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ArtiGras promises a weekend of art, fun

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When you've been doing this kind of thing for 35 years, you've got it down to an art.

ArtiGras Fine Arts Festival, taking place Feb. 15-16 at Abacoa Town Center, is known as the top fine art festival of the Palm Beaches — and for good reason. Ranked



as one of the top 10 art shows in the U.S., this year's festival will showcase the work of 280 national, regional and local fine artists, interactive art exhibits, children's

activities, live music, art demonstrations, food, drink and fun, according to Bianca Colon, Palm Beach North Chamber of Commerce director of events.

"This is the northern county's premier event," Ms. Colon said. "It's all about bringing art and culture to Palm Beach North."

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Voter registration deadline is near

The presidential preference primary is March 17.

You must be registered in order to vote and your party affiliation must be confirmed by Feb. 18. Details on the application process are available at www.pbcelections.org. Registration is available at public libraries, driver license offices and other places. Call 561-656-6200.

To vote by mail, your application must be received by March 7. Details are on the website or any Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections office.



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THE PALM BEACH HOME REDEFINED

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Suzanne Kasler's great room, dubbed, "Edited Style," is light and airy. That's Benjamin Moore's Custis Salmon color on the paneled south wall of the space. PHOTOS BY SARGENT ARCHITECTURAL PHOTOGRAPHY

KIPS BAY REDUX

SHOW HOUSE BRINGS TOGETHER
19 DESIGNERS
WHO HAVE REVAMPED
18 SPACES

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The Kips Bay Decorator Show House Palm Beach has opened its stately double front doors to the public for a monthlong tour benefiting the Boys & Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County.

At the 8,751-square-foot home known as Bamboo Hill, ticketholders can walk through the sprawling two-story structure that boasts four bedrooms, five baths, two casitas and a large loggia looking out at the garden and pool — an impressive 18 interior and exterior spaces in all.

"I think the house is extraordinarily beautiful," said Celerie Kemble, who chaired the event's Opening Night Preview Party on Jan. 31. "The rooms flowed from designer to designer without a sense of jarring contrast."



SEE KIPS BAY, A23 ► Besty Wentz and Tom Kirchoff designed the his-and-her baths. Notice how the chevron design on the towels provided by Pioneer Linens matches the custom draperies by The Shade Store.



The father-daughter duo of Brian and Alexandra Brady created the foyer.

KIPS BAY

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Nineteen designers across the country each assigned a space to renovate, transforming the home into an enclave displaying the trends of the trade.

"When you work on a show house, you're trying to show what's exciting and cutting edge and what's fun for you in the absence of a client," Ms. Kemble said. "I think Palm Beach as a community is very interested in design, so everyone was quick to support the endeavor."

The owner of Kemble Interiors in New York has worked on previous Kips Bay Decorator Show House projects in Manhattan and knows the effort it takes to create a dazzling room out of a demolished one.

"It's a big-time commitment," Ms. Kemble said. "I understand by virtue of experience how complex it is."

Among her favorites are the downstairs guest bedrooms called "The Palmetto Snug" and "Writer's Retreat" and an upstairs study called "Mindfulness Retreat."

"I think it's exciting to see what people have done," Ms. Kemble said. "Most people go to learn something. They go for charity, yes, but they also go to see the vision."

Joe Lucas, of Lucas Studio in West Hollywood, Calif., designed "The Palmetto Snug" as a cozy room in which to entertain at the bar or nap on the couch. It includes a form-over-function fireplace that complements Fromental's geometrically inspired wallpaper.

"I was obsessed with this paper, so that was the direction we went off on," Mr. Lucas said. "Even though it's South Florida, I like the idea of having a fireplace."

The space also includes an outside terrace area and a bathroom.

