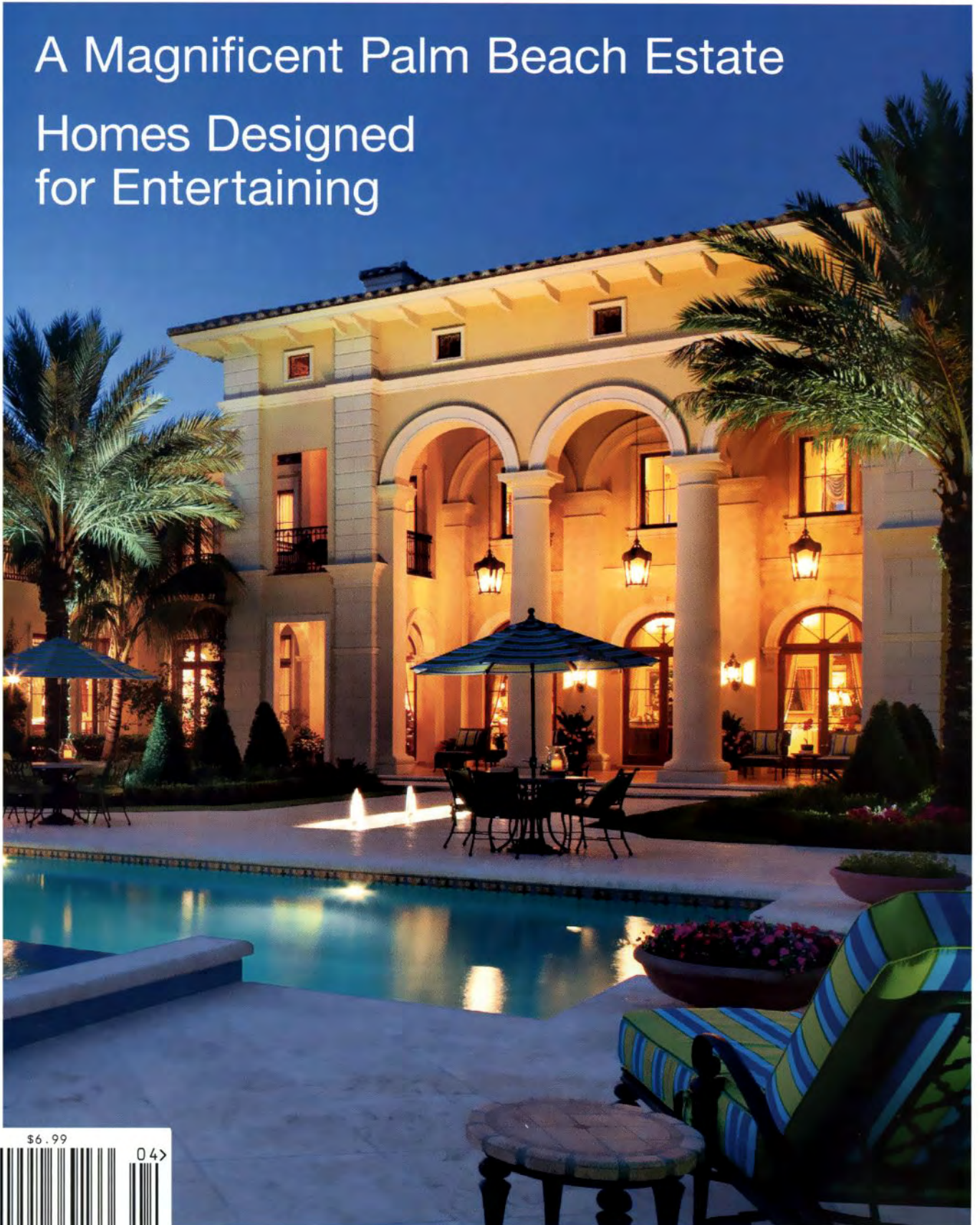


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VILLA BELLEZZA

Meticulous Detailing And World-Class Craftsmanship
Are The Hallmarks Of This Spectacular New Home
Evocative Of A Centuries-Old Italian Estate



Tremendous attention was paid to the pool deck in terms of layout to accommodate space for outdoor entertaining with ample seating and dining groupings. Stately columns fabricated by K&T Stoneworks adorn the home's exterior.

