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IN DESIGNER HOMES

FASHIONABLE FEASTS | LILY POND DENIZENS



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# Home à la Mode

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LIKE BEAUTY, THE CONCEPT OF FASHION IS OFTEN SUBJECTIVE. SO, IS THERE ANY WAY TO DEFINE WHAT IS FASHIONABLE? ARE THERE ANY STANDARDS? WE ASKED 2008 HC&G IDEA HOUSE DESIGNERS TO DESCRIBE WHAT MAKES A SPACE FASHIONABLE TO THEM.

"FUNDAMENTALLY, FASHION CELEBRATES WHAT IS BEAUTIFUL ABOUT THE HUMAN FORM. TO ME, THE PRACTICE OF INTERIOR DESIGN CELEBRATES THAT WHICH IS BEAUTIFUL ABOUT A HOME: THE SETTING, THE INHABITANTS, THEIR HOPE'S DREAMS AND MEMORIES. MY DEFINITION OF BEAUTY, FOR BOTH FASHION AND DESIGN, IS "THAT WHICH IS TRUE."

—KYLE TIMOTHY BLOOD, KYLE TIMOTHY HOME  
IDEA HOUSE DESIGN DIRECTOR

"WHAT MAKES A ROOM FASHIONABLE, IN A GENERAL SENSE, IS ITS SPIRIT, TIMELESSNESS, AND MOST IMPORTANTLY, THE ROOM'S ABILITY TO FIT THE NEEDS AND SENSE OF STYLE OF THOSE USING IT"

—SCOTT SANDERS, VERANDA

"A room is fashionable not by strict adherence to passing trends or silly gimmicks but by being comfortable, stylish and chic. Our vision (for the master bedroom) incorporates both contemporary and antique pieces combined with luxurious fabrics, rich textures and incredible art. This makes it fresh, fashionable and, most importantly, timeless."

—S. RUSSELL GROVES, MASTER BEDROOM

"A room's interior elements will always be fashionable if they are a natural extension of the architecture."

—Adrienne Neff, Adrienne Neff  
Design Services,  
Lower Stair Hall and Laundry Room

"FASHION INSPIRES ME EVERY DAY. SOME MIGHT CONSIDER THE WORLD OF FASHION EPHEMERAL, LIGHTWEIGHT AND TERRIBLY UNIMPORTANT. I DON'T AGREE. FASHION CAN INFORM AND CREATE TIMELY STYLE. BEING AU COURANT IS A GOOD THING, AND THE EYE OF THE BEHOLDER IS IN CONSTANT EVOLUTION. FASHIONABLE ROOMS ARE THOSE THAT HAVE A HIGH STYLE BUT LOOK TOTALLY TODAY, AND EVEN TOMORROW. THEY CAN BE BASED AND INSPIRED BY YESTERDAY, BUT THEY ARE NEVER RENDERED USING THE PAST EXACTLY"

—JAMIE DRAKE, DRAKE DESIGN SERVICES  
FORMAL DINING ROOM

"When we design a room, we think about our client's needs and what will look best in the space. We try to use a diverse combination of materials and furnishings, some that are timeless and some that are fresh and new. It's all about what we love and what we think our clients will love."

—Jennifer Mabley and Austin Handler,  
Mabley Handler Interior Design,  
Playroom

"A FASHIONABLE ROOM SHOULD BE A FUTURE CLASSIC THAT BREAKS NEW GROUND."

—JAYNE AND JOAN  
MICHAELS, 2 MICHAELS  
INTERIOR DESIGN,  
TWIN'S BEDROOMS

"A WELL-DESIGNED ROOM IS LIKE A GOOD OUTFIT: IF YOU FEEL COMFORTABLE, YOU'LL LOVE IT!"

—OSKAR TORRES, GYM

"WE SEEK TO CREATE TIMELESS INTERIORS THAT MIX PERIODS AND STYLES, COLOR, PATTERN AND TEXTURE. FOR US, DECORATING A ROOM IS NOT UNLIKE CREATING THE PERFECT OUTFIT. IT MUST CONTAIN CLASSIC SHAPES, ELEMENTS OF SURPRISE, LOTS OF VINTAGE AND FABULOUS ACCESSORIES."

