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Cozy curl-up spaces, a beloved bungalow, a lovely loft, pet essentials we adore, and more



CREATIVE SUITE

The HGTV Urban Oasis home in Ann Arbor features several great spaces, including this master bedroom, whose walls are painted in Olympic paint's *Blue Shamrock*.

FIELD NOTES

Home-Related Tips, Trends, and Tidbits

DETROIT HOUSE PRICES UP: Asking prices for three-bedroom, single-family homes in downtown Detroit (ZIP code 48216) are on the rise, according to *househunt.com*. Prices have climbed from an average of \$120,000 in January 2015 to more than \$200,000 in November 2016. The median sold price for the third quarter of 2016 was \$130,000; in that time period, nine homes were sold in the 48216 ZIP code area.

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"REVERE-ING" YOUR WALLS: "Home-buyers are looking for houses they can move right into," says Jackie Aubuchon, left, of Berkshire Hathaway HWWB

(*hwwbrealtors.com*). "With the trend of neutral design colors, we recommend to sellers that they remove wallpaper and paint walls with a neutral color like Benjamin Moore's Revere Pewter."

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SENIOR LIVING: "Gone are the days of just bingo for entertaining senior housing residents," says Danette Stenta, v.p. of marketing for All Seasons (*allseasonsbirmingham.com*) senior apartment homes (activity room shown below). "We provide daily — and even hourly — activities and entertainers (dancers, lecturers, etc.) who are world-class, like you find on a cruise ship."



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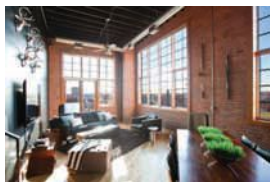


OPEN SESAME: The days requiring both a dedicated living room and a formal dining room are over. Today's homeowners want larger great rooms

that expand into even larger kitchens to accommodate family gatherings, says Mark Avripas, left, president of Rochester-based Avripas Construction Management Co. (*avripasconstruction.com*). "Entertaining all in one room versus various rooms of the house is much more attractive to homeowners these days," he says.

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POPPING THE CORK(TOWN): A 1,290-square-foot loft, below, in Corktown drew a record price when it sold for \$531,313. Listing agent Jim Tumey, of The Loft Warehouse in Detroit (*theloftwarehouse.com*), says, "It was designed and staged so beautifully (by the seller and a local creative director, Murray Grondin). You're not just selling real estate; you're selling a lifestyle. The buyer loved everything about the loft, so she purchased all the furniture, as well." — Honey Murray



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Q & A

Urban Outfitter

The exuberant Dawn Zuber, a local architect, was HGTV's chosen one



IT WAS MORE than a year ago when HGTV purchased a 1930s home in Ann Arbor. Their goal was to find an area architect who could help turn it into a residence appropriate for today's home market, with a sense of flow between the living and dining rooms and the kitchen. The completed home would be featured on HGTV's "Urban Oasis" and then awarded, through a drawing, to a lucky winner. (In the December 2016-January 2017 issue of *Detroit Home*, we interviewed interior designer Brian Patrick Flynn to get his take on colors and more.)

The HGTV team eventually selected architect Dawn Zuber, left, of Plymouth-based Studio Z Architecture. In a nutshell, Zuber crafted a plan whereby the first floor was totally gutted, the kitchen was modernized (formerly, it was a tiny U-shaped space about as wide as a range), and the roof was removed and replaced, which allowed more room for a shed dormer. "All in all, we maintained its character; we didn't want it to stick out like a sore thumb," Zuber says. We caught up with the architect, a Sandusky, Ohio, native, around the same time the winner, a man from Maryland, was announced, to get a glimpse of the inner workings of the popular network's home-giveaway programs.

Q: Did you know when interviewing with HGTV that the people you were talking to were actually from HGTV?

A: Someone came to me and told me what their goals were for the home. I wrote up an architectural proposal, just like I normally do. No, they didn't tell me it was HGTV until they decided to hire me. Then they were like, "Now let us tell you what we're really doing!"

Q: Were you on-site during the renovation and design period?

A: I wasn't obligated to be present, but I chose to be there. It came together quickly, and I was very interested in the network's process. Everyone was friendly and I actually became friends with some of the network's team.

Q: What was the biggest challenge for you?

A: Trying to get everything into a 1,500-square-foot footprint. We had to think of everything, including where a couch and bed would go. None of the spaces are huge, but they all function.

Q: Favorite elements?

A: The vaulted ceiling and dormer on the front of the house. *studiozarch.com*

— Megan Swoyer



CHARMING CHANGE

Talk about a face-lift, this "Urban Oasis" was transformed from plain, left, to pleasing, above, with both interior and exterior renovations and updates.

ANIMALS

Fetching Essentials

This issue's subjects tell us about their favorite items for Fido, Fluff, or Flicka — plus, we check out some cool animal-themed must-haves



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WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE PET ACCESSORY?

“My Siamese cats, Mazu and Baizhang, (named after Chinese Zen masters), love to curl up on a childhood quilt that's on the bottom shelf of a mid-century modern-style armoire (Crate & Barrel) in my bedroom.

— DAWN ZUBER, AIA,
STUDIO Z ARCHITECTURE, PLYMOUTH

Our Jack, a Bichon/Yorkie mix, is 17-plus years old, so when we're away for several hours, we put him in his “gated community” (gates made by Munchkin Baby) with his favorite dog-printed bed, made by Orvis.

— JACKIE AUBUCHON,
BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY HWWB, BIRMINGHAM

I own/ride a thoroughbred horse, and my favorite way to incorporate him in my home's décor is through abstract photos that I take of him to display as equine art.

— KRISTEN ELENI SHELLNBARGER,
ARTICHOKE INTERIORS, CLARKSTON

My dog Pudge, a Cavachon, is a fearless, independent, happy, little guy — but he panics when I move furniture around. As long as I keep (his favorite) chair, from Ikea, near a window, rearranging furniture doesn't bother him.

— REBEKAH TULL,
WHISKY KITCHEN DESIGN STUDIO, ROYAL OAK

OUR FAVORITE PICKS FOR OUR FAVORITE PETS

A. Monogrammed dog pillow cover, \$19, West Elm, Birmingham B. Oak and iron pet bowl set/medium, \$189, area RH, Restoration Hardware stores, rh.com C. Yellow all-purpose bowl, from \$60, Mr. Dog, mrdognewyork.com D. Black marble water bowl, from \$450, Mr. Dog, mrdognewyork.com E. Dog leash holders, \$22, Harry Barker, harrybarker.com F. Dog bowls, starting at \$50, Ware of the Dog, wareofthedog.com G. Bedding, from \$200, Mr. Dog, mrdognewyork.com H. Antoinette pet bed, from \$329, area RH, Restoration Hardware stores, rh.com