DESIGN Susan Gale, Susan Gale & Associates, Inc., Boynton Beach, FL
EXTERIOR ARCHITECTURE Phoenix Architecture, Inc., West Palm Beach, FL
INTERIOR ARCHITECTURE Santayana Design, Inc., Coral Springs, FL
BUILDER MCG Mutchnik Construction Group, Inc., Hallandale Beach, FL
DEVELOPER J F Brennan Construction, Ontario, Canada
LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE Lucido & Associates, Stuart, FL
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WHEN BUSINESSMAN, PHILANTHROPIST and cultural enthusiast Patrick Park was looking to build a primary residence to accommodate hosting charity events, he was moved to purchase an acre-plus lot in the exclusive Bear's Club in Jupiter, Fla. Calling upon designer Susan Gale, who had worked with Park on two previous projects, the result was a five-year-long task of designing and building a 20,000-square-foot estate that resembles the legendary ancestral villas of northern Italy.

ABOVE: Designer Susan Gale fashioned the stairway railing from wrought iron gates and stairways in Paris, where she photographed different styles of ironwork. Light shines through the double-story stained glass windows custom crafted by McMow Art Glass.

RIGHT: A sofa covered in Christopher Hyland silk chenille and lounge chairs in Quadrille's embroidered ombré silk surround a Formations cocktail table from Jerry Pair in the living room. Gold-toned draperies of Clarence House silk were cued by those in Italy's Hotel Splendido.









From the outset, Park was firm in one request: that each space of the home — christened Villa Bellezza, or Beautiful Home — should have an individual presence and interest that stands on its own. And Gale answered with meticulous detailing and custom furnishings that encompass every aspect of the house, from the stately exterior architecture to the interior's exquisite style.

Starting in the living room, second story-height windows and tall French doors lend an abundance of natural light that counters

ABOVE: The design of the private hallway that leads to the large VIP guest suite initiated with the bold, checkerboard marble flooring reminiscent of London's Claridge's Hotel. French blue, waffle-weave silk on the draperies repeats on custom ottomans placed directly opposite a pair of antique, turn-of-the century European chests.

LEFT: Ormate plaster ceiling details add an element of surprise in the formal dining room, where the cut-crystal and metal chandelier, a custom piece by Originals22, features shades clad in Christopher Hyland silk. French blue silk covers the walnut-framed chairs that surround a dining table from Panache Designs.

luxurious textures and finishes. A mix of new, custom pieces and refurbished antiques provides a classically timeless yet welcoming theme in French blue and buttery yellow. Jerusalem stone flooring flows from the living room to the dining room, where strong architectural elements include the 14-foot-high ceiling's ornate plaster moldings inspired by New York's Tavern on the Green and walls reminiscent of those in The Ritz Hotel in Paris.

Through the dining room lies the great room, where a grand concert piano is placed beneath the designer's spectacular, custom stairway. Gale ordered the two matching area rugs to coincide with the botanical motif of the drapery fabric. Walnut planks extend throughout the room, where deep-seated furnishings add a touch of informality. Outside on the loggia, sweeping views of the golf course cued Gale's lime green and French blue palette set against a pecky cypress-beamed ceiling and Spanish terra cotta tile flooring.

"It is a real gift to be able to work with a client who encourages you to max out your creativity," Gale summarizes. "As a designer, I couldn't have hoped for a better project." Likewise, Park feels the five-year endeavor was time well spent. "If you want to be proud of something, you should take the time to do it right," he says. "It was a wonderful experience working with such talented people, and I am so pleased with the results."





