

Inspired, inside and out

DECORATING IDEAS YOU CAN BORROW FROM A GLEN COVE SHOW HOUSE

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The Home Is Where the Heart Is designer show house at Lydia Richardson Pratt's 1890 home in Glen Cove begins on the meandering approach to the red front door.

Standard Oil co-founder Charles Pratt commissioned the Georgian-style white clapboard home, also for sale for \$5.5 million, as a gift for his daughter upon her marriage to philanthropist Frank Lusk Babbott. It was one of 21 country homes built for the Pratts at Dosoris Park, the family's then-1,100-acre compound. The majestic maples, beeches, oaks and yews that frame the green, rolling landscape speak to that golden era.

Northport master gardener Mary Rosenvinge, one of the 26 designers brought in to brush up the home and its grounds, says she found inspiration in Frederick Law Olmsted's work. Records show that the so-called father of American landscape architecture, or his sons who carried on his firm, worked for decades at Dosoris Park. Rosenvinge stops and lingers to look at the trees, wondering if some were planted by Olmsted, Central Park's designer. "He imagined what a landscape would look like in 100 years," she says.

Her goal is more attainable — choosing greenery that will look good as the event, produced by the same folks behind the annual Hampton Designer Showhouse, forges through the cold months. Some of her solutions include Cotoneaster, with its red berries, and Coral Bark Japanese Maple, whose bark turns more crimson as the temperatures drop.

The reimagining at the show house, which opens this weekend to feature the work of some of Long Island's most esteemed designers, continues inside.

WHAT Home Is Where the Heart Is designer show house, a benefit for the American Heart Association

WHEN | WHERE 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays, closed Thanksgiving, through Dec. 1, at 145 Dosoris Lane, Glen Cove

INFO \$30, \$20 for groups of 20 or more; no admission 30 minutes before closing; no children under 6, strollers or pets; www.bit.ly/lieivae



GLAMPING IT

Glamorous camping is the new vacation buzzword, and now Port Washington's Keith Baltimore has co-opted it as a design idea. Glamping is the inspiration for his boys' sleepover room in the attic. At the heart is a 52-inch flat-screen TV with 24-hour-a-day Call of Duty on the screen. Gaming headsets are at the ready on the hanging rattan chairs that face it. Overhead is a vintage-map-covered ceiling; all around are tented dormered walls. There are Army cots, a foosball table and an insulated crawl

space with sleepover bags, a mini-fridge stocked with iced tea and a trap door with the spray-painted words "KEEP OUT" to deter interlopers.

DIY TIP You don't need an antique Louis Vuitton trunk, mohair throws or a reclaimed wood table to create the perfect environment for adventure, says Baltimore. You can use the most inexpensive materials to come up with a space that makes you "feel like you're away in your own home," he says.