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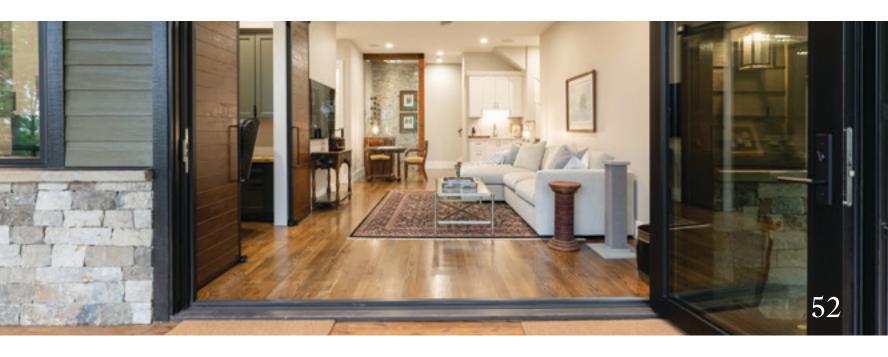
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"Our homes have become more than just a place to live – they have become a sanctuary, a place of comfort, and a safe haven from the outside world." While the idea of "HOME" has always had great significance, we find our clients desiring more from their homes than they have in the past.

With this in mind, we wanted to focus our latest edition on the theme of "COMING HOME" and all that it entails.

One of the most exciting aspects of "COMING HOME" is the process of building a new home. Whether it's your first home or your forever home, the construction process is a thrilling and rewarding experience. In this issue, we've included articles on the latest trends in home building and design, from sustainable construction materials to innovative smart-home technology.

We've also interviewed some of our leading designers and builders at Living Stone Design + Build to give you an inside look at the process of creating your dream home.

Interior design is an art form in itself, and our team of experts at ID.ology have curated a selection of inspiring design ideas to help you create a space that is both beautiful and functional. From cozy living rooms to luxurious bedrooms, our design tips will help you transform your house into a home.

But perhaps the most important aspect of "COMING HOME" is the sense of community and belonging that comes with it. Whether you're building a new home or renovating an old one, your home is a reflection of you and your family. It's a place to make memories, host gatherings, and create a lifetime of experiences.

We hope that this edition of our magazine inspires you to create a home that is truly yours – a place where you can come home to and feel truly at peace.

Thank you for reading, and we look forward to sharing more ideas and inspiration with you in the future.



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### **Advice from our Pros**

Team members from Living Stone Design + Build, ID.ology Interiors & Design and Atelier Maison & Co. share their advice and considerations when building or designing for your dream home!



"Your home shouldn't look like a catalog. It should feel like you!"

Whitney Mayer INTERIOR DESIGNER ATELIER MAISON



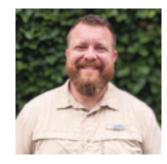
"Lately I have been telling clients that there really are no rules when it comes to decorating. I ask them how they want their space to feel and how they want it to function and then bring bits of their personality in, so that their home reflects who they are."

Lisa Chamberlin DESIGN CONSULTANT ATELIER MAISON



"Create a budget, then add 10%. There are special touches you will want to have room for in your budget."

Annabeth Hardcastle ACCOUNTING MANAGER ID.OLOGY



"Trust the process so you can enjoy the product."

Alfred Bottego DIRECTOR OF SALES LIVING STONE



going to love me during design, hate me during construction and love me again with the results. The stress of building or remodeling is unavoidable and to be expected, but I will try to make it the smoothest process I can with the proper preparation and consistency."

Melissa Sposato SENIOR INTERIOR DESIGNER ID.OLOGY



"It's a lot easier to add something before it's built than after."

Justin Nicholas ESTIMATOR LIVING STONE



"Team work makes the dream work. Homes of this caliber take a lot of time, effort and attention. Much like 'Rome wasn't built in a day', neither will your home, but it will withstand the test of time."