Kevin Isbell, of Kevin Isbell Interiors in Los Angeles, designed "Writer's Retreat" as an homage to one of the greatest — Ernest Hemingway. An old typewriter in a leather-clad case sits atop a vintage desk accompanied by a wing chair. With Grace Studio's handpainted scenic wallpaper depicting palm trees and other tropical foliage, viewers might believe they are standing in the studio of "Papa's" historic Key West estate.

"Obviously, I love prints and designs," Mr. Isbell said. "I just amped it up for the show house."

Sarah Magness, of Sarah Magness Design in New York, turned a loft area into a sacred space for spiritual expression. The mindfulness starts on the steps that lead the way to the retreat, as their carpeting is overlaid with symbolic tigers.

"In Japan, the tiger gives you strength," Ms. Magness said. "I thought it would be a great opportunity to use some of the Asian influences I have."

She lived in the country for four years while attending middle school and high school and began acquiring antiques. Her vast personal collection is beautifully presented in the floor-to-ceiling bookcase.

"This reminds me of when I was in Japan," Ms. Magness said. "It has that energy about it."

Tying the home together is Atlanta-based Suzanne Kasler's great room, "Edit-

ed Style." A vaulted space with French doors, it is light and airy and fabulously Florida, featuring wicker urns, rattan floor and table lamps and a Paul Ferrante Water Lilies Chandelier, as well as an accent wall in Benjamin Moore's Custis Salmon.

Betsy Wentz and Tom Kirchhoff had fun with the his-and-her closets and baths — the most colorful and eclectic rooms Bamboo Hill has to offer. Her closet is papered in pink pineapples that contrast with surrounding blues, greens and yellows. A garment cover, shoe case and weekend bag made from the fabric version of the print add to the scheme.

"It is a closet, but we sort of turned it into a lounge," said Ms. Wentz, of Sewickley, Pa.-based Studio B, noting the pair of hassocks, day bed and serving tray holding a bottle of rosé and a couple of glasses.

The vibrancy carries into his closet, outstanding for its bold orange wallpaper whose shade is picked up by the love seat, planted succulents and artwork. The baths, separate but connected by a peekaboo shower, are preppy yet modern. Pioneer Linens provided custom toweling in a bright chevron motif that The Shade Store matched in pleated custom drapery.

"Everyone has their privacy, their don't-see-me space, but by adding the shower, it makes it more intimate," said Mr. Kirchhoff, of Kirchhoff & Associates Architects in Jupiter. "We completely redid the space."

Javier Fernandez, of Transitional Designs in Boca Raton, installed a floor in the powder room to resemble those of The Mark hotel in New York. "Design with Bite" is the result. Leta Austin Foster, of Leta Austin Foster & Associates in Palm Beach, paid tribute to Thai silk dealer Jim Thompson during the design of "Study." Mr. Thompson, who disappeared mysteriously in 1967 while vacationing in Malaysia, loved the art of the Orient, so Ms. Foster filled the room with it. Out back, the grounds — elaborately named "Palmetto Paradise: A Garden Design in the Mughal Style" — is best seen from above to appreciate its clever curves and Taj Mahal-esque twists. Mario Nievera and Keith Williams, of Nievera Williams Landscape Architecture in Palm Beach, get the credit.

"Having guests stay out in the guest house is kind of off-putting to me," said Keith Baltimore, of Baltimore Design Group in Boca Raton, who repurposed one of the casitas into a soft and scented massage room with twin tables. "A place for wellness — it is a luxurious, indulgent concept. What's really cool about this is that it is so chill. I'm totally at ease here, and I hope people will take that away." ■

In the KNOW

Kips Bay Decorator Show House Palm Beach

- » Time: 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sundays
- » When: Through March 1
- » Where: Bamboo Hill, 260 Palmetto Lane, West Palm Beach 48-573 (\$25 for those 25 and younger)
- » Cost: \$35
- » Information: www.kipsbaydecoratorshowhouse.org/palmbeach



The outside terrace area of Joe Lucas' "The Palmetto Snug."

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