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Dolce & Gabbana Casa's Blue Mediterraneo collection available exclusively in the U.S. at Cabot House Furniture.



find a breathtaking and magical project by Sashya Thind that pulls inspiration from India, Morocco, France, and Persia. These will, of course, be followed by a handful of vacation homes that will remind

One of my favorite things about living in New England is that no matter the time of year, we never have to go far to find a new slice of paradise. What a dream it is to be within driving distance of world-renowned luxury destinations like Nantucket, Cape Cod, Vermont, Newport, R.I. - and my personal favorite - coastal Maine.

In the spirit of said dream, I'm delighted to present to you our Travel & Second Homes issue, where you'll find regional and global inspiration woven into each and every page.

As I write this letter, I'm sitting in the green, gold, and pastel-colored lobby at one of my favorite hotels - Four Seasons Hotel Boston - recently reimagined by A-list designer Ken Fulk (see page 58). And I can't help but think to myself: "boy is it a good time to be a Bostonian."

Our city has proven itself to be both a pinnacle of tradition and history, as well as a colorful and innovative tech town. The best part? We're seeing the two merge and magnify themselves stylistically within our home design scene - and the rest of the world is noticing.

While the news may come as a surprise to some, I was nothing short of exhilarated when I found out that global fashion brand Dolce & Gabbana chose Greater Boston (Cabot House Furniture to be exact) as the first-ever U.S. location for their home decor line: Dolce & Gabbana Casa. Learn more about their uniquely Mediterranean lifestyle pieces, and how to shop the new collection, on page 68.

In our Trending section, you'll see a vast collection of butler's pantries by kitchen designer Christopher Peacock that show the vibrancy and versatility of classic British cabinetry. Then in our feature homes, you'll

you why we live in this quintessential, coastal, transitional region of ours.

It's only fitting that the 2023 theme for our annual dine-by-design fundraiser, To Live & Dine is "A World of Good." With such a beautifully diverse and talented design scene here in Boston, I simply cannot wait to see how local creatives bring tablescapes to life using inspiration from different areas of the globe.

If you're interested in attending this gala-meets-exhibit evening this October in support of The Greater Boston Food Bank, please email me below.

Now, pour yourself a glass of your favorite late-summer cocktail, (if I may suggest my new personal favorite: the Sipsmith gin and tonic below), kick up your feet, and enjoy this beautiful issue.

CHEERS!

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TRENDING

kitchen

From the Refectory Collection, handpainted in a custom color with proprietary hardware in polished nickel

Out with the old, in with the new—except for the butler's pantry. First emerging in the 19th century, the mini rooms became known in wealthy homes for food prep and storage of china and silver. And more recently, they've risen in popularity once again. Here, Christopher Peacock (Peacockhome.com), founder of his eponymous and world-renowned cabinet brand, discusses the trend and the importance of customizing them to each client's needs.

The butler's pantry has become more and more popular. Tell me about why you think this has become a kitchen necessity.

It depends on the house's layout to know if it's necessary. Our clients always want extra storage, and this room can be multifunctional. We ask if there will be a formal dining room that gets used regularly, for example, or if it needs to be used for another reason, like a bar or coffee station. The idea of a butler's pantry goes back generations, but it was typically reserved for larger homes with the means to

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THE HIDDEN GEM

At Christopher Peacock's Boston showroom, the butler's pantry is trending.

By Antonia DePace



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What are the benefits of a butler's pantry?

It is extra space to organize and an additional counter for staging and clearing plates. It often doubles as a bar area for guests. We always need to identify its root purpose first with our clients and ask, is it for storage, a bar area, or does it need to have appliances to work

as a second "back" kitchen? Sometimes it is really meant more as a "morning" kitchen, housing coffee, a small fridge and a toaster.

What is the process of designing a custom butler's pantry—how does Christopher Peacock's approach stand out from the rest?

Our thought process extends to the whole kitchen space and not just the butler's pantry when we design these areas in a home.

We ask very specific questions about the client's lifestyles and delve into their home habits, and then we look at what exactly they need to store and what function they need in that space.

What are some cool options that you can design for your pantry?

It depends on its use, but it should always be a decorating surprise for me. You can create jewel box designs in

these rooms with bold colors or wallcoverings, and lighting, of course, can be really special. It's all in the décor for me.

Is there a detail or element that is useful but less commonly thought of for this space?

A mirror is often a good application as it makes a smaller space feel big and glamorous. I use that a lot as a backsplash. ■



From left: The Refectory Collection handpainted in blueberry with polished nickel hardware; the Lambourne Collection, handpainted in dove grey, with proprietary hardware in antique brass.

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