Mike Bates VP OF CONSTRUCTION LIVING STONE

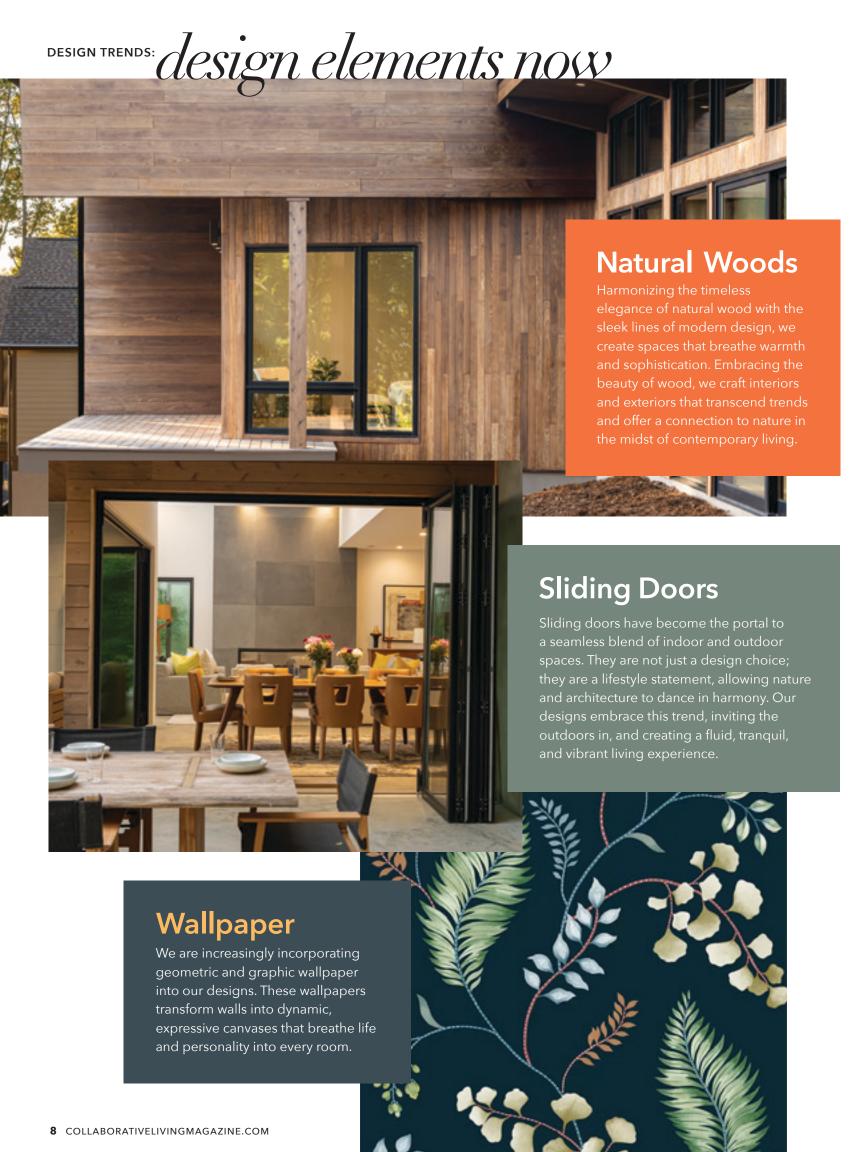


"Don't focus on trends or resell, do what YOU love."

Heather Fulp BUYER ATELIER MAISON







DESIGN TRENDS: Living with nature



CURBLESS SHOWER FOR EASEFUL WHEELCHAIR ENTRY, AND BLOCKING FOR GRAB BARS.

66 To age-in-place, means living in your home safely, independently and comfortably, regardless of age or ability level....Access to aging-in-place homes is on a limited supply, and often, the result is that we are forced out of our own homes and into an assisted living facility. But there are steps you can take — to design, build or renovate a home that will accommodate your needs."

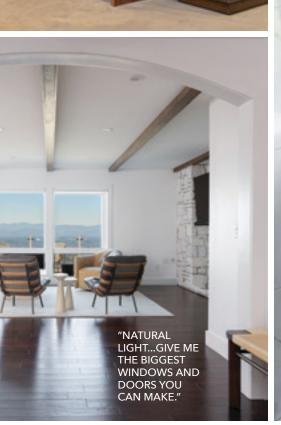
- AGING IN PLACE BLOG LIVING STONE DESIGN + BUILD WEBSITE



DESIGN TRENDS: The Want List









A Want List (often referred to as your Program) serves as a compass, guiding the process by ensuring that every design choice aligns with the homeowner's desires, ultimately resulting in a living environment that is not just functional but also a source of comfort, joy, and personal expression. Want List items range from individual preferences to aspirational details.





