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A Collaboration Of Visionary Clients And Top Design Talent Results In An Exceptional Home That Coalesces Seamlessly With Its Beautiful Surroundings

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Landscape architect Krent Wieland was responsible for the home's spectacular lagoon pool with infinity edge and water features. The installation is equipped with aeration jets that replicate variations of water, from a calm spillway to a raging rapid, all via the touch of a button.



Draperies in Bart Halpern fabric from Jeffrey Michaels lend subtle texture to the living room while framing the lakeside view. A quartet of Italian glass table lamps from Donghia and a pair of Ironies' amber glass side tables speak to the wife's penchant for reflective materials that catch the light.



CONFIRMING THE BELIEF THAT a great client is the best inspiration, the "dream team" that collaborated on this 20,000-square-foot residence in Boca Raton, Fla., unanimously credits the home's visionary owners as the primary ingredient for its resounding success. The team was assembled by interior designer Louis Shuster, whose long-term relationship with his clients spans nearly three decades. "We have a very high level of trust working together, with this project marking our seventh since 1983," says the designer, who called upon the talents of builder Steve Paskoski and landscape architect Krent Wieland. The only newcomers on the

ABOVE: High ceilings, arched thresholds and bird's eye maple flooring with onyx inserts lend a rhythmic feel to the long hallways that are found throughout the home; this view shows the hall leading to the wine room.



scene were architects Robert Jay Colestock and Mark Allen Muir, whose firm was a direct referral to the homeowners.

Having outgrown their previous residence, the discriminating couple decided to look for another lot within the same community on which to build a home. And they found one with a desirable waterfront location with golf course views — one of the few double lots in the club. But this project was not without challenges, most notably a near-impossible, 17-month completion schedule. Additionally, the site itself involved a huge setback requirement from the lake, but a creative solution to line the pool edge with stepping stones of custom-cut flagstone lends space. "By their very nature, these types of projects create adversity," Paskoski says. "But these particular clients inspire people to be the best they can be, which resulted in a spirit of camaraderie and enthusiasm."

ABOVE: Grounding the breakfast area's Ebano Soberon table and custom banquettes, the bird's eye maple flooring was created in pie-shaped sections to underscore the ceiling, where a Fine Art Lamps amber glass and iron fixture from Judith Norman hangs in suspension.

RIGHT: Swaim host chairs clad in Duralee's paisley suede add a sense of formality to the dining room, where Dessin Fournir side chairs from David Sutherland surround a pair of Gregorius Pineo tables. Candlelit light fixtures from Wired Custom Lighting lend romance.



The architectural concept originated from the wife's vision for a home conducive to family enjoyment, elegant yet low-maintenance with tall ceilings and lots of windows to take advantage of the outdoor view. "She afforded us tremendous creativity," Colestock says, adding that her only caveat was that the house not be a full two-story design. A timeless unification of a Mediterranean theme balanced with warm, contemporary articulation resulted in a partial two-story format with finely detailed architectural elements. Such elements define the voluminous living room, where meticulously crafted, curved-glass window walls flood the space with natural light. Here, herringbone-patterned bird's eye maple flooring bordered by onyx sets the color palette: an organic mix of jewel-toned gold and amber with near-emerald accents.

"This space is all about entertaining," Shuster says, citing the trio of seating groupings designed to work individually for cozy conversation or together to accommodate large gatherings. Custom-designed sofas are clad in nubby chenille, while a pair of lounge chairs near the fireplace are upholstered in floral-patterned cotton. Seating near the window includes four custom



ABOVE: Luxuriant landscaping can be enjoyed to its best advantage in the master bath with the use of expansive atrium windows. In the nearby master bedroom, above right, a custom platform bed features silk pillow shams hand-embroidered with semi-precious stones. Contrasting applications of walnut and lemonwood in the bedside tables and headboard wall compose a textural effect, while wall-to-wall carpeting from Carpet Source features a bronze silk nub.



"The owners love comfort and warmth, and tend towards neutral palettes with textural interest," interior designer Louis Shuster says. "This space features a variety of textures but still manages a clean-lined, simple elegance."

The rear exterior features Ledgestone columns with hidden tracks between the stone that hold phantom screens that descend mechanically. A meticulously crafted slate roof highlights hand-forged copper detailing. Brown Jordan furnishings in a bronze-framed finish echo the home's trim.



lounge chairs covered in brushed chenille with hand-loomed silk cushion fabric, all grouped around an oversized, chocolate-toned leather ottoman with hand-embroidered detailing.

Space for entertaining continues in the adjacent dining room, where dual dining groupings accommodate both small and large parties. "The wife fell in love with these trestle-based tables, and their slightly rustic feel is a great counterpoint to the refined dining chairs," Shuster says.

