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DANIEL LEAR

Lear Design Studio

"Beyond Borders," page 48

When Sarasota architect Daniel Lear set out to begin work on the West of Trail home that graces this edition's cover, he encountered some zoning issues that required him to alter his plans. "Essentially we had to create a residence that was comparable to the larger neighboring homes, but we had to do it with tighter dimensional limits," he says. Lear and his team persevered to deliver a home that offers a seamless indoor-outdoor experience. "People are really struck by the residence's openness," says Lear. "Thanks to the sliding glass walls chosen, the boundaries between interior and exterior all but disappear." learstudio.com



BRITTANY COCOZZA

Trinity Design

"Gulf Appeal," page 64

Conceptualized by designer Brittany Cocozza, the interiors of the Manasota Key home that leads this edition's features reflect a clean, modern, and everlasting aesthetic that's also memorable. "The owners embraced our out-of-the-box design concepts from day one," says Cocozza. "My design approach was centered on creating timeless, comfortable, refined, and highly functional spaces that aligned with the clients' overall vision. By incorporating classic materials, such as natural stone and warm woods, paired with bold lighting fixtures, we crafted one-of-a-kind interiors that feel both elevated and enduring." trinitydesign.us



EMILY MOSS

Emily Moss Designs

"Sunny Disposition," page 74

When a couple told designer Emily Moss that what they wanted for their winter home in Anna Maria Island was coastal transitional style, a look that would balance laid-back living with thoughtful sophistication, little did they know that said style is something Moss specializes in. "We saw eye to eye as far as the design of the house was concerned," says Moss. "The owners trusted us to lean fully into a layered, relaxed, and timeless language that would feel elevated and intentional." The end result? A light-filled island retreat layered with warmth, easy textures, and that much-desired coastal character. emilymossdesigns.com



CARRIE RILEY

Riley Interior Design

"Island Calm," page 82

Upon setting foot in a Siesta Key condo she was charged with designing from scratch, Carrie Riley immediately knew what her approach to the interiors would be. "The stunning water views are the focal point of the residence," she says. "We just had to create the interior canvas for the living spaces." That modest "just" doesn't do justice to what Riley accomplished. The finished 4,500-square-foot apartment now makes the most of its prime location with serene interiors that frame the vistas of the Gulf as if they're art. "We set out to achieve a sense of coastal tranquility," says Riley. "The space is open and airy, and there's a vibe that feels inviting and peaceful." riley-id.com



MICHELE KOKEN

MBK Design

"Coastal Character," page 90

To help them turn a modest beachfront property in Venice into their post-retirement home, a Midwestern couple turned to Michele Koken, an Indianapolis-based designer who had worked on their Indiana home years before and hired her early in the renovation process. In terms of design, the goal for the interiors was to strike a balance between coastal ease and refined comfort. For Koken, the project was about people and place. "These homeowners have collections with stories behind them, and that makes the home feel warm and welcoming," she says. "This is a refined coastal retreat designed for family, longevity, and a life well lived by the water." mbkinteriordesign.com



BETH WALKER-FENTON & JANINE BLOOM

Jinx McDonald Interior Designs

"Winter Reset," page 98

Once they were hired to oversee the redesign of a couple's winter residence at Sarasota's Lakewood Ranch community, designers Beth Walker-Fenton and Janine Bloom went to work to develop an elegant island aesthetic inspired by British West Indies style. "We kept the exterior very light with the architectural details done in a rich, dark charcoal that we knew would create contrast," says Walker-Fenton. "The clients use their new residence as a seasonal retreat and a family gathering place, so creating spaces that are welcoming, comfortable, and a breeze to host in was our top priority from the very start." jinxmcdonald.com



INTERIOR DESIGN BETH WALKER-FENTON &
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LEFT: Adjacent to the living room, an intimate conversation area features Hickory White swivel chairs grouped around a clover-shaped cocktail table from Old Biscayne Designs. A pair of tower cabinets flank a dry bar backed with diamond-patterned beveled mirrors. Maxim Lighting's tiered-glass chandelier sparkles overhead.

RIGHT: Soaring vaulted ceilings and a luminous chandelier from Wilson Lighting infuse grandeur into the great room, punctuated with a fireplace wall clad in continuous-vein porcelain slabs. Texture-rich furnishings include a Massoud sofa, Lexington armchairs, swivel chairs and cubes from Sherrill Furniture, and a leather ottoman from Wesley Hall.



Winter Reset

BRITISH WEST INDIES STYLE BRINGS ISLAND ELEGANCE TO A SEASONAL RESIDENCE AT SARASOTA'S LAKEWOOD RANCH

AFTER MANY YEARS OF MAKING Naples their winter retreat, a Chicago couple turned their focus north when they fell in love with a half-acre lot in Sarasota's Lakewood Ranch community and went on to build a 7,740-square-foot home with lavish outdoor spaces and plush landscaping that wraps both sides of the property. Collaborating first with their Sarasota builder, John Cannon Homes, the couple established a basic footprint and layout to present to the team of Beth Walker-Fenton and Janine Blume at Jinx McDonald Interior Designs, their trusted design firm in Naples.

“They wanted a British West Indies look, so we kept the exterior very light with the architectural details done in a rich, dark charcoal,” says Walker-Fenton. “We helped them select all the materials, including floor coverings, bathroom tiles, and cabinetry.”

The design team installed dark wood floors throughout the main living area, hallways, primary bedroom, and the guest bedroom, varying the great room and kitchen with a stylish herringbone pattern. Plush wall-to-wall carpeting lends an upscale feel to the three remaining guest bedrooms. Sherwin-Williams’ Incredible White and Extra White shades keep the aesthetic fresh and bright, and intricate ceiling treatments, including both painted and stained beams and tongue-and-groove, contribute to the dwelling’s alluring light-and-dark contrast.

