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The Finest in Eclectic Styling and the Beauty of the Natural World Grace this Stunning Seaside Home



Many Palisadians have admired 200 Toyopa from the view on the sidewalk—a view that features an elegant French garden, limestone gate pilasters, French Lavender and pollarded white Crepe Myrtle. The exterior of the home might lead you to expect a very traditional décor when you walk through the door. However, what you will find is an exploration of the unexpected with touches that go far beyond the ordinary.

The interior décor creates a subtle though magical evocation of the beauty of the natural world. Multiple elements in every room refer to trees and birds and the sea through artwork and photography: in the faux painted wall murals in the dining room and upstairs family room; in the Tree of Life patterns and floral imagery of the textiles; and quite literally with the large-scale potted fig trees in the family and living rooms and the use of plants throughout the home. Polished plaster walls in the entry hearken to the glimmer of the sea.

While there is an emphasis on relaxed, informal living, the overall atmosphere of the house reflects the homeowners' enjoyment of the aesthetic beauty found in more exotic, far away cultures like those of India, Africa and Japan.

With design aspects inspired by the beauty of India, there are many beautiful pieces by Indian Masters. One painting, called *Dancing in the Rain*, from a 17th century Ragamala Series work became the inspiration for the mural painting in the formal dining room. An artist by the name of Paulin Paris scaled up the image from an 8 x 12 inch watercolor (which the designer



saw in an exhibit at the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston) to a floor-to-ceiling wall mural. The artist carried over the moody blue sky, white flying cranes, raindrops, and even white, swirly elements as an interpretation of clouds.

Framed artwork is not limited to paintings, but also includes vintage textiles, and even framed vintage swimsuits, which remind the visitor that this home, while perhaps too luxurious to be considered a beach home, is in fact a stone's throw from the surf and sand castles of Pacific Palisades.

Various window treatments throughout the house are layered with unusual details in order to carry the exotic mood throughout the rooms. They include elements such as a valance incorporating an antique Sri Lankan wood carving, leading edges of curtains embroidered or bordered by elements such as antique coins in the master, antiqued rhinestones and metallic thread in the entry, and a suzanni textile fragment in the library. Antique textiles from Greece, Turkey, Uzbekistan, and Russia are also used on pillows, ottomans and stools throughout the home. The use of these elements reflects the homeowners' passion for the artisanal beauty found in the ancient craft of textile production.

The rooms of the home, though full of these surprising details and eclectic furniture such as baroque chairs, Moroccan lanterns, and khotan and oushak rugs, flow easily from one to the next because the overall palette of the design scheme comes from the natural world and the surrounding environment of sun and sea.

The upstairs family room walls are painted to mimic the terraced garden of an Indian palace under a nighttime sky with shimmering stars. A large, custom made 20-foot long striped dhurrie graces the floor to complete the picture.

The sumptuous office has padded hand block- printed Indian silk fabric wall upholstery with braided raffia trim at the crown and base board.

The formal dining room features a silver-leaved ceiling, a French chandelier and a French deco mirror by Polleret. Dining room chairs are upholstered in Chelsea Editions' "Tree of Life" design, an intricate hand embroidery in India fabric.

In the family room an African Kuba Cloth at the center of a large remote-controlled tapestry with a bottom border embroidered with encrusted wooden beads and raffia conceals the television when not in use.

Welcome, expect the unexpected, and experience the natural world grace of this beautiful home.



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