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The Jr. League of Boston's 45th Anniversary Show House

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DESIGN, DÉCOR, AND A GREAT DEAL MORE

THE 45TH ANNIVERSARY SHOW HOUSE,
PRESENTED BY THE
JUNIOR LEAGUE OF BOSTON

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It all began in February, when short days and cold nights keep most of us from open houses, much less interior design projects. But it was at this time when a group of Boston's (and surrounding communities') daring interior designers agreed to the monumental task of decorating the near-skeleton of a historic residence in West Newton. In celebration of the 45th Anniversary of Show House, the Junior League of Boston has announced that this year's Decorators' Show House was to take place at the 1854 Nathaniel Allen House. This premier design event was held from May 7 through June 5, 2016, and featured the creative talents of the region's finest designers.

Placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1978, the Nathaniel Allen House was the one of the earliest co-educational schools in the country and was a stop on the Underground Railroad.

"The Junior League of Boston specializes in embracing signature service projects to benefit the greater Boston community. Improving the Nathaniel Allen House through our Decorators' Show House, will facilitate enhanced program space for arts and culture, with a special focus on programming for children," says Valerie Panuff, president of the Junior League of Boston.

Pamela Bernat, Show House co-chair, comments: "The League is celebrating its 115th anniversary in 2016 and this is a wonderful opportunity to showcase the area's best designers, share the League's mission and activities with the public, and raise money for the programs which impact thousands of girls and women annually."

"The timing could not be more perfect to help the Newton Cultural Alliance get a boost in their renovation efforts, while also benefiting the Junior League and causes that we hold dear," adds Co-Chair Swan Moussall.

The Greek revival structure served as a blank canvas for the area designers, allowing them the opportunity to demonstrate their talents and unique style through complete and comprehensive redecoration of the home.

With over 20 rooms transformed by renowned designers and tradespeople, the group came together and created what some would consider a miracle. According to Anita Mackinnon, the on-site coordinator, "We had a tremendous job to do. Plaster was falling from the walls, alarms were going off from dust, and everything else you could imagine. [we found] when working with a home over 160 years old."

After an extensive review process, a stable of extremely talented and motivated designers and firms joined together to present a one-of-a-kind estate, offering wonderful diversity and charm. ■



Participating Designers & Firms

*Babel's Design Group—*Linda Hollich
Mailee Cassone & Natalie McQuade
Cathy Anderson & Michael J. Givens*

*Landry & Ascani—*Jerry Ascani*

*Gerald Pomroy Interiors—*Gerald Pomroy*

Cecilia Walker Design—*Cecilia Walker*

Waier & Main—*Tracy Foley*

Fareast Design—*Suzanne Kaspar*

John Caleo Antiques—*John Caleo*

Theo and Isabella Design Group—
Susan Schub & Scott Bell

*Vani Sayeed Studios—*Vani Sayeed*

Theodore & Company—
Kate McCook Roseberger

Lanotte Gallery—*Sandra Lanotte*

*Dibby Film Design—*Dibby Film Hooker*

*Spaces Design Studios—*Suzanne Legaspi*

*Claret Solutions—*Steve Nocke
Jodie Cherecza*

Kelly Borges Interiors—*Kelly Borges*

Holly Joe Interiors—*Holly Joe*

*Furniture Consignment—
Diane L. Frisch ASID

*Mimi Walsh Interiors—*Mimi Walsh*

*L2M DeZigns—*Nancy Seibel*

Elizabeth Home Décor & Design—
Elizabeth Bourdeau

*Sarah Scales Design Studio—*Sarah Scales*

Mally Stok Interior Design—*Mally Stok*

AnaVena Design—*Ava Beaulé*

Tow & Ted Interiors—*Paige Lewis*

Pointed UP—*Ed Macdonald*

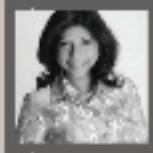
JL Bouvier Bratique—*Nicola Day, Hypsiech*

*Designers highlighted in photos | Before images by Robert Lazzari and Eric Roth



GERALD
POMEROY

Receiving Room
& Dining Room



VANI
SAYEED

Le Belle
Cuisine





DIBBY
HOOKER
*The Mowat
Bedroom*



SUZANNE
LOGAN
*The Dressing
Room*



DIANA
FRUCCI

The Family
Media Room



MIMI
WALSH

The Little Kitchen
that Could





NANCY
SEIBEL
The Petite Room



MALLY
SKOK
The Nursery