“What I enjoyed most about our collaboration was working together on the great room wall,” says Blume. “The homeowners had a clear idea of creating an eye-catching focal-point wall clad in stone, anchored with a fireplace. And once we found a gorgeous quartz at John Cannon’s Design Center, the wheels started turning on how to bring their vision to life.”

Unveiling their final design, the design duo implemented Neolith Calacatta Gold porcelain slabs for a continuous veining effect that washes the entire wall with

BELOW: Just beyond the kitchen, a light-filled dining area overlooking the pool features an oversized square table from Old Biscayne Designs and upholstered chairs from Fairfield. A Hinkley Lighting chandelier illuminates the table, and a custom-built-in banquette with hidden storage provides cozy window seating.



A large chef’s kitchen houses two oversized waterfall islands, one of which features Hickory Chair swivel counter stools upholstered in beautiful blue hues. Pendants from Maxim Lighting illuminate overhead. White cabinetry and contrasting smoky gray island paneling by Albrecht Cabinets maintain the home’s charming British West Indies vibe.



Awash in various blue tones, the primary bedroom provides a retreat with a backdrop of tropical foliage. Bedside chests from Old Biscayne Designs flank an upholstered bed by Massoud, and a pair of ottomans covered in blue Lee Jofa fabric punctuate the front end of the bed.



ABOVE: The spacious primary bathroom features an elevated soaking tub and an elegantly tiled walk-in shower, both fabricated by John Cannon Homes. Sconces from Capital Lighting complement a lustrous quartz-topped vanity with cabinetry by Albrecht Cabinets.

BELOW: An expansive lanai and outdoor space features an elaborate outdoor kitchen, a dining area, and an intimate lounging area with a fireplace. Pendants from Quorum hang over the island, accented with cushioned counter stools from Castelle.



movement. They also incorporated oversized wood niches in a rich stain to match the ceiling beams, as well as a linear wood mantel to add architectural depth.

New furnishings in striking silhouettes, rich finishes, and sumptuous fabrics adorn the main living spaces, kitchen and dining area, and a bonus room, underscoring the team's meaningful design objectives.

“Dynamic decorative lighting, custom window treatments, and bespoke area rugs brought the finishing touches to our client’s new Florida dream home,” says Walker-Fenton. “The clients use their new residence as a seasonal retreat and a family gathering place, so creating spaces that are welcoming, comfortable, and a breeze to host in was our top priority from the very start.”

SOURCES

CONVERSATION AREA

Club chairs – Hickory White, [hickorywhite.com](#)

Cocktail table – Old Biscayne Designs, [oldbiscaynedesigns.com](#)

Chandelier – Maxim Lighting, Wilson Lighting, Naples, FL

LIVING ROOM

Sofa – Massoud, [massoudfurniture.com](#)

Swivel chairs and cubes – Sherrill Furniture, [sherrillfurniture.com](#)

Armchairs – Lexington, [lexington.com](#)

Cocktail ottoman – Wesley Hall, [wesleyhall.com](#)

Accent table – International Design Source, Naples, FL

Area rug – Authenticity Home, Naples, FL

KITCHEN

Cabinetry, island, and hood – Albrecht Cabinets, Sarasota, FL

Backsplash – John Cannon Homes, Sarasota, FL

Stools – Hickory Chair, [hickorychair.com](#)

Pendant lighting – Maxim Lighting, Wilson Lighting, Naples, FL

DINING AREA

Table – Old Biscayne Designs, [oldbiscaynedesigns.com](#)

Upholstered chairs – Fairfield Chair, [fairfieldchair.com](#)

Banquette – John Cannon Homes, Sarasota, FL

Fabric – Fairfield Chair, [fairfieldchair.com](#)

Chandelier – Hinkley, Wilson Lighting, Naples, FL

PRIMARY BEDROOM

Bed and headboard – Massoud, [massoudfurniture.com](#)

Bedside chests – Old Biscayne Designs, [oldbiscaynedesigns.com](#)

Ottomans – Fabric by Lee Jofa, [kravet.com/lee-jofa](#), and

fabricated by Cover Up Designs, Naples, FL

Lamps – International Design Source, Naples, FL

Chair – Fabric by Maxwell, [maxwellfabrics.com](#), and fabricated by Cover Up Designs, Naples, FL

Side table lamp – International Design Source, Naples, FL

PRIMARY BATHROOM

Cabinetry – Albrecht Cabinets, Sarasota, FL

Sconces – Capital Lighting, Wilson Lighting, Naples, FL

Tub – Designed by Jinx McDonald Interior Designs Naples, FL,

and fabricated by John Cannon Homes, Sarasota, FL

Shower tile – John Cannon Homes, Sarasota, FL

LOGGIA

Pendants over island – Quorum Lighting,

Wilson Lighting, Naples, FL

Stools – Castelle Furniture, [castellefurniture.com](#)

Seating area and cocktail table – Homeowners' collection

THROUGHOUT

Furniture and furnishings – International Design Source, Naples, FL

Lighting – Wilson Lighting, Naples, FL

Tile, hardware, and wood flooring – John Cannon

Homes, Sarasota, FL

Cabinetry – Albrecht Cabinets, Sarasota, FL

Closets – Carefree Design Center, Sarasota, FL

Countertops – Distinctive Surfaces of Florida, Sarasota, FL

Drapery, pillows, bedding, and upholstery – Cover Up

Designs, Naples, FL

Area rug – Authenticity Homes, [authenticity.shop](#)

Firepit table – Woodland Direct, [woodlanddirect.com](#)