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NORTHERN CALIFORNIA'S LARGEST NEWSPAPER

Cecilie Starin, Suite I

Layers of detail are Tiburon designer Cecilie Starin's signature. Global accents and mixed era furnishings create a feeling of adventure that's heightened by views of the Golden Gate and the Pacific. The metal canopy bed with diaphanous linen scrim features a French gilded starburst mirror, circa 1900. Starin brought in fine artwork from Sausalito artist Katheryn Holt and the late Walter Kuhlman of the S.F. School of Abstract Expressionism. Topping it all off are a dramatic silver-leafed ceiling and Moroccan tile-inspired border that create a truly Hemingway-esque retreat.

INTERIOR DESIGN

Suite life

Perched on the edge of Belvedere Island, the 41st Marin showcase home posed an unusual decorating dilemma for the designers tasked with its transformation. How do you compete with a world-class view? The 15,000-square-foot contemporary mansion, open for tours this month, offers a sweeping panorama that includes the Bay Bridge, San Francisco skyline and the Golden Gate Bridge. While most of us don't have this problem, there are plenty of fresh ideas to glean from the 22 Bay Area designers' smart solutions. They dreamed up creative color combinations, layered patterns and textures, and showed off keen curatorial skills with furnishings, art and collections. Here's a taste of four [illegible]

Marin Designers Showcase

The showcase, a benefit for the Center for Volunteer and Nonprofit Leadership, continues through Feb. 24 and concludes with a sale of the furnishings on Feb. 27 (admission $5 with showcase tickets, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesdays, Saturdays, until 5 p.m. Sundays, Shuttle from Tiburon Boulevard at Beach Road in Tiburon, Tenants $30, seniors, kids, [illegible]

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