. Arbor

#### Gardens are for play

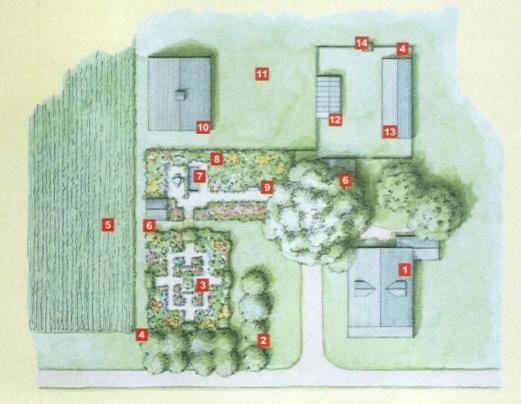
The Jimersons' acres are continually reinvented. Move perennials not simply to divide them but to invent new patterns or color movements or novel juxtapositions. Replace anything that disappoints or simply seems too trite. Go overboard on a batch of new annuals, and choose the winners for a larger commitment the following year.











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next dahlias. When we can't fit in another plant, it's time to take more land from our sheep." Over various seasons they have transformed a corncrib into a lambing shed/garage/hayloft; renovated the chicken house for auxiliary office space; and built dog runs, a koi pond, and a new greenhouse, where they overwinter plants and start nearly all their annuals.

horticultural playgrounds, the gardens are also test grounds for new species and products Garden Escape may feature. This suits the Jimersons' ingenuous American melting pot: a quilt with swatches of English perennial borders, Provençal raised beds, walkways where bricks and paving stones emerge from gravel (suggesting Italian stuccoed walls), and the ghost of the Colonial Williamsburg garden plan that Douglas originally outlined.

Most impressive here are the humility

of the enterprise, the earnestness that belies the two gardeners' hard-won knowhow, and their realistic expectations. The scheme remains simple: focus on welladapted native plants that don't require more fuss than they're worth-daylilies, black-eyed Susans, Sanvitalia (creeping zinnia), ornamental grasses, baptisia, rugosa roses. The Jimersons spare themselves the disappointment of plants that require hand-holding, and they search for alternatives: "Lavender won't grow as robust as we'd like. But we've found a substitute in catmint: 'Six Hills Giant' blooms all summer, has nice foliage, and bees love it," says Douglas.

Silver maples preside over a meandering stream of daffodils interspersed with jumbled fountains of caladiums, hostas, mayapples, *Pulmonaria*, and variegated elderberry in the shade garden. Beyond it, in a neighbor's fields, there are grass-shearing sheep whose gene pools the couple is helping preserve. The side yard includes a horse-watering tank, which Douglas has

nicknamed "the Iowa swimming pool."

Douglas began a modest apple and pear orchard the year he moved in and has added a tree every year, bequeathing his own heirs another gift. The Williamsburg-like garden with radiating symmetrical beds is contained by a picket fence, while a cutting garden is bounded by a filigreed wire fence from an old cemetery, entwined with sweet-scented moonflowers—perfect for a candlelit supper.

Each revision at Cat Crossing Farm is also an act of preservation. There will always be a new hybrid, the chance of a windfall. "With all the gardens, sheep, cats, and dogs, things come into perspective," Douglas says. "Being outsmarted by a sheep puts your ego in its place. You realize you're not the center of the universe after all, which is—at its heart—what gardening's about."

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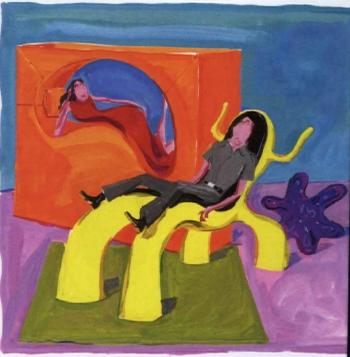
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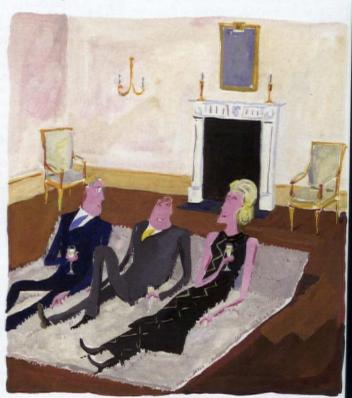
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