

## PICK OF THE MONTH

This Halloween, ensure that only good magic comes your way with Point of View tabletop and barware by Thomas Fuchs Creative. This collection is inspired by the legend of the Matiasma (evil eye) and is meant to protect your home from anyone who harbors envy or jealousy toward your family and friends. Roots of the eye motif go back through history to Greece, Egypt, Turkey and other Mediterranean regions. Even if you're not

superstitious, the beautiful eyes of the Fuchs pieces — crafted of lapis lazuli, onyx and mother-of-pearl — should inspire memories of exotic travel and lively conversations at cocktail hour. The Point of View collection starts at \$50 and includes drink stirrers, bottle stoppers, coasters, and icy bucket, a marble champagne bucket and a marble cheese board. The pieces can be purchased at Saks Fifth Avenue, Bergen Town Center, Paramus.



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Barware from the Point of View Collection by Thomas Fuchs Creative.

## TIPS FROM A PRO

Maxwell Ryan, founder of the Apartment Therapy blog, and Janel Laban, executive editor of Apartment Therapy, have published a new design book, "Apartment Therapy: Complete + Happy Home," from Potter Style. Its advice includes these tips on traffic flow:

- **Bedroom** — The bed should be perpendicular to the wall and centered, so you can get into it from either side.
- **Living Room** — Pull the sofa away from the wall with a path in back to allow access to the wall and avoid "bowling-alley syndrome."
- **Dining Room** — The table should not touch a wall, so all sides are available for seating. Leave enough room to walk between the wall and the back of each chair when it's pulled back from the table.



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The Eighth Designer Showhouse of New Jersey is on view now at this country estate in Saddle River.

## CALENDAR

**The Eighth Designer Showhouse of New Jersey runs through Nov. 1 at 104 East Saddle Rd., Saddle River.**

**General admission \$35.** More than 20 top interior and landscape designers have transformed a 17,000-square-foot country estate on 6½ acres into a decorating masterpiece. Hours are Tuesday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Children under 6, infants, strollers and pets are not allowed inside. Proceeds will benefit The Center for Behavioral Health and Medicine at Hackensack University Medical Center. For more information, visit [www.HackensackUMCFoundation.org](http://www.HackensackUMCFoundation.org).

## FAVORITE TREND

Get some professional design advice this month while doing a good deed. The New Jersey Chapter of the American Society of Interior Designers (ASID NJ) once again offers its "Spruce It Up!" program, in which interior designers analyze residential or commercial spaces for members of the public. Starting today, ASID NJ designers will provide one- or two-hour consultations at \$150 per hour — the perfect solution for anyone who has resisted hiring a designer because they thought their job was too small or their budget too modest. The proceeds will aid Habitat for Humanity, a nonprofit housing agency that provides decent, affordable housing for low-income families. Participants in the "Spruce It Up!" program



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Jacey Raimondo, left, executive director for Habitat of Humanity of Bergen County, discusses some design ideas with Michael Mariotti, chapter president of ASID NJ.

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can be in Homescape! We invite readers to submit photos and background information for two of our regular features:

**"My Home Project"** — Do you have a home-improvement project? Is it your idea of fun to build a new room, stencil walls or refinish furniture? If you've even renovated a large room in your own! If you can provide a before and after photo of high-quality "before" photos of one of your projects, we'd like to share them with our readers.

**"ManSpace"** — Have you created a special retreat in your home with a room that caters to your special interests, whether they involve sports, symphonies or collecting? We'd like to spot-light your ManSpace! "Scouting shots" are a way for this feature, because if we're interested we can take professional photos. Send us details on how to send us material for consideration of these features, please contact Susan Watkins, Homescape Editor, [suwatkins@northjersey.com](mailto:suwatkins@northjersey.com). We look forward to seeing your creations!

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