

SHOW HOUSE DAZZLE

The 2014 DC Design House
infused a time-worn home with
style and inspiration

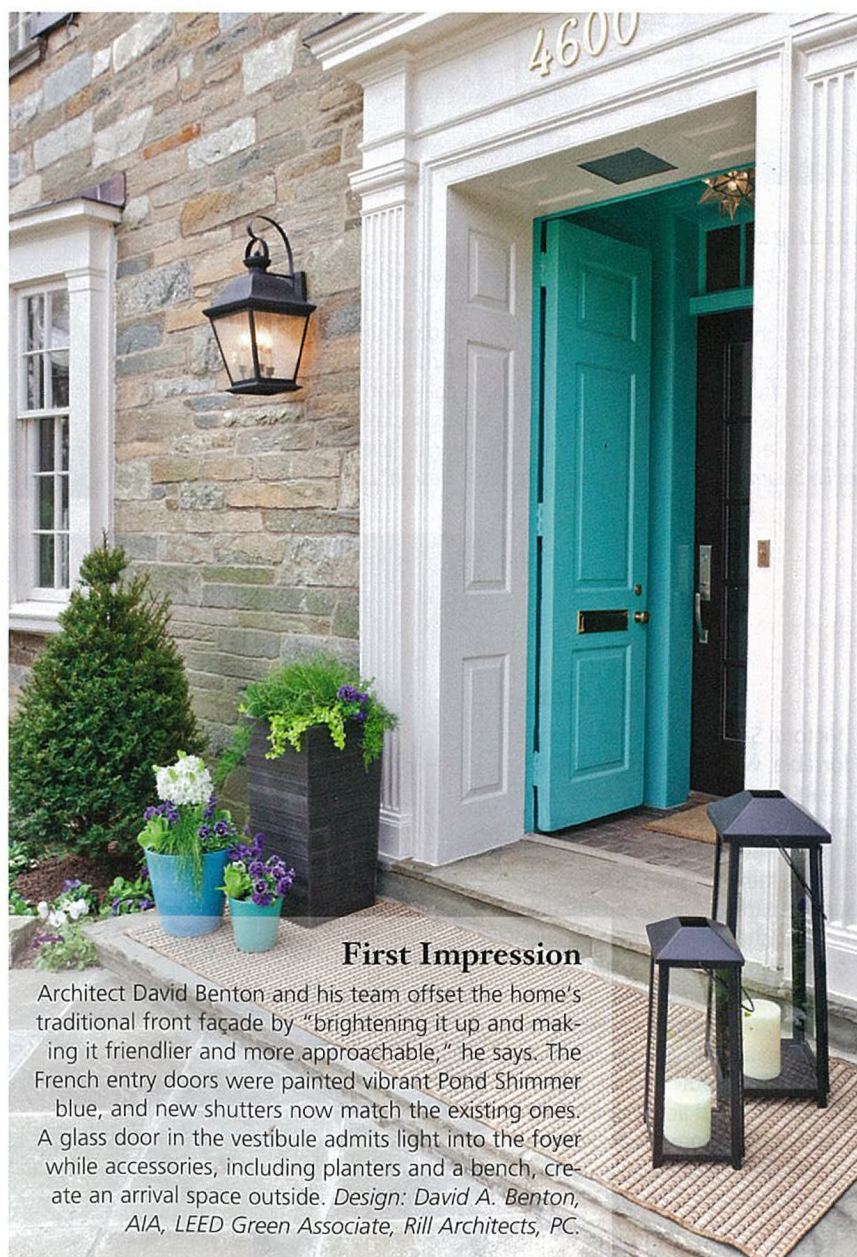
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A Glamorous Touch

The era of the house dictated the living room's style for Kelley Proxmire, who blended traditional architectural elements with a glamorous, sophisticated vibe. "The metallic Bergamo pillows were a springboard for the room," she says. The walls were sprayed with a high-gloss gray lacquer and existing built-ins were painted white. Proxmire grouped a Pearson sofa and a David latesta coffee table below a colorful painting by March Avery from the Marin-Price Galleries. *Design: Kelley Proxmire, Kelley Interior Design.*

The 2014 DC Design House transformed a classic but dated 8,000-square-foot, stone center-hall Colonial located in Northwest DC's picturesque Forest Hills neighborhood. The house and grounds showcased the work of 27 area design teams whose innovative ideas and creative execution imparted 21st-century style to the traditional 1929 home. Sponsored in part by *Home & Design* and C2 Paint, the show house was open for tours from April 13 through May 11; in case you missed it, we highlight each room on the following pages. Now in its seventh year, the DC Design House benefits Children's National Health System.



First Impression

Architect David Benton and his team offset the home's traditional front façade by "brightening it up and making it friendlier and more approachable," he says. The French entry doors were painted vibrant Pond Shimmer blue, and new shutters now match the existing ones. A glass door in the vestibule admits light into the foyer while accessories, including planters and a bench, create an arrival space outside. *Design: David A. Benton, AIA, LEED Green Associate, Rill Architects, PC.*

Pretty in Pink

"The wallpaper was our inspiration," says Susan Donelson of the delicate Thibaut floral pattern that covered the walls of the first guest room, located on the second floor (opposite, top). The designers chose streamlined furniture to "make it a little less girly." They painted the radiator cover in a raspberry hue that picked up the color inside the closet. A moss-green rug from Jaipur and a spring-green graphic print on the custom headboard channeled a fresh, outdoor sensibility. *Design: Susan Donelson & Sharon Bubenhofer, Cleveland Hall Design.*

Rest & Relaxation

In the upstairs sitting room (right), the designers used the movement and reflective color of water to convey a sense of relaxation.

"We wanted to create a calm space where people could relax and Zen out," says Dennese Guadeloupe Rojas. Faux-painted walls by Christine Barnette evoked water and sand, while a ceiling relief panel added interest. A Michael-Cleary sofa and armchairs from Urban Essentials surrounded a glass coffee table from J. Lambeth. *Design: Dennese Guadeloupe Rojas, Interiors by Design, LLC, & Diane S. Taitt, ASID, Associate AIA, DE Space Designs, LLC.*





2014 DC DESIGN HOUSE OPENING CELEBRATION

APRIL 12, 2014—Designers and guests celebrated the 2014 DC Design House with a preview of the elegant Forest Hills home after it was transformed by local design teams. Proceeds from the evening, as well as ticket sales to the Design House, benefited Children's National Medical Center. *Home & Design* is a media sponsor. For full coverage, see page 156. 1. Front row: Diane Taitt, Cheryl Lynn Doyle, Gina Benincasa, Victoria Sanchez, Camille Saum, Katherine Vernot-Jonas, Melissa McLay, Tracy Morris, Susan Donelson, Sharon Bubenhofer. Center row: Joanne Fitzgerald, Kelley Proxmire, Anne Wenzel, Nadia Subaran, Marika Meyer, Nancy Colbert, Nicolette Powell. Back row: Chad Alan, Deborah Broockerd, Cindy Grossmueller, Whitney Hansen, TJ Monahan, Jeff Akseizer, David Benton. 2. Attendees with special guest Barry Dixon. 3. Nicolette Powell, Homa Nowrouzi. 4. Cheryl Lynn Doyle, Nestor Santa-Cruz. 5. Cathy Porter, Chase Plymale. 6. G. Chandler Fox, Taylor Wells. 7. Joanne Fitzgerald, Marina Placido. 8. Skip Singleton, Katie McBreen, Dr. Richard Jonas. 9. Diane Taitt, Dennese Guadeloupe-Rojas. 10. Victoria Chapman, Nancy Colbert.

