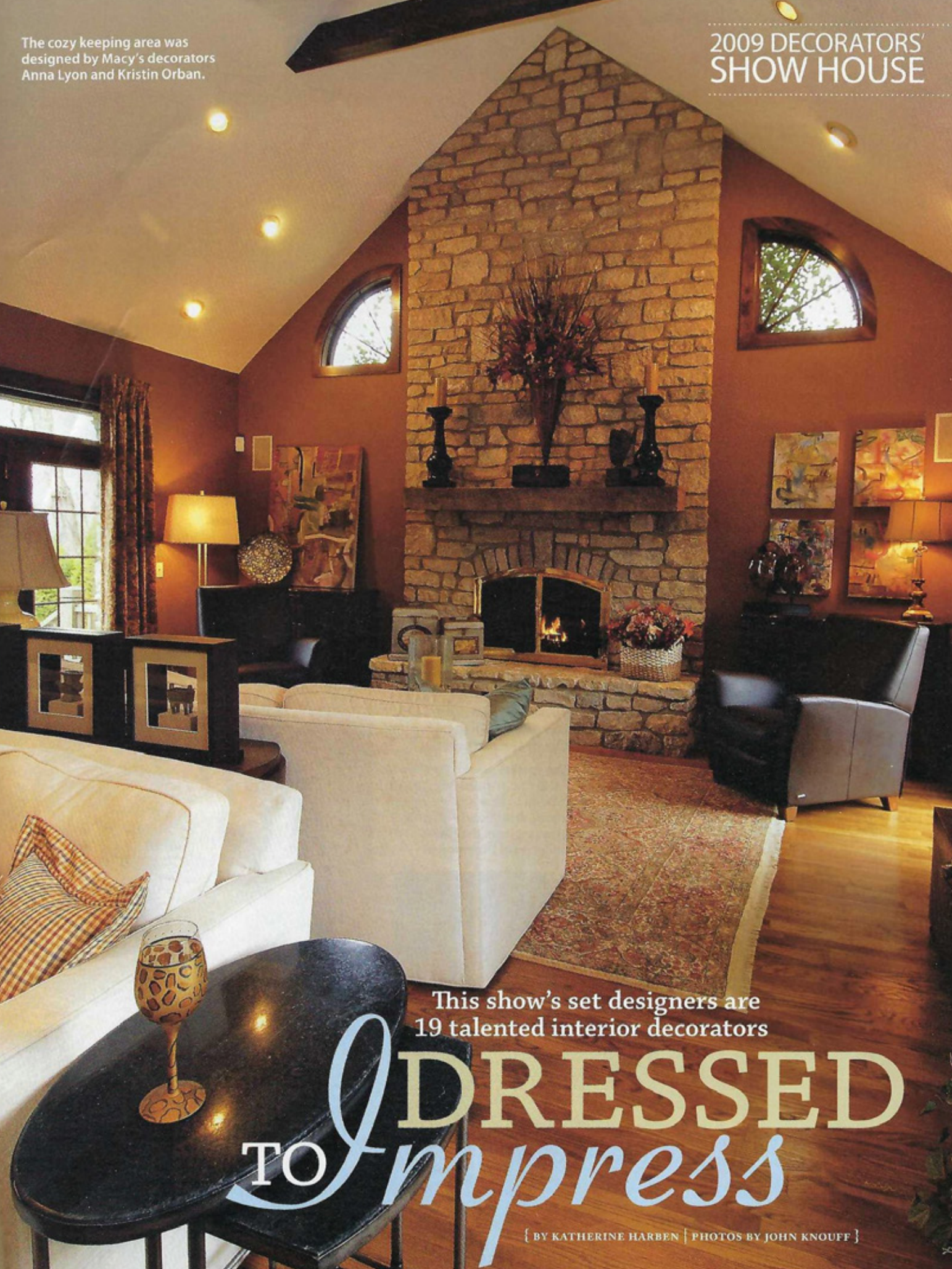


The cozy keeping area was designed by Macy's decorators Anna Lyon and Kristin Orban.