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### **INDOOR AIR QUALITY**

Maintaining good indoor air quality is crucial for fostering a healthy living environment. Poor air quality can lead to various health issues, making it imperative to prioritize adequate ventilation, filtration, and toxin control within our homes. We empower our clients to make informed decisions and guide them towards the most suitable choices for their home and health.

#### **BIOPHILIC DESIGN**

Biophilic design seamlessly weaves natural elements like plants, water features, organic materials, and abundant natural light into the architectural fabric. By thoughtfully crafting spaces that transcend the distinction between indoor and outdoor realms, we create environments that embrace the innate connection between humans and nature.

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### SEAN SULLIVAN'S BIRTHDAY CHOCOLATE CHIP PIE RECIPE

1 C chocolate chips 1 C sugar ½ C flour 1 t vanilla extract 2 eggs, beaten slightly Cool Whip ½ C butter, melted 1 9-in pie crust unbaked

1 C pecans, chopped (recipe also below)

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Mix sugar and flour. Add eggs which have been slightly beaten. Add melted butter. Mix well. Add pecans, chocolate chips and vanilla and pour into unbaked pie shell. Bake 45 minutes and top with Cool Whip.

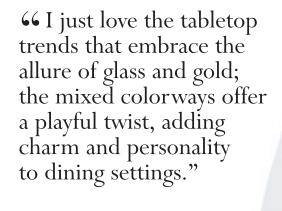
### NO FAIL PIE CRUST

3 C flour 1 egg beaten 5 T water 1 t salt 1 T vinegar 1 1/4 C shortening

Mix salt and flour. Cut in shortening. Combine egg, water, vinegar. Pour liquid into dry mixture all at once. Blend with a spoon until flour is moistened. Keeps in refrigerator for 2 weeks.

RECIPES PROVIDED BY SEAN'S MOM

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The Sullivans kept as much of the original footprint as possible including the off-center front door, the living room as the first room upon entering and the central staircase, but then they chose to flip the kitchen and dining room creating better use of the space.







THE DIRTY KITCHEN (SCULLERY) WAS DESIGNED FOR ADDITIONAL CLEAN-UP SPACE AFTER ENTERTAINING, PANTRY SPACE, AND STORAGE FOR VEGETABLES FROM THE GARDEN AND FRESH EGGS FROM THE COOP.





THE MASTER ENSUITE BATHROOM FEATURES A 4-FOOT DRESSING ISLAND AND WRAP-AROUND WALL CLOSETS CONTAINING ALL THINGS THE COUPLE NEEDS TO PREPARE FOR THE DAY IN ONE LUXURIOUS SPACE.



"An Ambry bath: the fusion of a tranquil self-care haven and a tailored luxury closet, seamlessly blending bathing serenity with personalized style."

- LAURA SULLIVAN - LAURA SULLIVAN



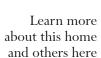




The Farm, as it is lovingly called, boasts a working hobby barn with rescued horses, miniature ponies and a donkey. Nestled under the Appalachian range, the farm's 38+ acres create an idyllic location for exploring nature year round.



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A prevailing and enduring trend in modern living revolves around the seamless integration of indoor and outdoor spaces. With a significant portion of our lives spent indoors, the appreciation for captivating outdoor living areas has surged, further amplified by the transformative impact of the pandemic. In collaboration with Firelight Hearth & Patio, we delve into innovative approaches to infuse the outdoors into your new construction project or enhance your existing outdoor space.

According to Joshua of Firelight Hearth & Patio, a remarkable shift is underway, as individuals are enthusiastically adopting products that amplify their outdoor patio experiences while simultaneously extending the usability across seasons. He notes, "In response to this dynamic shift, we've chosen to augment our showroom with an exquisite outdoor living space, which will be open in early 2024. This curated area will showcase an array of premium offerings, including a grill island replete with a built-in grill, outdoor firepit designs, elegant outdoor fireplaces, cutting edge outdoor fire pit burners, and gas lanterns."

