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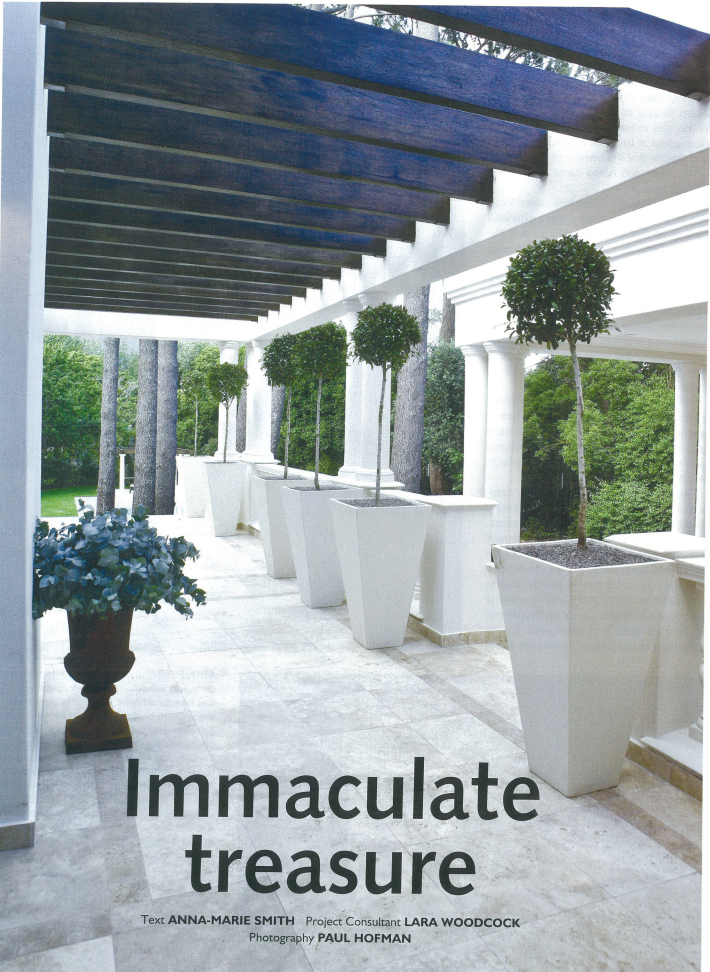
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Immaculate treasure

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THE OFFERINGS OF Bishopscourt falls short of very little, instead - it renders a warm feeling of beauty and tranquillity. Within this majestic, leafy suburb, where plots come at little less than an acre, there is a lifestyle that the owners of this immaculately renovated home came to discover, and still treasure.

When this family found their dream location for a new home, having spent extended periods of time in the Constantia and the southern suburb surrounds, they decided to live in the existing structure temporarily to experience their new environment prior to taking on an enormous renovation. Having become well accustomed to feeling spoilt for choice when it came to exceptional views and total serenity through their knowledge of the local area, they experienced no difficulty in seeing the potential value of the task ahead.

With the help of a talented team of professionals, this energetic family succeeded in creating a private domain that not only suits their own professional and fast moving lifestyle, but also reflects the fine quality of life they aspire to.

Amongst the many items on the renovation list, was the priority of creating completely separate entertainment areas, including a private bar area and several different lounges. Added to that was the need for a spacious guest suite to accommodate regular visitors in stylish privacy, the addition and extensions of several balconies and pillars, as well as the renewal of floor surfaces and bathrooms. It was the extent of the project, despite the family



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ABOVE: Mercury Fittings provided the door and window furniture throughout this beautiful home. Its clients selected the antique brass finishes to perfectly coordinate with the interior. Mercury Fittings offers a fabulous selection of traditional English and French hardware, as well as top quality high-end bathroom brassware and sanitaryware. Its bespoke service includes one-on-one consultations to assess each client's specific requirements, and the provision of detailed schedules based on their drawings. Call Mercury Fittings today!



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ABOVE: Sold! How often do we hear that a house has been sold because of the garden? When renovating or building, the importance of setting aside a budget for the landscaping of the property from conception is often overlooked. A well landscaped and maintained garden adds phenomenal value to any property. The spectacular garden featured here benefited from a landscaping budget set aside from the start of the project. The landscape and architecture fit like a hand in a glove.





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ABOVE: Once Upon A Dream created the elegant, classical ambience in this formal lounge by utilising some elements of the Georgian interior decor style, and successfully mixing it with exclusive pieces of furniture from the turn of the century. This elegant style provides the room with a warm traditional ambience.

ABOVE RIGHT: Centrelec supplies and completes superior quality electrical installations of all types on a national basis. Professional staff also assists its valued clientele in the specialist field of lighting design and reticulation, to ensure service excellence at all times. Complete client satisfaction is what Centrelec Electrical strives for.

RIGHT: Corobrik's Montana Travertine face brick gives an interesting textured surface and the rich colours add to the warm ambience in this wine cellar. Corobrik's wide range of face brick colours vary from pale creams through to deep reds and browns, and to ensure the perfect finish, they are also available in a variety of textures.



