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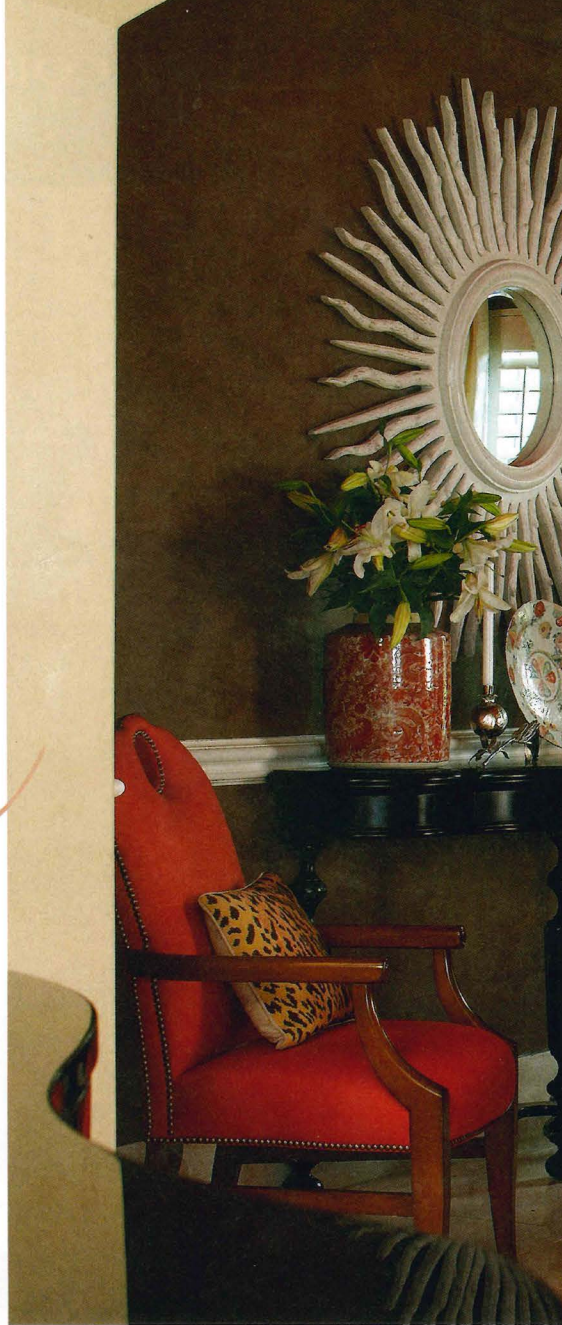
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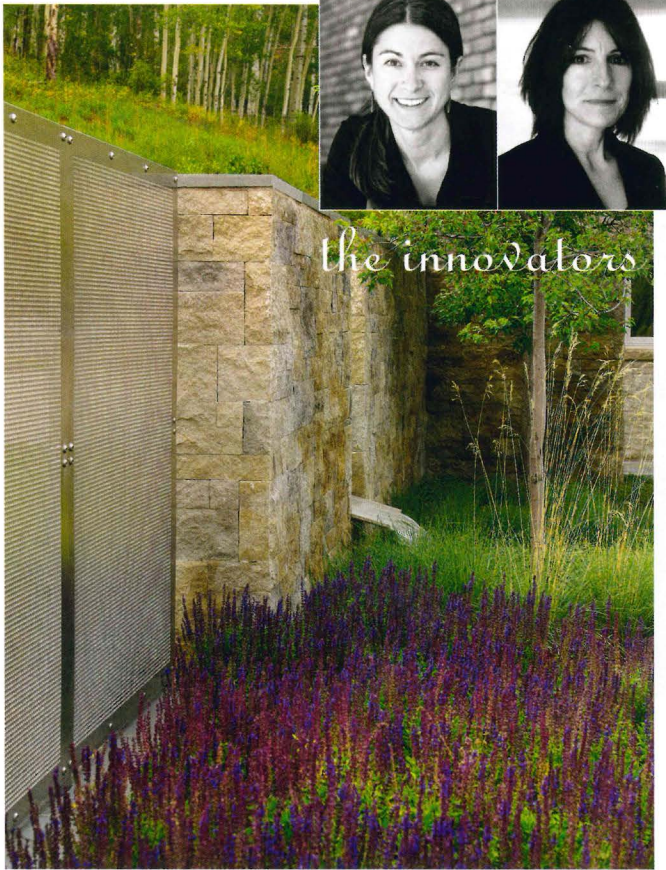
Women in DESIGN

What inspires them? What makes them tick? And what's their next move? Introducing 12 of today's leading female voices in high-country design.



INTERVIEWS BY **CHRISTINE DEORIO & CAROLINE EBERLY**

(There's more online! The Women in Design had so much to share that we just didn't have room to print it all here. Log on to mountainliving.com to read the full interviews.)



the innovators

Valerie Yaw & Sheri Sanzone
Landscape Architects, Bluegreen
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YOUR LANDSCAPE DESIGNS ARE OFTEN LIKE NOTHING WE'VE SEEN BEFORE. WHAT GOES INTO CREATING AN OUT-OF-THE-BOX DESIGN? Pushing the envelope when it comes to materials and how they're put together is unique to our style of landscape architecture. We also emphasize the use of an outdoor space—and how that outdoor space can influence behaviors. Very clean, strong forms; a refined palette of materials; and general design principles such as repetition, rhythm and pattern, lighting and texture, are all elements that we bring to our landscape designs. And, of course, inherent to all of those is sustainability.

WHAT KEEPS YOUR CREATIVE JUICES FLOWING? There's a tremendous art community connected to the Aspen Art Museum. Its members [who have personal collections] often open their homes to visitors. We attend those events and often incorporate what we've seen into our designs.

WHAT'S NEW NOW? The American Society of Landscape Architects, in partnership with other organizations, has created Sustainable Sites, a system for rating the sustainability of building sites and landscapes that's similar to LEED for Homes. The U.S. Green Building Council has been looking into incorporating it under its umbrella and, as a result, there will be growing consumer awareness that [sustainability] is an important consideration for any project.

Lisa Kanning
Interior Designer, Worth Interiors
Avon & Denver, CO, worthhome.net

EACH ONE OF YOUR DESIGNS TAKES US TO A NEW PLACE. WHAT'S YOUR MOST INSPIRING DESTINATION? Greece. The simplest revelation to be gleaned there is that white has such strength. When you put stark white against the blue waters of the Aegean, they seem to be on the same level: one is devoid of color and the other so saturated, yet they are equally intense. For interiors, white is a great accent color. The contrast of a gleaming white vessel surrounded by a warm field of fabrics and furnishings can be very eye-catching, yet not overpowering.

WHAT COLOR ARE YOU JUST ITCHING TO USE? Lately I've been seeing a lot of a deep purple—a rich aubergine color—and I've been dying to use that mixed with more taupey, beige neutrals.

DO YOU HAVE A FAVORITE DESIGN RESOURCE? Decorati.com is my one-stop, go-to place for all the best home furnishings lines. It makes my life so easy.

DO YOU PLAY BY THE DESIGN "RULES?" There are very few rules that can't be broken. When I'm working within a certain period, I think that breaking the rules is key. So for example, I might add a modern Lucite piece to a 19th-century antique interior.



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