Four Ralph Lauren "Writer's" chairs clad in caramel-toned leather offer comfortable seating in the great room around an ottoman covered in a fun faux-fur fabric. McGuire table lamps from Baker add a pop of color.

SOURCES

Rear Exterior/Pool Area

Pool, fountain in pool and decorative floor fountain - Custom designed and fabricated by Hackl Pool Construction Co., Inc., Lake Worth, FL

Wall fountain by bar area - Arte Ceramica, West Palm Beach, FL

Pool and fountain tiles - Walker Zanger, Inc., Sylmar, CA

Striped chaises and occasional tables - Pavilion Furniture, Inc., Miami, FL

Dining tables and chairs, umbrellas, and blue lounge chairs and ottomans - Carls Furniture, Boca Raton, FL

Furniture and pillow fabrics - Perennials Outdoor Fabrics, David Sutherland Showroom, DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL

Light fixtures - Arte de Mexico, Burbank, CA

Planters - The Stalk Market, Wellington, FL

Decking - Stone Perfection, Inc., Pompano Beach, FL

Stairway

Stairway - Custom designed and fabricated by Rock Woodworks, Inc., Lake Worth, FL

Stained glass doors and window, and chandelier - Custom designed by Susan Gale & Assoc., Inc., Boynton Beach, FL

Stained glass doors and window fabricated by McMow Art Glass, Inc., Lake Worth, FL

Chandelier fabricated by Originals22, Camarillo, CA

Stairway runner - Jack Walsh Carpets & Rugs, Inc., West Palm Beach, FL

Ottoman - TOL Furniture, Inc., Lake Worth, FL

Light fixture in hallway - Murray's Iron Works, J Nelson, Inc., DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL

Area rug - Lacey-Champion, Inc., Fairmount, GA

Living Room

Sofas and lounge chairs - TOL Furniture, Inc., Lake Worth, FL

Sofas and bergère fabric - Christopher Hyland, Inc., D&D Building, New York, NY

Lounge chair fabric - Quadrille, D&D Building, New York, NY



Cocktail table - Formations, Jerry Pair & Assoc., DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL
 Occasional tables flanking blue sofa - Therien & Co., Los Angeles, CA
 Table lamps - Charles Pollock, William Switzer & Assoc., DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL
 Area rug - Safavieh, New York, NY

Dining Room
 Dining table - Panache Designs, Stephen Baker Turner, DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL
 Chandelier - Originals22, Camarillo, CA
 Chair and chandelier fabric - Christopher Hyland, Inc., D&D Building, New York, NY

Sideboard and mirror - Formations, Jerry Pair & Assoc., DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL
 Area rug - Lacey-Champion, Inc., Fairmount, GA
Hallway to VIP Guest Suite
 Drapery rod fabricated by Paul S Maybaum, Inc., Lake Worth, FL



In the well-appointed loggia, Hunter fans cast a cool breeze over the dining and conversation areas' durable outdoor furnishings. Gale custom designed the spiral stairway with an embellished railing fabricated by L & L Ornamental Iron Works.

Ottomans - TOL Furniture, Inc., Lake Worth, FL
Light fixtures - Originals22, Camarillo, CA
Great Room
Cabinetry, shelving, fireplace, window seat and light fixture over billiard table - Custom designed by Susan Gale & Assoc., Inc., Boynton Beach, FL

Cabinetry, shelving and fireplace fabricated by Knapp Kitchens & More, West Palm Beach, FL
Fireplace surround fabricated by Stone Perfection, Inc., Pompano Beach, FL
Window seat cushion and sofa fabric - Lee Jofa, DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL
Light fixture fabricated by Originals22, Camarillo, CA

Leather lounge chairs and wall lamps on cabinetry - Ralph Lauren Home, New York, NY
Lounge chairs and ottoman by sofa - Charles Pollock, William Switzer & Assoc., DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL
Fabric - Clarence House, Jerry Pair & Assoc., DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL