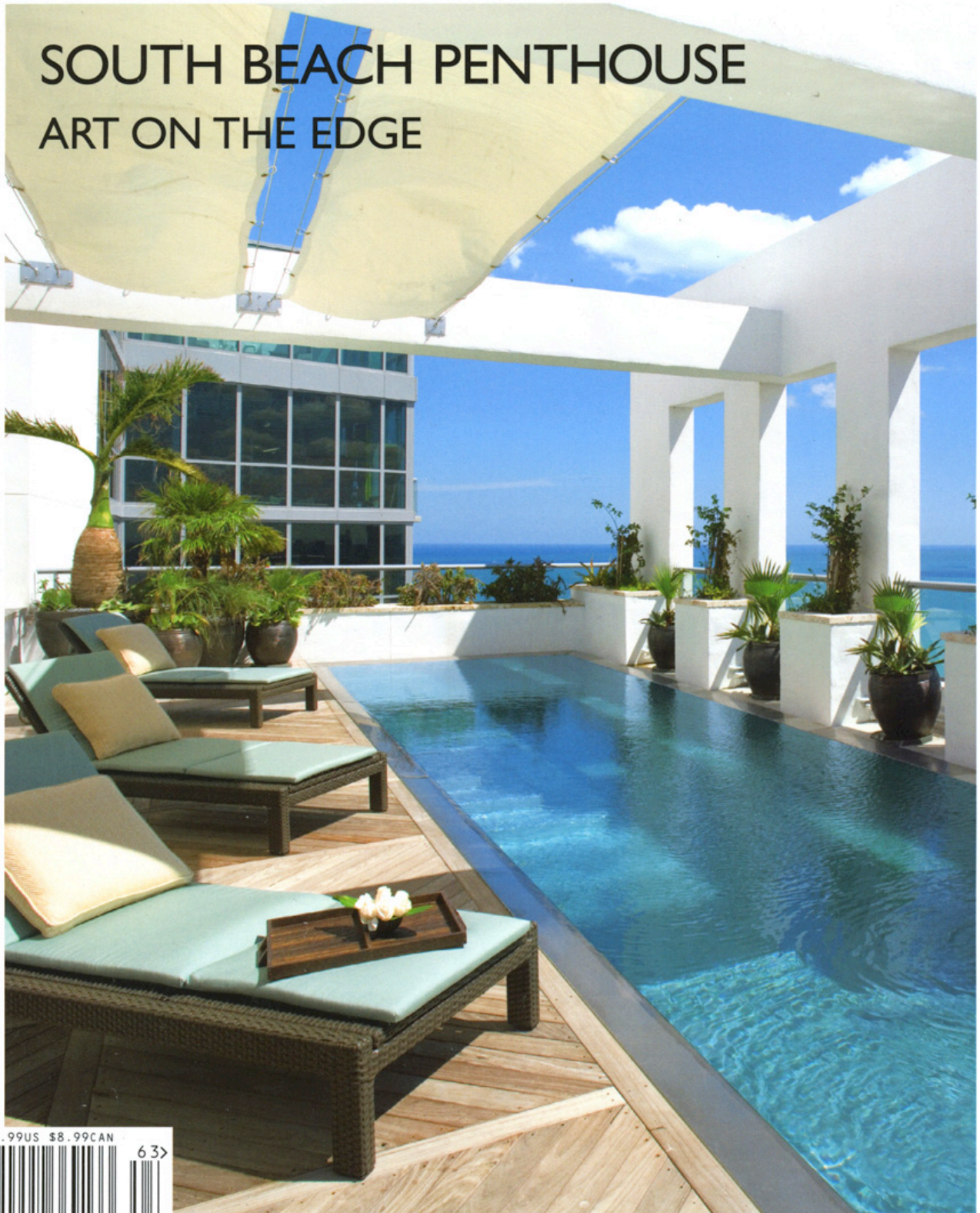



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SOUTH BEACH PENTHOUSE ART ON THE EDGE





Outside, the oceanview terrace provides a quiet escape for daydreaming. Cushioned wrought-iron chairs surround a game table with a mosaic top in earthy hues of cream, beige, green and brown — the same palette used for the interior.

MORE THAN A MECCA FOR THE RICH AND famous, Palm Beach — with its lush tropical landscape, historic architecture, sophisticated bistros and lively social scene — offers both excitement and serenity. These diverse characteristics captured the imagination of a Chicago couple, who transformed their seasonal oceanfront condominium, located on prestigious Breakers Row, into a year-round home.

To create a permanent residence and accommodate their visiting children, the couple purchased an adjacent apartment and decided

PALM BEACH ECLECTIC

This Home's Design Reflects Its Location With Contemporary Elegance, Antique Accents And Modern Flair

INTERIOR DESIGN Cheri Lynn Friedman, Cheri Lynn Designs, Ltd., Glencoe, IL

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Daniel Maffia's landscape painting softens the mood of the living room. In the center, three mercury-glass balls and a Fritz Olsen sculpture decorate a marble-topped cocktail table.

A still life by artist David Berger and a floral painting by Sonia Torres adorn the walls in the dining room. Beyond, an Italianate cabinet rests atop a 1930s Jacobean-style stand.



to combine the two spaces into one. They then called upon designer Cheri Lynn Friedman, who had worked with the owners on four other projects. "I listened closely to find out what they wanted to do with the space," Friedman says. "The husband wanted a study. The wife likes to entertain, so she wanted a larger dining room. They also needed a guestroom for visitors, and they wanted to enjoy the ocean views from their terrace."

Friedman moved and knocked down walls to

meet the couple's varied needs. She created a study from one unit's original kitchen, and a spacious dining area from an extra living room. Her new floorplan also opened up the space to allow for a sitting area that converts into a guestroom.

"To give the feeling that both units were always one, Friedman continued the use of the same limestone flooring throughout," the husband says.

Working closely with the owners, both dedicated art lovers and collectors, Friedman filled the

VIBRANT ARTWORK BY ED PASCHKE
SIZZLES IN THE OTHERWISE
SUBDUED SITTING AREA.



restructured interior with contemporary furnishings and artwork, antiques and accessories, and used them in innovative ways. To tie everything together, she maintained a palette of green, cream, caramel and earth tones. "I did a modern design with contemporary furnishings," Friedman says. "I made it clean-lined yet cozy, personal with whimsical accessories, yet elegant. I wanted it to be comfortable and exciting — like Palm Beach."

Her imaginative approach immediately appears

in the living room, where medium-green walls offer a complementary backdrop for a pair of cut-velvet sofas patterned with green squares. An oversized cocktail table topped with blue marble, and a round game table covered in a mosaic of glass tiles reinforce the palette. A cream shag area rug injects a subtle retro undertone.

The dining room also showcases Friedman's eclectic blend, starting with 19th-century rosewood columns that set the stage for the burnished-



ABOVE LEFT: In the sitting area, an abstract green painting by Pandit Khairnar disguises a hidden doorway into the master suite.

LEFT: Glass bamboo wall tiles from Ann Sacks take their cues from the bamboo-framed, floor-length mirror in the powder room.



Designer Cheri Lynn Friedman created a study that blends multiple styles. A pair of sleek Gulassa & Co. metallic cocktail tables adds a dash of modern spice to the prevailing burnished cherry-wood paneling and cabinetry.

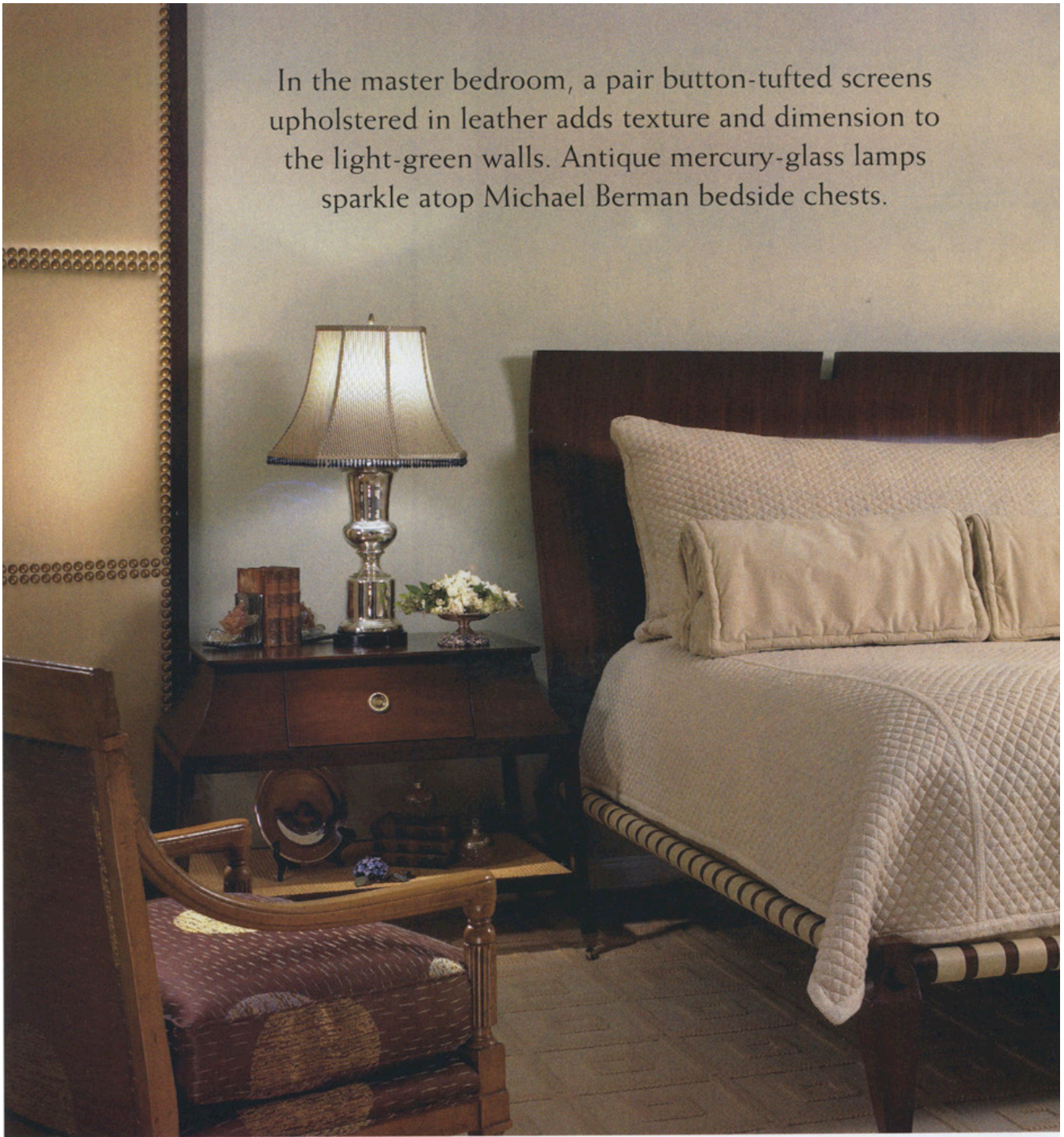
wood tones throughout. Modern and antique furnishings — including a clean-lined hickory table that accommodates up to 14 guests, a traditional 19th-century French buffet, island chairs and a contemporary console — form a fusion of styles.

More surprising elements await in the sitting area located off the living room. "I wanted this area to issue an invitation," Friedman says. "I wanted it

to be so striking that those who enter would linger." To that end, she juxtaposes a trio of classic green-and-beige upholstered club chairs with a bold modern painting.

Friedman's talent for creative combinations continues in the study, where burnished, cherry-wood paneling frames prints of antique globes, enhancing the room's traditional tone. For a modern

In the master bedroom, a pair button-tufted screens upholstered in leather adds texture and dimension to the light-green walls. Antique mercury-glass lamps sparkle atop Michael Berman bedside chests.



touch, a creamy leather sofa and sleek metallic cocktail tables create a conversation area.

Even the powder room incorporates Friedman's original design concepts. Here, a bamboo-framed mirror and glass wall tiles designed to look like bamboo offer a refined take on tropical style.

In the master bedroom, Friedman imbues the design with a calming, eclectic air. A clean-lined zebrawood bed with quilted white bed coverings, wood bedside chests and an antique armchair rest

against a backdrop of pale green walls and creamy wool carpet. The adjacent sitting area also features an array of unique pieces, such as a mid 19th-century Georgian chest, cube cocktail tables and an amber-glass lamp. A plump, sage-green suede sofa and dark wood lounge chair offer comfortable seating.

"With her many original combinations, Friedman has demonstrated a wonderful ability to seamlessly blend Palm Beach style with our personality and unique collection," the husband says.



