

COVER STORY



Beautiful breezeway: An iron gate on brick adds a dramatic touch to the breezeway in interior designer Sara Scott Cullen's house, featured on the IFDA Designers Home Tour. One of the angels in a vestibule courtyard can be seen at right.

IDEAS WORK AT HOME

The IFDA Designers Home Tour this Sunday in Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills and Franklin, shows how interior designers furnish their residences.

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Call it an example of practicing what you preach. The interior designers whose residences are on the International Furnishings and Design Association Designers Home Tour apparently follow their own professional advice. Their places are stylish and comfortable, attractive and welcoming.

On the cover:

A bedroom in Sara Scott Cullen's house features antique accessories.

The tour will take place 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 15. Tickets are \$25 each; you get one free if you buy four. Make checks payable to the IFDA. Tickets are available from the following: Suzanne Hagopian, Hagopian World of Rugs, Birmingham, (810) 846-7847; Barbara Goodwin, Colorworks Inc., Farmington Hills, (810) 851-7540; Dan Stevens, Ash Showroom, Bloomfield Hills, (810) 858-7010; Carol Grant, Duke Gallery, Royal Oak, (810) 647-5511; Carolyn Dumphy, Painters Place, (810) 342-9544; Harriet Pauluzzi, Designer Group, Troy, (810) 649-4960; and Ferd Hampson, Habatat Gallery, Pontiac, (810) 333-2060.

Six houses are featured on the tour — four in Birmingham, one in Bloomfield Hills and one in Franklin. Two visited before the tour indicate how the owners give them personality and character. Sara Scott Cullen's Cape Cod style house was built in 1941. The open feeling is enhanced by use of white-washed brick and cool marble. Windows are without



Booth, please: Interior designer Ronnie Higgs has an eating area consisting of a booth around a glass-topped table. The booth is decorated with a vibrant pattern.

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