CELERIE Kemble & MIMI McMakin
Mother Daughter Design Team Entertains Coastal Style
NEW KID IN TOWN

For the first time in 45 years, the venerable Kips Bay Decorator Show House has extended its reach beyond Manhattan. Two Boys & Girls Club organizations have joined forces, making the sun, sand and swank of Palm Beach the show house’s second home.

By Jesse Bratter

Lisa Erdmann
Lisa Erdmann & Associates

“Our bedroom is filled with natural light, and we’re embellishing that feature with a mix of light and bright yellows and whites. We’re partnering with Schumacher for their dynamic textiles, Stark Carpet, and DTR Modern Galleries for exquisite artwork.”

Ellen Kavanaugh
Ellen Kavanaugh Interiors

“The foyer’s small size pushed us to be creative and go bold with the design. We’ve combined intricate artisan details, organic shapes, a vibrant color palette and a touch of the outdoors to create an inviting, and hopefully exciting, way to start and end the tour.”

Amanda Lindroth
Lindroth Design

“I am honored and flattered to be asked to do a room at Kips Bay’s first Palm Beach show house. We are doing the dining room and imagine it as a 1930s faded orchidarium: trellis, brackets, orchids, a cabinet of curiosities—everything vintage and layered.”

Sara McCann
McCann Design Group

“We were drawn back to the time when a natural, indigenous landscape prevailed and sea grapes lined the Flagler Drive shoreline. Our vision was to bring the outside in by transforming the stairway into an elegant sea grape canopy. We wanted it to feel like a magical place.”

Stephen Mooney
Stephen Mooney Interiors

“The library needed to serve as an intimate area for family and friends. I chose to give the room a slight French accent, by use of art deco-inspired pieces and fabrics, so that it would be visually compatible with a Mediterranean interior but cozy enough to serve as an extension of the bedrooms.”

Caroline Cummings Rafferty
Caroline Rafferty Interiors

“I was assigned the master sitting room and wanted to make this a cozy yet sophisticated private sanctuary. Think lots of texture, a color palette mixing rich jewel tones and dusty pastels, and, of course, a lot of pillows!”

Villa Belmonte—a 1925 Mediterranean revival house in the El Cid neighborhood of West Palm Beach that speaks to classic Palm Beach architecture—will soon be transformed by top-tier designers into the Kips Bay Palm Beach Show House. Famously hosted every year in New York, the Kips Bay Decorator Show House is expanding to a new city for the first time. “We chose Palm Beach because it’s an exciting new landscape rich in interior design and home to many of our Kips Bay Decorator Show House alumni and supporters,” says James Druckman, president of the Kips Bay Boys & Girls Club board. Many of the country’s greatest talents are on board, reimagining rooms within Villa Belmonte, and some reside right here in South Florida. Here’s what they had to say about their inspired spaces. Through Dec. 19, kipsbaydecoratorshowhouse.org

Fernando Wong
Outdoor Living Design

“We were inspired by the Mediterranean architecture of the house. We’re using Michael S. Smith for Brown Jordan furniture, Santa Barbara Designs umbrellas, rugs from The Rug Company and antique urns from Authentic Provence.”

Alexander McQueen
The House of Beauty

“Within this show house we’ve created a space that’s sensual, sensual, sensual, with a focus on raw materials and the importance of the body.”