

Home reflects charm, individuality

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What happens when an interior designer does her own home? No clients to please, no tastes to consider but her own.

Local designer Eve Garvin and her husband built a new home on Lake Park about three years ago. Their children are grown and away. It reflects the Garvins' tastes and life-style and houses a collection of antiques and fine art collected over the years.

Mrs. Garvin described her decor as "a very traditional mixture of English and country French with a little Oriental—old things that don't look dated."

The undated look stems from acquiring fine, classic pieces over the years—the kind that increase in value and hold their beauty.

The other secret to the undated, classic look is Mrs. Garvin's innovative approach. For instance, she had a four poster maple bed in the master bedroom darkened to accent the new surroundings. Its classic lines are as good today as they were when it was bought several decades back.

The dry wall in the family room off the foyer done in browns and golds takes on the look of fine wood paneling with the help of milled wood finish strips and an antique glazing in a creamy beige.

Mrs. Garvin had been saving a collection of English tiles in mosaic and cream for the family room fireplace. When building restrictions prohibited a working fireplace in the room, she went ahead with a fake one as a focal point.

Add to this English fireplace elements, a collection of German steins in the mantle and a favorite Richard Jerzy painting over the mantle and the family room lives up to its name.

THE LIVING ROOM shows the same concern with creating a home rather than a showcase. A Queen Anne table in one corner is the setting for family pictures, framed letters from friends around the world—attractively displayed family memorabilia that says a lot about the people who live in this home.

A gleaming brass Williamsburg chandelier sets the mood for the living room with its two-story high beamed ceiling. High above and flanking the antique mantle are two stained glass, leaded windows. And again these like

the brass chandelier add to the warm glowing atmosphere. A soft light permeates every corner. Many of the appointments are Oriental, things collected on travels—fine porcelains, a coffee table from Mainland China, and artifacts.

A gray area rug with a yellow and white border design and white woven linen drapes form a subdued background for the splash of color in the upholstery fabric of a wing chair and the sofa at the far end of the room.

Flexibility is one of the built-in features of the home. The kitchen, ideally arranged for its original function, goes beyond a place to prepare food. There is a continental atmosphere that seems to promise international menus rather than simply American basics.

The wall behind the counter stove is a copper finish over Formica. The copper trimmed cooking utensils that hang from the brick arch directly above add a kind of ageless culinary glamor. The wood cabinets are dark and the floor black with a white tile pattern.

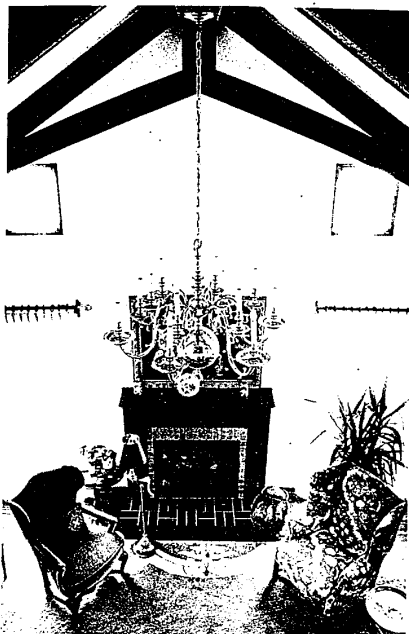
The large butcher block topped storage cabinet in the center of the kitchen area is on wheels. Mrs. Garvin, who likes to cook for her guests, said this feature is a special favorite. She can turn the cabinet lengthwise to give her a serving area for buffet dinners—in fact, its position determines the way the kitchen functions. There's a pleasant cheerful breakfast room for informal meals and a formal dining room for sit down dinners.

Although the lot is small by neighborhood standards, there's a open feeling in the home. That's because landscaping, gardens, plantings and flowers in containers, have been carefully planned. There are views of gardens from most all windows.

ALTHOUGH MRS. GARVIN inclines toward traditional because of the beauty of line, flexibility and longevity, she moves easily into contemporary. She has several contemporary paintings in her collection and appreciates the feeling of freedom they convey.

In the foyer, for instance, there's a contemporary approach that could be easily missed. A hall closet door, painted the same light color as the walls, is minus a door frame. Because the door is flush with the wall, it is unobtrusive, but ever so important.

In another instance, Mrs. Garvin



View of the Garvin living room from the second floor balcony illustrates how well the structural design has been integrated with the decor.

found a lovely antique sideboard.

These small table-like pieces with a tiled back panel are English imports. The designer installed hers in the downstairs guest bathroom, had a sink built in the top and storage cabinets underneath. It adds a special charm to the guest bathroom and earns its keep as well.

If interior designers like artists have definite individual styles, then Mrs.

Garvin's is charming livability. She plans rooms to be used. The furniture is comfortable as well as attractive. Backgrounds are low-key so they don't assault the senses.

The focus is on the client's identity. Her own home, like many she has done, is big on easy, pleasant living with all kinds of bonuses—touches of elegance, a good mixture of textures and colors—interesting, but never overly aggressive.

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