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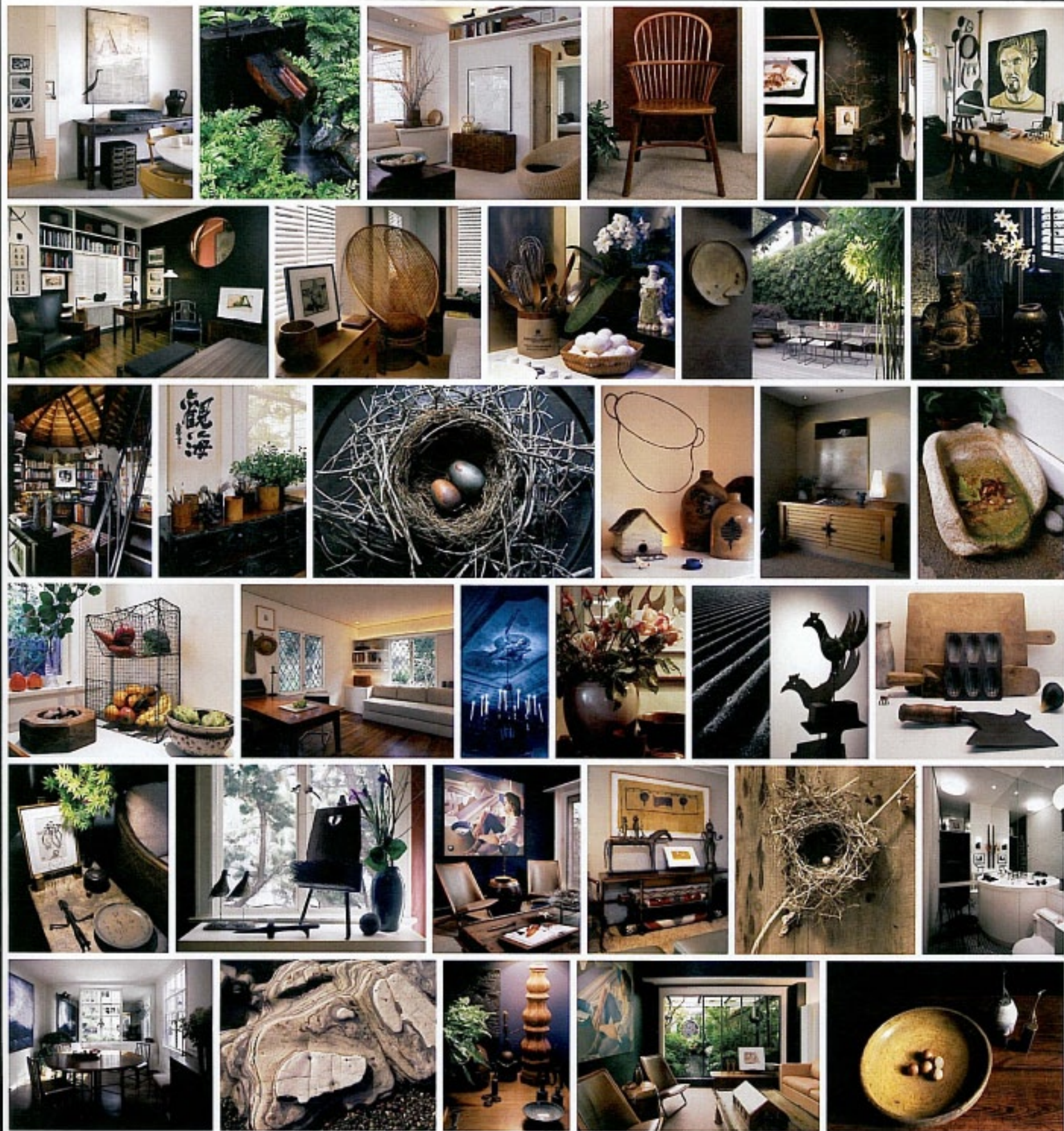
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Appreciate the environment and cultivate the ability to positively influence life. What might look like a disaster is actually an opportunity for miraculous change and growth. Appreciating what you have, making the most out of a situation with humor and grace become the valued guidelines for design thinking.

