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SOLTERRA RESIDENCE

Lakewood, Colorado

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Each year, the Homebuilders Association of Metro Denver organizes a Parade of Homes, bringing together builders and designers who create state-of-the-art spec homes to help launch a planned community. These spec homes are open for public tours for about six weeks.

The 2008 Parade of Homes was located at Solterra, a planned community in suburban Lakewood, a location in the foothills of the historic Rooney Valley, surrounded by thousands of acres of open space. Solterra's design theme melds historic influences from the Tuscan region of Italy and Provence in France, as well as mountain resort styles of Colorado.

Ades Design Builders of Evergreen chose to build one of the Parade of Homes residences, and put together a design team that included Jim Nienaber of James Group Architects and Terry Winegard of Winegard Design Group, both also of Evergreen. It was Terry Winegard who suggested working with Jennifer A. Jelinek, ASID, to create interiors for the home project.

"We came together as a team long before construction began," says Jelinek, who specializes in residential design. "It just made the whole project work more smoothly."

The team came up with a three-level, 8,000-square-foot plan for the house, nestling it on a sloping site to create a walk-out basement, a main level and an upper floor. The basement contains two bedrooms, a wine cellar, media and game room and an exercise area, while an open great room anchors the main level. The master suite and two additional bedrooms are located on the upper floor.

A rustic Italian motif marks the exterior, with materials such as stone, stucco and terra cotta roof tiles. Inside, the home takes on a more contemporary twist. "We wanted the interior to appear as though a historic home had been remodeled and updated," explains Jelinek, "so we contrasted more contemporary finishes and appliances with Old World details."

Hardwood flooring and rustic ceiling beams link the living area, kitchen and dining alcove of the great room.

Against a backdrop of rock accent walls, rustic beams, barnwood ceiling details and hardwood flooring, Jelinek wove in smooth concrete, stainless steel, glass tiles, honed limestone and sleek granite to create a decidedly modern appeal for the interior, contrasted by furnishings more contemporary than traditional in their lines. For the Parade of Homes, every room was detailed and furnished.

In the great room, Jelinek assembled a seating group that includes neutral-hued leather sofas and a shell-inset coffee table next to the stone fireplace. The nearby kitchen is anchored by a generously proportioned island, topped with granite and inset with a circular table for counter-height seating. The cherry-stained lyptus cabinetry is contrasted by a natural stone backsplash inset with a metal tile element.

Jelinek also turned her attention to smaller spaces, creating a powder room highlighted by an oxblood-colored floating concrete vanity and a floor-to-ceiling wall clad in stone mosaic tile. For the master bath, Jelinek designed a dual vanity with a cable-suspended mirror. The vanity's dark-stained maple wood seems to float above the icy gray of the honed limestone flooring. For the staircase, carpet inserts soften steps, while a handcrafted railing adds architectural interest.

The design of the home wasn't just skin deep. The team employed sustainable strategies where possible, such as the use of reclaimed wood for beams and ceiling cladding, Energy Star appliances, dual-flush toilets, rapidly renewable lyptus wood with water-based stains for the kitchen cabinetry and recycled content concrete for countertops and trim.

The Parade of Homes was a success—more than 100,000 people toured the Solterra projects last summer. The home by Ades Design Builders, Nienaber, Winegard and Jelinek proved to be the most popular. The public and judges from building and design professions gave the house numerous top awards, including best overall home, architecture, floorplan, interior design and master suite. ■

Interior design: JJ Interiors, Arvada, CO; (303) 284-2148 or www.jj-interiors.com.

Architectural design: Winegard Design Group, Evergreen, CO; (303) 674-2808 or www.winegarddesign.com.

Architecture: James Group Architects, Evergreen, CO; (303) 674-9684.

Builder: Ades Design Builders, Evergreen, CO; (303) 674-2280 or www.adesdesignbuilders.com.

Reclaimed wood: Singing Saw Woodworks, 11218 Hwy. 93, Boulder, CO 80301; (303) 588-0349 or www.singingsaw.com.

Staircase handrail and kitchen island table base: TomSkin, LLC; (303) 674-0328 or www.tomskinllc.com.

Kitchen granite countertops: Arizona Tile, www.arizonatile.com.

Kitchen backsplash stone tile: Decorative Materials, 595 S. Broadway, Denver, CO; (303) 722-1333 or www.decorativematerials.com.

Kitchen metal tile insert: Bedrosians, 14155 E. 42nd Ave., Denver, CO; (303) 722-2200 or www.bedrosians.com.

Master bath limestone flooring and glass tile: Capco Tile & Stone, 5800 E. Jewell Ave., Denver, CO; (303) 759-1919 or www.capcotile.com.

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Below: A cable-suspension mirror highlights a floating vanity in the master bath. Flooring is honed limestone. Opposite top: The kitchen's island is inset with a circular table at counter height. A metal tile inset is a focal point above the cooktop. Opposite bottom: Glass doors lead to the lower-level wine cellar.

