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Gurus of the Good Life



A Visual Comfort & Co. chandelier illuminates our stairwell (Citron by Farrow & Ball), hung with art by my mother and grandmother and from Kate Werble Gallery in New York.

AT VERANDA, we look to designers for advice and insight on just about *everything*: how to decorate our homes, how to set the table and host a memorable dinner party, how to arrange flowers, how to invest in the finer things—from jewelry to art, even where to travel, especially for architectural, design, or garden enrichment. You could say these creatives are our “gurus of the good life.”

It seems only fitting that we dedicate an entire issue each year to pulling back the curtain on how the world’s top designers live in their homes. Spoiler alert: Our fourth annual *Designers at Home* issue is chock-full of original and outside-the-box design. Take, for instance, the Charlotte, North Carolina,

penthouse interior designer Jane Schwab created for herself and her husband, with help from Pursley Dixon Architecture (p. 98). What began as a raw, warehouse-like space now sings with a sequence of rooms that unfold with intrigue—ideal for the frequent entertaining Schwab enjoys these days. Then there’s the Jacobean-style English country house of Mia Reay (p. 106), where a little redecorating spurred Reay to revisit the painting pastime of her youth, making wallpapers that are now available at showrooms worldwide. And with its art-filled barn, antiques-filled sunroom, and book-filled library, the Southampton, New York, residence of our cover star, Tiffany Home artistic director Lauren Santo Domingo, is the chicest reminder that decorating with what you love is a fail-proof formula for a charismatic home (p. 116).

The common thread among each is a unique point of view that originates within the homeowners. It’s true-to-you decorating at its finest—and most inspiring. As we begin a year in which the embrace and comfort of home is likely to feel more important than ever, I hope this issue—and the additional articles on veranda.com (including stories about Soane Britain’s Lulu Lytle designing a home for her mother and interior designer Mackin Thompson designing an apartment for her grandmother)—will encourage you to fashion your best life at home.

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FIVE NEW DESIGN BOOKS CELEBRATING PERSONAL STYLE



FROM TOP: *A Life in Design: Celebrating 30 Years of Interiors* by Kathryn M. Ireland (CICO Books) • *Home at Last: Enduring Design for the New American House* by Gil Schafer III (Rizzoli) • *Bunny Williams: Life in the Garden* by Bunny Williams (Rizzoli) • *Veere Grenney: Seeking Beauty* by Veere Grenney (Vendome) • *The Spirited Homes of Hunt Slonem* by Brian D. Coleman (Gibbs Smith)