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absolutely adoring their new environment that motivated their decision to move out for two years while the site was transformed into their dream home. Looking back now, the time spent away has clearly paid off.

The owner says a first impression of the property when viewing it before signing on

the dotted line, was the tall standing pine trees at the bottom end of the garden, where they keep a silent vigil over the luxurious swimming pool area. The height of the trees created a sense of grandeur, and since the completion of the renovations, these stately uprights seem to form an even greater focal point by enhancing the

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The beautiful selection of classical and contemporary lighting in this magnificent Bishopscourt home was supplied by Eagle Lighting. The company offers a comprehensive range of lighting, including chandeliers and pendants, modern and decorative fittings, as well as a plethora of various accessories such as plugs, cables and adaptors. Eagle Lighting caters for the consumer, as well as architects, engineers and designers. The company imports the latest global designs to its showrooms every month.





voluminous, yet elegant outdoor staircases and prominent columns. Verandas with superior quality surfaces and trimmings in crisp white tones, form a dramatic contrast against the dark exterior timber finishes and window frames, exhibiting the finest craftsmanship.

The interior design reflects superb generosity of space, where double volume roof areas, deep bay windows and elegant French doors culminate into fabulous combinations of rooms, flowing easily between different levels. Subtle fixtures such as the superior quality roll shutters on the landing and other areas, reflect an innovative design, illustrating the value of adequate planning.

The owners' eclectic taste of interior design speaks for their enjoyment of an interior with varied characteristics, both in form and design. They selected to decorate some rooms in the traditional old English, almost Victorian style, and others in a typically French Provencal theme. But they note that what gave them a lot of pleasure was to introduce old family heirlooms that were once kept in holiday homes, and now enjoy permanent pride of place in their new home.

Charmaine Walker and Denise Hardman of Once Upon A Dream tell their story of

styling this stunning house. They say the details of the basic brief included looking at creating an inviting home for the clients and their family, to allow elegant entertaining in a traditional, calming environment, as well as using selected and existing furniture as the backbone for the decor. By creating continuity from room to room, professional styling provided the house with cohesion

BELOW: By carefully selecting these exquisite pieces of timeless furniture, and perfectly positioning them, Once Upon A Dream created the intriguing dynamics with a French ambience in the master bedroom suite. A dramatic dark gold was used as an anchor colour, achieving a delicate richness, yet maintaining a bright energetic ambience.

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ABOVE: Penny Lane Interiors supplied furniture, window dressings and bedding for this beautiful home from its exclusive range of custom-made furniture and designer fabrics. Briefs from valued customers are executed by paying attention to the finest detail and delivering on time. View the Penny Lane Interiors product range at their Gardens Shopping Centre showroom.

RIGHT: AC Screens and Shutters installed the insulated, aluminum, motorised roll shutters, manufactured from high quality double-walled, foam-injected profiles - available in different colours. Widely used in Europe, roll shutters have become increasingly popular in South Africa, not only for the excellent security they provide, but also for their other outstanding all-in-one features, making them an unbeatable product. Well known for carefree maintenance and excellent durability, roll shutters provide the aesthetic solution that commands quality and style.

throughout, where detailed Classical Victorian and French applications are noted. Working in co-operation with Penny Lane Interiors, who were briefed to complete the curtaining, soft furnishings and bedroom furniture, a sophisticated yet relaxing living environment was created.

The treasured family housekeeper says she was delighted to be a part of this project with her longstanding employers, who took great care in accommodating her needs in many areas. The beautiful designer kitchen for example, with its cosy breakfast area, reflects practical elements such as the close proximity to the adjoining scullery and walk-in pantry. The emphasis on convenience is evident



RIGHT: Once Upon A Dream created a true reflection in the girls' room of what makes a real princess. A total departure from the traditional pink, girly and frilly decor, this lovely bright and airy bedroom boasts frogs and fun, reflecting on the great outdoors and cool adventures.



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in the design that provides sleek flowing spaces throughout.

For the family, there had to be a place for hobbies, such as the immaculate wine cellar that was especially accommodated underneath the veranda where vacant space would have otherwise been wasted. The brickwork, flooring and traditional furnishings accentuate the vintage character of the cellar. Built on two different levels to store the fine selection of delectable red and white wines at different temperatures, this double-level cellar also introduces an exclusive area where the owners can enjoy their interest in a truly cultivated fashion. And for the children, there is the most beautiful garden in which

to lose their inhibitions and enjoy the freedom of their environment.

The spontaneous character of this home is representative of the personable approach of all the inhabitants of this abode, where the graceful lifestyle could arguably be amongst the best in the South. 🏡

BELOW: The Jeeves heated towel rails featured here offer a broad range of fluid-filled rails in a variety of widths and finishes. Jeeves has introduced a new designer rail, Model L, as well as a shelf rail, Model M. New additions to the range include stylish free-standing, floor- and glass-mounting accessories.

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