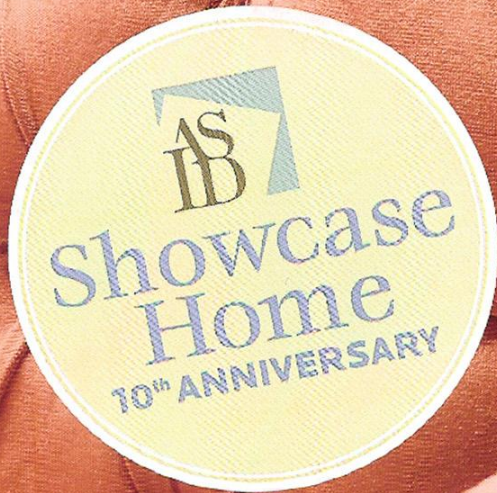


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Dramatic Results

Winning rooms from the 2006 Showcase Home People's Choice Awards.

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Each spring, *Mpls.St.Paul Magazine* lures lovers of beautiful homes to the annual American Society of Interior Designers Showcase Home Tour. We supply tour guests with a ballot and ask them to tell us what they loved about the home—this year a 12,000-square-foot historic Tudor Revival on Lake Minnetonka. The private residence and carriage house were open for four weeks of tours, which helped raise money for Second Harvest Heartland, Corner Stone, The Jeremiah Program, and the Junior League of St. Paul. For those who didn't get a chance to see it or those who want to savor the vision of the English Cotswold cottage-style home a little longer, we present to you the results of this year's poll.

» Best Lighting

DINING ROOM

Ramsey Engler Ltd.
Laura Ramsey Engler, Leah Palmer
Johnson, Joan Hoffman Berglund,
Angela Novak Pederson, Bonnie
Anderson, Matt Muenster

The designers sought an atypical solution to the commonly used center chandelier. Since the dining table is not centered in the space, the obviously asymmetrical installation was de-emphasized with a trio of blown-glass lanterns in varying sizes. The extra-long table also benefits from the broad coverage of light. The designers then selected the unusual "facing pair" of scrolled sconces that reflect the softly curved shape of the lanterns, yet are bold enough to flank the grandly scaled mirror. The lighting beautifully accentuates this artful, inviting space.



Muenster, Ramsey Engler, Palmer Johnson, Hoffman Berglund, Anderson

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An Elegant Dinner Party

The dining room is a place where you can be a little more formal and elegant, says designer Laura Ramsey Engler. With that in mind, her firm, Ramsey Engler Ltd., designed a space that ties together the existing color palette throughout the house and creates a room that is inviting and luxurious.

1

Each end of the dining table features custom armless settees that seat two and are upholstered in this copper silk fabric, which is the same texture as the green silk. On the table, beautiful one-of-a-kind hand-thrown ceramic dishes by local artist Connee Mayeron Cowles create an artful tabletop. The dishes incorporate texture and metallic glazes to complement the shimmer of silk.

2

This green silk fabric is used as slipcovers for the chairs at the sides of the substantial, custom-built rectangular table. Ramsey Engler picked a solid fabric because silks take colors beautifully and add a luminous appearance. The fresh look is completed with the rich coral, copper, and orange silk fabrics.



3

Since so much of the wall space is dedicated to doors and windows, there was little wall surface to embellish, so subtly toned wall paint is accentuated with a crisp border of fabric tape trim at the edges. By using the ceiling as an expansive space, the designers introduce a new pattern to the area and give the room added dimension. The lines and colors in this ceiling wallcovering draw interest but blend well with the room and its function.

4

Used as pillows on the settee, these warm, vibrant silk fabrics pull the two solids together and make a sophisticated statement. The look is expanded through unique lighting, including three charming pendant lanterns over the table and an unusual facing pair of curved wall sconces. Two armchairs flank the fireplace with a small round table in between to create an alternative intimately scaled seating area for two.

RESOURCES:

Custom dining table
 —Aaron Carlson Architectural Woodwork
 Custom upholstered settees—Grain's Upholstery
 David latesta Rotolo wall sconces—Summer Hill Ltd.
 Dining chair slipcovers, pillows for settees
 —Wray's Upholstery

Furniture, artwork, mirror, tabletop décor, planters
 —Ramsey Engler Ltd.
 Installation of ceiling wallcovering and wall border
 —Kevin Pettis
 Painting labor and materials
 —Stephenson Construction
 Three-pendant light fixture—Laura Lee Designs

FROM IMS:

Artifacts Venulo console table—C. Maxwell Collection
 Osborne & Little pillow fabric—KDI/Gene Smiley
 Green and orange silk fabric—Kracet
 Cole & Son wallcovering—Lee Jofa
 Rug—Stark Carpet

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