ALEXANDRA PAPPAS AND TATYANA MIRON, PAPPAS MIRON DESIGN, GUEST BEDROOM SUITE

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"FOR A ROOM TO BE FASHIONABLE IT SHOULD CHALLENGE THE CONVENTIONAL DESIGN PROCESS. AS FASHION EVOLVES CONTINUALLY, SO SHOULD GOOD DESIGN."

—KERRY DELROSE,  
DELROSE DESIGN GROUP  
GRAND UNCLE'S SUITE

"FASHION HAS THE ABILITY TO TRANSLATE THE CHARACTER OF A PERSON OR A ROOM, ALLOWING YOU TO EVOLVE WHETHER EPHEMERALLY OR FOR A LIFETIME. THERE'S DEFINITELY A SYMBIOTIC RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN FASHION AND DESIGN. IT'S ABOUT COLLECTIONS—WHETHER IT BE FABRICS OR FURNITURE—BUT THERE'S ALWAYS A STORY, AN INSPIRATION, A PROVENANCE."

—JOHN BJØRNEN, BJØRNEN DESIGN GROUP  
ENTRY FOYER, FIRST- AND  
SECOND-FLOOR STAIR HALLS

"IF BEING FASHIONABLE IS FOLLOWING THE LATEST FAD AND TREND, THEN I AM PROUDLY UNFASHIONABLE. IF BEING FASHIONABLE IS USING ONE'S ART TO CHALLENGE EXISTING ASSUMPTIONS ABOUT OUR CULTURE AND BEHAVIOR, THEN THAT IS MY GOAL. IN MY DECORATING, I STRIVE TO BE LEAN YET LUXURIOUS, EMPLOYING SIMPLE, AUTHENTIC MATERIALS IN A LAYERED AND LUSH MANNER."

—ELLEN HANSON,  
ELLEN HANSON DESIGNS  
INFORMAL DINING AREA

"Great rooms are not, as a rule, fashionable. Fashion is transient and memorable. Green design should be timeless."

—CAMPION PLATT, CAMPION PLATT, ARCHITECT  
FAMILY ROOM

"IT'S MORE IMPORTANT TO THINK IN TERMS OF TIMELESSNESS AND WHAT WILL BE VALUED OVER THE YEARS. THIS IS ESPECIALLY TRUE IF WE ARE CONSIDERING ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES, BECAUSE WHAT COULD BE MORE UN-ENVIRONMENTAL THAN RIPPING THINGS OUT WHEN THEY GO OUT OF STYLE OR WHEN YOU GET BORED OF THEM?"

DAVID BERGMAN,  
DAVID BERGMAN, ARCHITECT,  
MASTER DRESSING AREA AND BATH

"A FASHIONABLE ROOM IS ABOUT THE INITIAL VISUAL EFFECT THAT CATCHES THE EYE AND MAKES YOU WANT TO LOOK CLOSER. THEN, IT IS THE SUM OF THE DETAILS: SCALE, PALETTE, PLACEMENT, TEXTURE, THE INTERACTION OF INDIVIDUAL PIECES."

—ERICA MILLAR, ERICA MILLAR DESIGN  
LIBRARY

"The successful design of a room is about how you live your life, not about a look or a style. It is about a room that makes you smile, that makes you comfortable. It's a room that you love."

Diane Burgio, Diane Burgio Design,  
Wine Cellar and Art Gallery

"DESIGNING TO ADDRESS RELEVANT ISSUES IN ARCHITECTURE TODAY MAKES A ROOM FASHIONABLE."

—PAUL BATES,  
BATESMASI+ARCHITECTS,  
GYM BATHROOM

"A FASHIONABLE ROOM, LIKE A FASHIONABLE PERSON, IS COMFORTABLE IN ITS OWN SKIN. THE RIGHT FIT, PROPORTION AND CONSTRUCTION ALL CONTRIBUTE, BUT THE PERSONALITY OF THE CLIENT MAKES IT TRULY FASHIONABLE. IT'S NOT CHOOSING THE MOST TRENDY COLOR, IT'S PICKING SOMETHING TIMELESS AND MAKING IT WHOLLY YOURS"

—GREGORY DUFNER AND DANIEL HEIGHES WISMER, DUFNER HEIGHES INC.,  
MUDROOM AND KITCHEN POWDER ROOM

"A truly fashionable room is one that transcends trends and gimmicks."

—Mark Epstein, Mark Epstein Designs  
Living Room