

Deadline looms for home survey

It's the last call for Observer & Eclectic readers interested in participating in Landmark Design's Dream Home survey. After the results are tallied, Landmark will design a national 1993 Dream Home. Because area preferences vary widely, Landmark will also custom design a home to meet the exact specifications selected by Observer & Eclectic readers. Where response is high, plans for small, medium and large homes will be drawn. The attached form includes the same types of questions architects, designers and real estate agents ask to determine their clients' housing needs and desires.

Readers are also encouraged to attach letters, sketches and any comments — the more details the better — that come to mind. In the 16 years that Landmark has been designing homes, readers have been one of the company's richest sources of new ideas.

Floorplans and artist's renderings of the 1993 Dream Homes will appear on these pages in April.

Last year more than 100 readers participated in the survey, resulting in three model homes designed by Landmark that incorporated the features readers most requested. Those plans called for homes of 1,490 square feet, 2,185 square feet and 3,873 square feet.

Deadlines for responding to the survey is Feb. 1. Mail forms to Landmark Designs, Dept. OR48, P.O. Box 2307, Eugene, Or, 97402. To reserve a copy of all the 1993 Dream Homes, send \$3 to cover the cost of postage and printing and include your name and mailing address.

DREAM HOME SURVEY

GENERAL INFORMATION

Type of Home
 One Story Two Story Split Level Basement

Size of home
 1000 & less 1001 to 1500 1501 to 2000
 2001 to 2500 2501 to 3500 3500 & up

Budget for home (land excluded) \$ _____

Lot location
 Standard Lot Acreage Other _____

Exterior style
 Contemporary Country Spanish Ranch
 English Tudor Colonial Victorian Other _____

Exterior material
 Brick Stone Wood Stucco Other _____

Garage
 Number of cars _____ Shop Storage RV Parking

LIVING AREAS
 In addition to kitchen and living area I would like the following rooms in my home:
 Formal Entry Formal Dining Recreation Family Room
 Media Room Exercise Office Den
 Guest Suite Library Utility Nursery

Number of Bedrooms _____ Number of Baths _____
 Other rooms _____

KITCHEN FEATURES
 Style and Shape
 Country U-shaped Walk-Thru Other _____
 Appliances (in addition to standard appliances)
 Breakfast nook Pantry Eating Bar Recycling Center
 Appliance Center Island Double Oven Trash Compactor
 Garden Window Freezer Grill Other _____

MASTER SUITE FEATURES
 Located from GR Adjacent to other bedrooms Patio
 Private bath with the following features:
 Tub/Shower comb. Bath tub Shower Oversized Tub
 Two wash basins Skylight Bidet Spa Other _____

MAIN BATH FEATURES
 Tub/Shower comb. Bath tub Shower Oversized Tub
 Two wash basins Skylight Bidet Other _____

SPECIAL REQUESTS
 Fireplace Woodstove Spa Indoor Swim Pool
 Computer Center Dock/Patio Airium Security System
 Vasted Callings Skylights Other _____

I would conserve energy by taking advantage of:
 Minimized Windows Passive solar Active solar Extra insulation

DEMOGRAPHICS
 Number in Household _____ Age _____ Marital Status _____
 Do you own a home? Yes No Are you going to build a home? Yes No

Designers warm to tropics

(AP) — Tropical colors and other accoutrements are heating up interior decorating where no self-respecting palm tree would ever grow.

Experts say the forces at work include a Latin influence, a focus on preserving the rain forests and beaches and a stylish reincarnation of Miami Beach and points south.

"If you pick up a copy of Vogue or Elle or Mirabella, you're going to see a lot of south Florida in it," Alone Workman says. "This has brought the tropics into mainstream America."

Workman is a designer in Hollywood, Fla., and president of the Florida South chapter of the American Society of Interior Designers. She is one of several professionals tracking the trend which, she says, started with restaurants and store displays.

Tropical style is defined by mood more than geography, says Thomas Hills Cook, an interior designer with Armstrong World Industries Inc. in Lancaster, Pa. Its hallmark, he says, is an uninhibited use of color, from sunny pastels to vivid brights.

Workman says the trend goes beyond bamboo and rattan furniture to stone tables and inlaid wood pieces and accessories with a South Seas feeling.

Hoss Heaven, an Australian living in New York, imports carvings and home accessories from the Far East.

"When I started exporting wood carvings and sculptures from Bali 10 years ago, there were three or four small companies," he says. "Now, there are 20 to 30 companies in the States alone. You also find more tropical style merchandise at gift trade shows."

Heaven says his market used to be limited

to Florida and California. Now he says he sells to retailers in the Northeast and Midwest for his imports, which range from napkin rings painted with fish to 10-foot-high banana trees.

Cook offers these design tips for turning a living room or family room into a tropical retreat:

■ Treat walls or floors or both to tropical colors. The influence can be Caribbean, Hawaiian or Mexican in colors such as fuchsia, purple and jade. Or select a wallcovering in a bright Hawaiian shirt print pattern. Choose large-scale florals and leaves, tropical fish and birds or abstract designs incorporating beach scenes.

■ Create a cool whitewashed surrounding, sparked by pickled wood beams or bright accents in a tropical palette. Sponging, rubbing or ragging the paint can bring down the bright color if you prefer a softer feeling.

■ For floors, create a swath of bright color. Cook suggests a custom vinyl floor with off-beat geometric patterns, insets, stripes or borders.

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