2009 DECORATORS'
SHOW HOUSE



This show's set designers are
19 talented interior decorators

TO DRESSED impress

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**CLOCKWISE FROM
TOP RIGHT:**

Details such as wallpapered ceilings (seen here in this bedroom designed by Tracie McGarity), silk draperies, hand-painted wall details and exposed brick and wood give the show house one-of-a-kind appeal.

The powder room (by Pam Yost) off the main entry makes the most of a small space with dramatic accessories and white trim.

A fundraiser for the Columbus Museum of Art, the show house's grounds and rooms feature art such as this sculpture by David Hostetler.

The spalike master bath by Katie Hixon Interiors features indulgent accents, warm-hued surface textures and glass art from the Hawk Galleries in Downtown.



reclaimed from an 1800s-era barn. The rustic beams accent the kitchen and dinette, front entry and an archway between the home's garages.

David Berg, of David M. Berg Ltd., created a space he calls "the vault" in what was once a mechanical room below the first floor. In the new space, which Berg designed to serve as a wine cellar and entertainment area, reclaimed wood timbers line the ceiling and handmade loose brick covers part of the floor. The space is full of unexpected textures and rich earthy colors, yet somehow manages to achieve a sleek and contemporary look using Old World materials.

"I like a strong architectural space," says Berg, who in the past has taken on challenging show house spaces such as a coal shoot room and balcony. "It's a very clean, modern and yet rustic environment."

This time around, Berg collaborates with builder Kevin Knight and architect Brian Kent Jones. Appropriately, the three concocted the room's design over a bottle of wine.

"For me, (the show house) was about the collaboration," Berg says. "I think it improves any project."

Beanie Gentile, of B. Gentile Interior Design in Columbus, also created a less traditional space. Her laundry room, co-designed by Debbie Cameron of Classique Design and Carlene Zeches of Z Interior Decorations, has a playful feel.

"Doing laundry can be a real drudgery," Gentile says. "We wanted it to be light and maybe a little different than the rest of the house." That's why the primarily chocolate-hued space will bring fun to the task with bright citrus-green accents, hand-painted details on the walls and a whimsically patterned rug. One of the most interesting aspects of the room might be its applied concrete countertop, which was handcrafted by adhering concrete over the existing counters.

Whereas Gentile's laundry room amps up the volume with

The inspiration for this laundry room by Beanie Gentile, Debbie Cameron and Carlene Zeches was the colorful rug adorning the floor. The room features hand-applied concrete countertops and hand-painted wall and tile accents.

ABOVE: The master bedroom, by Sally McDonald of Interiorworks, is a light and airy sanctuary in white and taupe hues reminiscent of a beachfront retreat.



When You Go...

The 2009 Decorators' Show House is presented by the Women's Board Auxiliary of the Columbus Museum of Art in collaboration with the local chapter of the American Society of Interior Designers.

WHEN: The event continues until Sunday, May 10, at 2575 Leeds Rd. Hours are Tuesday through Thursday, 10:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.; and Friday through Sunday, 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. "Meet the Designers" is Wednesday, May 6, from 6 to 8 p.m.

COST: Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased at the event, at the Columbus Museum of Art gift shop or online at ColumbusMuseum.org. A \$2 discount coupon is available to *The Columbus Dispatch* Reader Rewards members.

vivid greens, Katie Hixon and Gwen Werman's master bath design subdues with a muted palette of rusty and grayish browns. Hints of copper and gold appear in curtains and other accessories. The whole space straddles a sophisticated line between transitional and traditional design.

"Ours has a little bit of a contemporary flare to it," says Hixon, of Katie Hixon Interiors in Gahanna.

Hixon and Werman's project incorporates distinct Jack and Jill bathroom areas, a study, and shared bath and walk-in closet. A shimmering embroidered fabric on the window treatments mimics the luster from glistening glass tiles used throughout.

"When you're doing show house, you sort of start with an inspiration fabric, something that catches your eye and build from that," Hixon says.

Art is prevalent in the space. For example, an abstract scroll created by Fortin Ironworks holds a curtain swag and glass sculptures from the Hawk Galleries occupy walls and shelves.

"It'll be like a little minigallery," Hixon says. Like many of the show house designers, she's been participating for years.

"We have a good time; we enjoy what we do and love the whole experience," she says. "The show house for me is just that, it's a place to create and be creative."—AH

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