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2008 Idea House

David Bergman Architect Designs Three Spaces In Eco-Themed Sagaponack Showhouse

The 2008 HC&G Idea House, opening Friday July 25th, includes three prominent spaces designed by David Bergman Architect. The annual showhouse, which is sponsored by Hamptons Cottages and Gardens magazine and is a major event in the Hamptons summer season, is eco-themed this year. As an architecture and interiors firm with an emphasis on sustainable design, Bergman was invited to design the Master Bathroom, Dressing Room and adjacent Hallway.

Bergman drew upon his experience with eco materials, energy efficient lighting and his relationships with many other eco furniture designers to develop a suite of spaces that shows off some of the best of both new and old green designs.

The focus of the Master Bathroom is a dramatic color-changing LED chandelier, designed by Bergman for his Fire & Water lighting company, made of recycled glass pebbles suspended from a salvaged bicycle wheel and hung over a free standing bathtub. The recycled glass pebbles are echoed in a free-form inset in the floor running around the bathtub and into the shower. The vanity top has a textured recycled glass top, above which are three of Bergman's Fire & Water "flipster VIVID" sconces, made of eco-resin with dimmable compact fluorescent bulbs inside. The walls are faced with a natural clay plaster finish. The window shades are made of alternating colors of recycled polyester.

The Dressing Room is fitted with European closets made of sustainable materials, arranged around a custom hemp and nettle rug designed by Bergman and his wife, Lori Greenberg. The rug is on top of a dark walnut colored cork floor. Above it are three customized versions of Fire & Water's "Lulu" pendants that, when viewed from below

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have a three part message:”Who says...fluorescent lighting...is ugly?” Other elements in the room include a vanity by ducduc, a dresser by Karamel Cabinetry, and a vetiver hamper divided into two sections labeled “dirty” and “donate.” Bergman added interior windows to the formerly “land locked” space and designed sheer shades of two overlaid colors of “Ingeo,” a fabric made from corn.

In the Hallway between the Master Bathroom and the Dressing Room is another custom eco rug (in Mohair) designed by Bergman and Greenberg. The south wall has a central panel of wave-like plaster relief tiles that, when lit by LED wallwashers from above, creates a dramatic passageway from the main house to the master bedroom.

There are many other eco materials, furnishings and accessories throughout the three spaces. Bergman’s goal for the Idea House was to show visitors that green design need not look strange or “different”; that green design has come of age and can be seamlessly integrated into all design, including high end Hamptons homes.

Bergman will be available at the Idea House on several of the weekends. (Contact us to check times or to make an appointment.) And he will also be participating in two panel discussions on green design: Saturday August 2nd at Urban Zen in Sag Harbor and Thursday August 14th for the Peconic Bay AIA at the Idea House.

The Idea House is located at 151 Sagg Main Road in Sagaponack, NY. To arrange a tour, please contact us.