A bit more casual, the sunny breakfast area features custom banquettes upholstered in linen and suede that wrap around a table made of honey-toned milpa wood. Above, a dramatic domed ceiling with spoke wagon-wheel woodworking echoes the room's circular motif.

Rendered in an opulent palette of gleaming wood, stone and tile, the wife requested that the master bath feature the same golden amber hues as the main living areas. Jerusalem stone flooring inset with hand-cut tiles provides the backdrop for a custom tub surround and vanity cabinetry of exotic muinga wood, with shower walls clad in a mosaic of multi-colored tiger's eye.

Architectural elements and lush finishes continue into the master bedroom, where a backdrop wall of walnut and lemonwood features a centerpiece headboard upholstered in soft cotton. Shuster's custom-designed bedside tables eschew drawers to allow easy access to books and periodicals, and feature pullout trays incorporated in the tabletops.



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Looking back on the project, Shuster's expressions of synergy and satisfaction are emblematic of the project itself, which has been lauded as "House of the Year" by the Construction Association of South Florida. "I'd credit this endeavor as a most successful collaboration, foremost being the best clients anyone could hope for," he says. "It was a true labor of love for all involved."

SOURCES

Rear Exterior

Roofing, columns, railings, and beamed ceiling and bar in loggia - Custom designed by Colestock & Muir Architects, P.A., Boca Raton, FL
Roofing fabricated by Carpenter's Roofing & Sheet Metal, Inc., West Palm Beach, FL
Columns fabricated by Quality Hardscape, Fort Pierce, FL

Railings fabricated by New Castle Iron, Fort Lauderdale, FL
Bar fabricated by Noell Design Group, Inc., Boca Raton, FL

Pool and water feature fabricated by E.S. Unlimited, Inc., Palm Beach Gardens, FL
Chaises - Brown Jordan Co., DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL

Flooring - Designer's Choice in Floors, Dania Beach, FL

Living Room

Fireplace surround, stained glass, sofas, and lounge chairs and ottoman by window - Custom designed by Shuster Design Assoc., Inc., Wilton Manors, FL
Fireplace surround fabricated by Noell Design Group, Inc., Boca Raton, FL

Stained glass fabricated by McMow Art Glass, Inc., Lake Worth, FL
Venetian plaster fabricated by Colonial Decorators, Delray Beach, FL

Sofa fabric - Designtex, Charlotte, NC
Lounge chair fabric - Elizabeth Dow, Ltd., Jeffrey Michaels & Co., DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL

Lounge chair cushion fabric, ottomans under console tables and striped accent pillow fabric - Duralee Fabrics & Fine Furniture, DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL

Floral-patterned lounge chairs and ottoman - Swaim, High Point, NC
Cocktail table - Dessin Fournir, David Sutherland Showroom, DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL

Side and console tables - Ironies, Jerry Pair & Assoc., DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL
Light fixture - Fine Art Lamps, Judith Norman Collection, DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL

Floor lamps - Ebanista, DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL

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Hallway to Wine Room

Wall tiling in wine room - Ceramic Matrix, West Palm Beach, FL
Cabinetry in wine room fabricated by Apex Wine Cellars & Saunas, Rancho Dominguez, CA
Light fixtures in hallway - Fine Art Lamps, Judith Norman Collection, DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL
Light fixture in wine room - Justice Design, Capitol Lighting, Boca Raton, FL

Breakfast Area

Banquettes - Custom designed by Shuster Design Assoc., Inc., Wilton Manors, FL
Cabinetry fabricated by The Kitchenworks, Inc., Fort Lauderdale, FL
Table - Ebano Soberon, DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL

Dining Room

Dining tables - Gregorius Pineo, Jerry Pair & Assoc., DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL
Side chairs - Dessin Fournir, David Sutherland Showroom, DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL

Fabric - Duralee Fabrics & Fine Furniture, DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL
Candle light fixtures - Wired Custom Lighting, DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL

Master Bath

Cabinetry fabricated by Noell Design Group, Inc., Boca Raton, FL
Countertop, tub surround, shower tiling and flooring - Dalio Tile & Stone Group, Pompano Beach, FL

Master Bedroom

Venetian plaster fabricated by Colonial Decorators, Delray Beach, FL
Wall paneling, headboard, bed and bedside tables - Custom designed by Shuster Design Assoc., Inc., Wilton Manors, FL
Wall paneling and bedside tables fabricated by Noell Design Group, Inc., Boca Raton, FL
Bench - Judith Norman Collection, DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL
Lamps - Fine Art Lamps, Judith Norman Collection, DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL

Throughout

Ceilings, interior columns and cabinetry - Custom designed by Shuster Design Assoc., Inc., Wilton Manors, FL
Ceilings, interior columns, millwork, molding, windows and doors fabricated by Paskoski Construction, Inc., Fort Lauderdale, FL
Windows and exterior doors - La Finestra, Miami, FL

Interior doors - Pinecrest, Inc., Minneapolis, MN

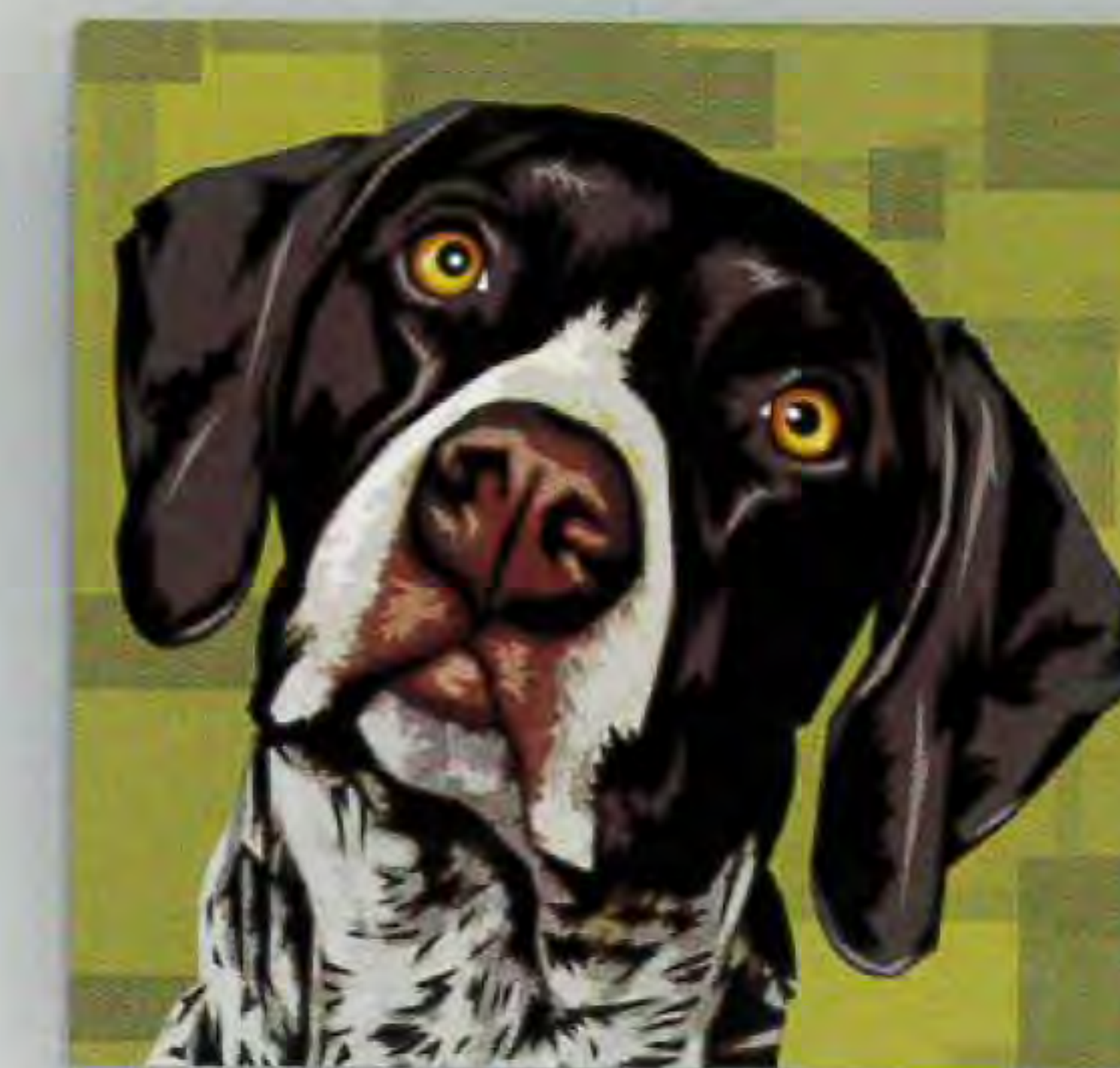
Recessed lighting installed by Energy Efficient Electric, Inc., West Palm Beach, FL
LED fixtures - Dan Wells LED Lighting Creations, St. Petersburg, FL

Draperies fabric - Bart Halpern, Jeffrey Michaels & Co., DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL
Area rugs and carpeting - Carpet Source, DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL
Wood flooring - RA Specialty Flooring, Lake Worth, FL

Onyx flooring - Dalio Tile & Stone Group, Pompano Beach, FL ♦



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