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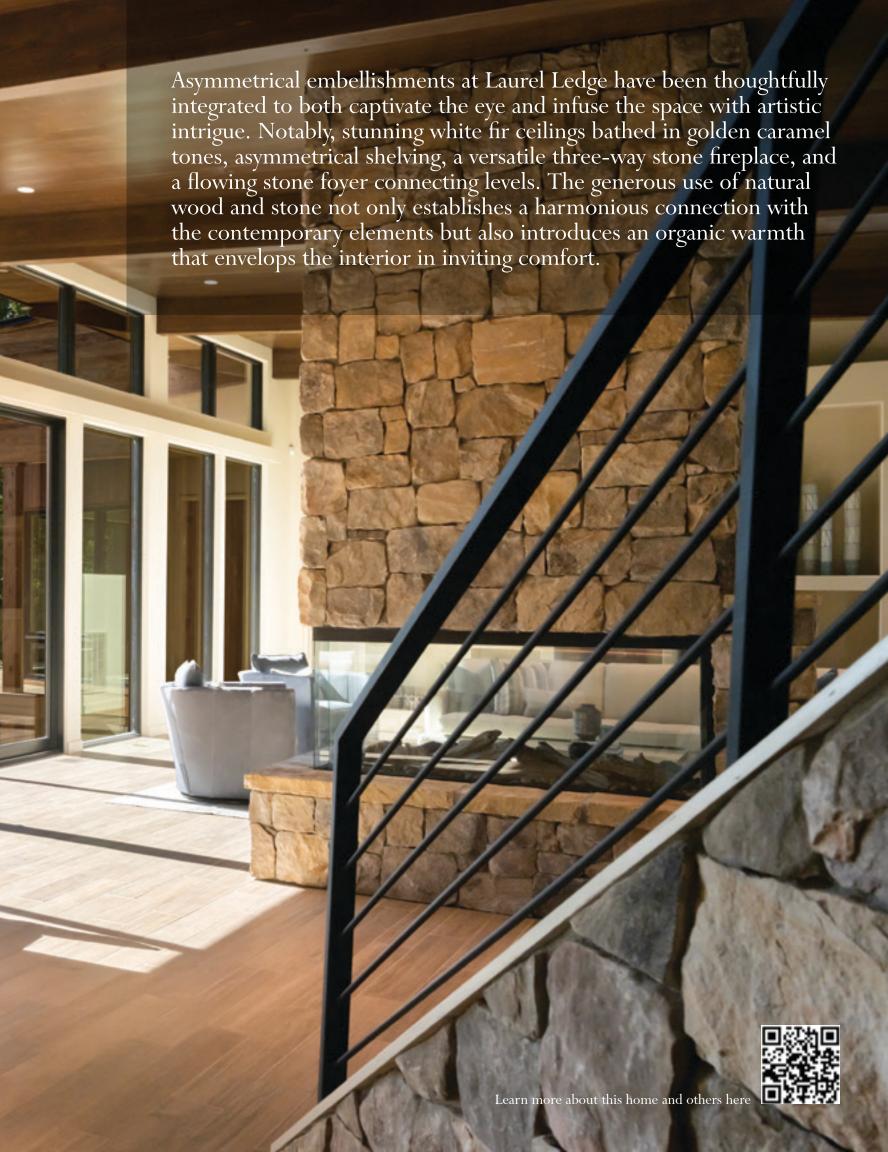
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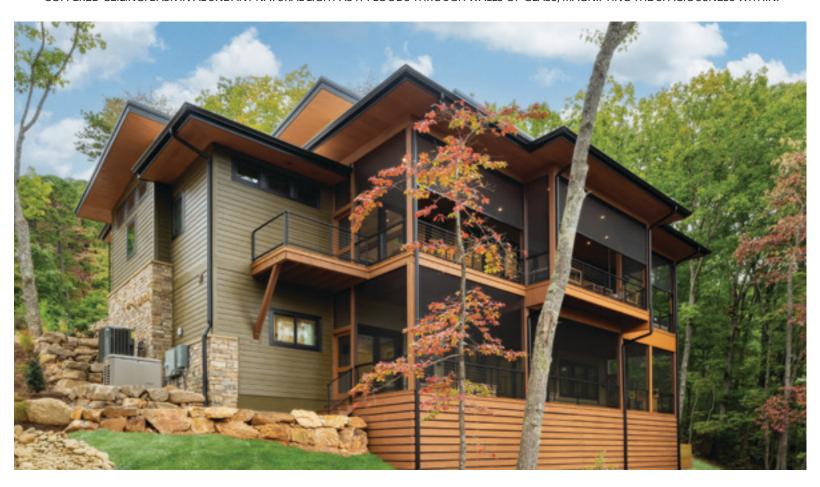
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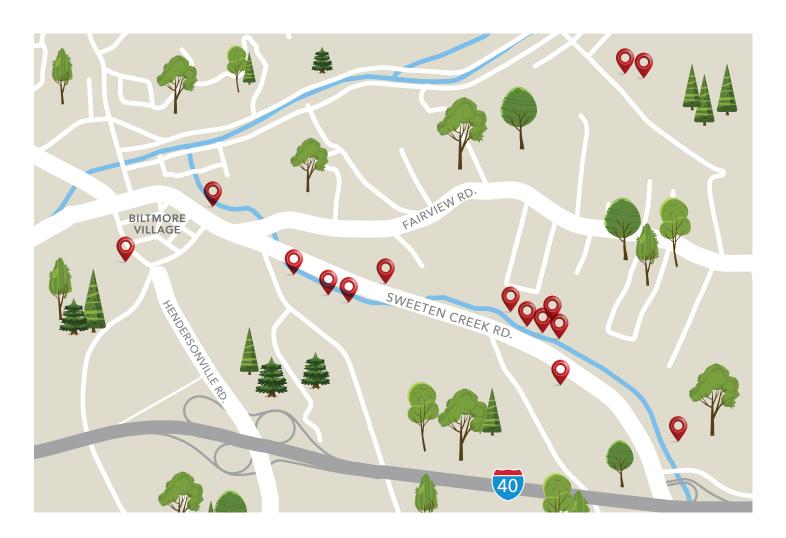






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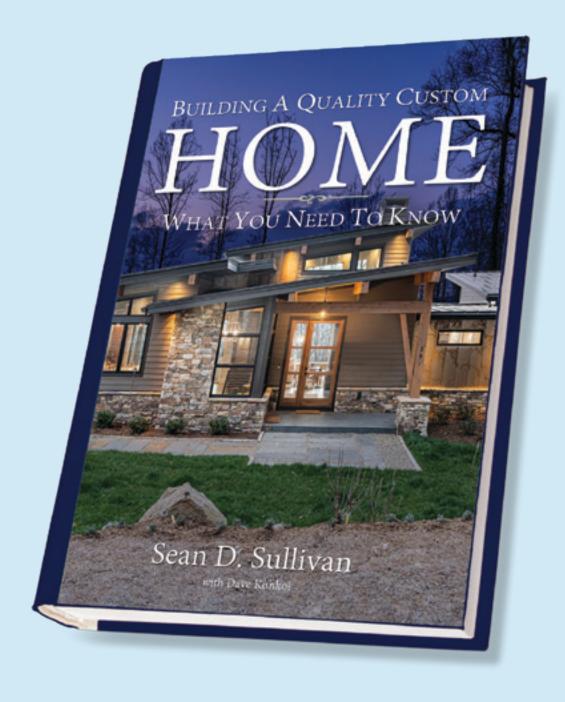






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What does home mean to you?

"Home is the place that embodies your soul and reflects what makes you feel inspired and content."

- LAURA SULLIVAN

As we conclude this issue, share the projects of the past year and look to the trends ahead, we wanted to take a moment to reflect on what "coming home" means to us.



"Home is a place that welcomes you, encourages you to rest, to be yourself. It's a place filled with precious memories and dreams."

Courtney Stevens
LEAD INTERIOR DESIGNER
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"Home is my place of rest and recharge."

Sarah Caldwell
PRODUCTION MANAGER
LIVING STONE



"Home is where your heart is. Home is where you can be yourself and know you are unconditionally loved."

Karen Turner
ACCOUNTING MANAGER
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"Home is full of love and comfort. Anywhere that I can express my love and gratitude for those around me and feel most comfortable can be my home. Or wherever my cats are...lol."

Vic Jernigan
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"Home is not a place you have lived in for a long time, nor is it a place that reminds you of something familiar. Home is a carefully crafted, beautifully curated space that reflects your personal design and the details of your life that bring joy to you."

Makenna Bailey
LEAD INTERIOR DESIGNER
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