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A House with a History

JAN TURNER HERING DESIGNS
A DREAM HOME ON LINDA ISLE
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Sutherland furniture with Perennials textiles was chosen by Jan Turner Hering Interior Design (JTH) for a sleek, clean look that's sustainable on the waterfront.



ABOVE The billiard room boasts an Italian glass ping pong table by Impatia. The commissioned artwork is by Casper Brindle.

LEFT Polished stainless steel benches from J. Robert Scott in the entry reflect the themes of water and reflection. The art is by Eric Zener. The custom glass wall sculptures represent dropping water on high.

JUST THREE YEARS AGO this Linda Isle house was razed to the ground, even though it had been featured 45 years ago in *Architectural Digest*, and rebuilt by architect Carlton Graham of Laguna Beach as a contemporary mansion. "The property came on the market just when our clients started searching for a house that was move-in ready. They had just completed a five-year construction period on their main residence and didn't want to go through that again," says Jan

Turner Hering, Principal of Jan Turner Hering Interior Design, Inc. in Corona del Mar.

The clients' first call after viewing the property was to Hering to get her stamp of approval on the purchase since Hering had worked with them on their other homes and they trusted her judgement. "We had a few minor construction details to address before the house suited them," says Hering. "They asked us to furnish it as a special getaway spot. Comfort, family-friendly, and casual were all the buzz words they had in mind and they asked us to design within a short time frame so they could start enjoying it right away."

The clients wanted a restful palette of neutrals so Hering selected grey and beiges so that the bay front views would stand out. Hering

customized most of the furnishings throughout the house, notably the master bedroom bed unit with the integrated headboard and surround. Since this was planned as a vacation home, Hering chose warm, inviting fabrics with plush textures and minimal, if any, patterns.

Art work adds a special dimension to the house decor and it was all selected by Hering and her associate Maria Ulwelling. "We utilized several sources and galleries for artwork, including Scape in Corona del Mar, Peter Blake in Laguna Beach and our direct connection with photographer Ben Wood in the United Kingdom," she says. The art works in harmony with the exterior by enhancing the rooms without detracting from the water views from most windows.

"We went to work quickly and were able to move them in by the temperate spring season when the weather is just magical on the bay," remembers Hering.

And then an unexpected thing happened. Within a year the clients decided that they liked living on Linda Isle so much that they decided to build another property with more room for their grandchildren and pets, so they put the house on the market.

The story doesn't end there though. Within weeks the house was sold again because the new owner fell in love with the property and Hering's interior design. He bought it fully furnished with all the art and accessories. Escrow closed quickly and he is now the proud owner.



The living room features custom-built upholstery by JTH which is suited to the client's comfort. A J. Robert Scott rotating cocktail table completes the vignette. The custom lamp and table sculpture is by Ron Dier Studio. The dining room encaustic piece is by Julie Easton.



LEFT The bathroom environment is clad totally in travertine for a clean aspect.

RIGHT The master bedroom has custom commissioned art by Freddy Chandra in plexiglass and resin. It spans the wall above the custom J. Robert Scott headboard and bed surround.

BELOW For the guest bedroom JTH chose Perennials fabrics for bedding.