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## About San Francisco Design Center:

The San Francisco Design Center (SFDC) is the West Coast's premier destination for innovative interior design, offering experiences that deliver customized elegance. SFDC sits at the heart of the San Francisco Design district and is comprised of three buildings: the Showplace, Galleria and Garden Court. Together, they house over 100 showrooms representing 2,000 manufacturers of one-of-a-kind furnishings, fabric, lighting, kitchens, baths, wall coverings, accessories, fine art and antiques.

## WHO'S NEWS



### Design Above All

1. Donald Joseph's kitchen table
2. Jacob Bauch, Leslie Bamberg, Nathalie Roland, Dan Games
3. Scott Engelman with Kristina Moore-Yaki and Vernon Applegate
4. Eugene Anthony's living room
5. Leslie Bamberg's living room



6. Joe Gaul and Christie McRae

7. Inja Yang

8. Lani Taylor and Tasson Taylor

9. Eugene Anthony

10. Karen Calija, Willie Brown  
and Donald Fugina

11. Mary Ann Schicketanz, Leslie Bamberg

12. Mary Ann Schicketanz's living room

## CERTAIN CERTIFICATIONS

While having the staff earn their LEED AP is important, consider having the entire office certified as a green business. The Certified Green Business program ([www.greenbiz.ca.gov](http://www.greenbiz.ca.gov)) is administered by the Association of Bay Area Governments and is open to design firms across all nine Bay Area counties. Over 1,600 businesses have undergone the free certification since its launch in 1997. The directory now boasts 39 architects and six design firms. If you're reading this, get your firm certified.

## TAPPING THE TEAM

If this immersion into green sounds intimidating, remember you don't need to do it alone. Utilize the people within your project team for help. By explaining the green goals to everyone upfront, you'll uncover a wealth of resources.

"By asking the right questions, you can get people to do stuff they've never thought of before," explains Jeffrey Weisman. "Without changing vendors, you can bring them up to green standards. Many vendors have access to green materials when asked." Simply by starting the conversation, you can create significant changes. Paul Wiseman echoes this idea, "We are starting a serious dialogue with our vendors as to where their raw materials come from."

For other designers, sourcing local materials and products reduces the impact of their projects. Kendall Wilkinson agrees, "Almost everything we specify is sourced locally." Paul Wiseman also encourages the use of antiques as a green approach. "We specialize in antiques, which are the ultimate in green: used furniture, to be exact."

In today's competitive market, being green means more than adding green materials to your projects. Greening starts on the inside with the management of your own office. Simple, but important, changes are all it requires to start the path toward a green office. "The amazing thing about green design is the speed in which it has come around into the design community," says Jeffrey Weisman. "The decorating world is finally opening its eyes to green. So it's getting easier to be green—options, prices, and demand have really changed our world."

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## GREEN and BOLD

On her frequent visits to China, Margaret Collard, founder and principal of International Art Properties, Inc., observed the gradual progress of a greening program that transformed cities such as Beijing and Shanghai from dreary landscapes to park-like environments. While standing on a rooftop in downtown San Francisco noting lots of grey, Margaret decided to put her energies into greening her own city and thus began Green and Bold.

The launch of Green and Bold took place at Design San Francisco last year when a panel of experts came together to discuss their work. The group included Astrid Haryati, Greening Director at the City and County of San Francisco, John Loomis, Principal of the SWA Group, and landscape architect for the California Academy of Sciences, April Phillips, President of April Phillips Design Works, Mary Ann Schickentanz, Carver + Schickentanz, and Eric Corey Freed of organicARCHITECT.

From the enthusiasm generated with this event, two major projects were launched that will green and beautify the landscape and interiors of St. Dominic in San Francisco and St. Vincent's School for Boys in San Rafael. St. Dominic's, an 1874 landmark church, will benefit from a re-designed landscape, parking lot and creation of a community center to serve women and children. St. Vincent's School for Boys will be enhanced by a new landscape design as well as the remodel of five residences with the help of Philanthropy By Design.

Green and Bold will return to Design San Francisco on Friday, February 5, 2009 to report on their progress and engage new volunteers to support their efforts.

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