SOURCES

Terrace

Furniture - Mosaix Studio, Bradley Terrace, Chicago, IL

Fabrics - Perennials Textiles, Holly Hunt, The Merchandise Mart Design Center, Chicago, IL

Living Room

Sofas - A. Rudin, The Merchandise Mart Design Center, Chicago, IL

Fabric - Interiors, Callard & Associates, The Merchandise Mart Design Center, Chicago, IL

Rattan chairs - The Wicker Works, Callard & Associates, The Merchandise Mart Design Center, Chicago, IL

Cushion fabric - Kravet, The Merchandise Mart Design Center, Chicago, IL

Cocktail table top and mirror work - Custom designed by Cheri Lynn Designs, Ltd., Glencoe, IL

Game table - Harris Rubin, Modern at Design Atelier, The Merchandise Mart Design Center, Chicago, IL

Cocktail tabletop and mirror work fabricated by C. R. Wilson Construction Co., Inc., West Palm Beach, FL

Occasional table - Designer Imports International, Traditional at Design Atelier, The Merchandise Mart Design Center, Chicago, IL

Bamboo blinds - Conrad, Paul Himer, Inc., West Palm Beach, FL

Painting - Loring Gallery, Sheffield, MA

Mercury glass balls on cocktail table - Owners' Collection

Sculpture on cocktail table - Fritz Olsen, Sawyer, MI

Asian boxes on cocktail table -

Lotus Furniture Imports, Wheeling, IL

Vase/urn on game table - Dennis Joel Fine Arts, West Palm Beach, FL

Clock - Cedric Dupont Antiques, West Palm Beach, FL

Area rug - Merida, Lewis Carpet One, Northbrook, IL

Dining Room

Table - Troscan Furnishings, Holly Hunt, The Merchandise Mart Design Center, Chicago, IL

Dark wood chair and columns -

Charm Cottage, Lakeside, MI

Island chairs - The Wicker Works, Callard & Associates, The Merchandise Mart Design Center, Chicago, IL

Cushion fabric - Gretchen Bellinger, Inc., Cohoes, NY

Console - New Classics, Holly Hunt, The Merchandise Mart Design Center, Chicago, IL

Buffet and bronze sculpture on console - Cedric Dupont Antiques, West Palm Beach, FL

Cabinet in hallway - Christa's South, West Palm Beach, FL

Light fixture - Kevin Reilly, Holly Hunt, The Merchandise Mart Design Center, Chicago, IL

Paintings - Loring Gallery, Sheffield, MA

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RIGHT: Unique furniture and art add interest in the master bedroom sitting area, such as a 1928 Art Deco teak lounge chair, Nathan Congdon's photograph of Thailand's Angkor Wat temple and a resin sculpture by Frank Gallo.



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- Club chairs, ottoman and bench - Dessin Fournir, Tui Pranich & Associates, The Merchandise Mart Design Center, Chicago, IL
- Club chair fabric - Steven Harsey/Orient Express, Callard & Associates, The Merchandise Mart Design Center, Chicago, IL
- Ottoman fabric - Edelman Leather, The Merchandise Mart Design Center, Chicago, IL
- Occasional tables - Eric Brand Furniture, Modern at Design Atelier, The Merchandise Mart Design Center, Chicago, IL
- Cabinet and painting near cabinet - Charm Cottage, Lakeside, MI
- Mirror - J & M Antiques, West Palm Beach, FL
- Light fixture - Hilliard, Callard & Associates, The Merchandise Mart Design Center, Chicago, IL
- Sconce - Owners' Collection
- Painting above bench - Carl Hammer Gallery, Chicago, IL
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- Marble flooring and inlays - Chadwick's Surfaces International, Libertyville, IL; Ann Sacks, The Merchandise Mart Design Center, Chicago, IL
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- Sofa - A. Rudin, The Merchandise Mart Design Center, Chicago, IL
- Fabric - Holly Hunt Leathers, Holly Hunt, The Merchandise Mart Design Center, Chicago, IL
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- Cabinetry, desk and wall paneling - Custom designed by Cheri Lynn Designs, Ltd., Glencoe, IL
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- Desk chair - Michael Berman, Ltd., Modern at Design Atelier, The Merchandise Mart Design Center, Chicago, IL
- Globe prints - Christa's South, West Palm Beach, FL
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