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The grand tour: Design pros create luxe rooms at Kips Bay show house in W. Palm Beach

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Rooms in the just-opened [Kips Bay Decorator Show House Palm Beach](#) celebrate grand living in a contemporary-style house in SoSo, the West Palm Beach neighborhood just south of Southern Boulevard near the Intracoastal Waterway.

With interiors and outdoor spaces created by more than two-dozen design firms, the [seventh-annual](#) show house is open for tours through March 17. As many as 15,000 guests are expected to visit, organizers predict.

The impressively scaled house's interiors are crowned by soaring ceilings that add to the feeling of grandeur, from the generously scaled grand salon to luxuriously appointed sitting areas, from the outdoor oases envisioned for entertaining to intimate bedroom suites — all designed with luxe finishes and furnishings that might send visitors' imaginations soaring.

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The project benefits the [Boys & Girls Clubs of Palm](#)

[Beach County](#) and the Kips Bay Boys & Girls Club in New York City, where the first Kips Bay show house opened in 1973. Since then, the project has raised more than \$29 million for after-school and enrichment programs for children, according to the clubs.

The show house is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays through Sundays at 230 Miramar Way. General admission is \$50 with advance ticket purchase and \$60 at the door if available, with ticket details at KipsBayDecoratorShowHouse.org.

The Palm Beach Daily News asked the participating designers to describe the inspiration for their rooms and outdoor areas, some of which they christened with whimsical and evocative names.

The professionals discussed what got their creative juices flowing as they approached this grandly scaled residence.

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Starting on the ground level and then ascending the stairs, here's a room-by-room tour — or perhaps phrased even more appropriately, a *grand* tour.

“La Mer Pacifique,” by Tristan Harstan & Co.

chair-rail detail above the textured grass-cloth walls."

And three oversized rattan light fixtures "cast fabulous shadows and set the mood," McCann says.

"An Oceanic Dreamland," by Helen Bergin Interiors



At the Kips Bay Decorator Show House Palm Beach, Helen Bergin's first-floor bathroom, with Kohler fixtures and faucets, features an underwater theme and a sink made of teal resin.

For the cabana bathroom, Palm Beach designer Helen Bergin aimed to create a jewel-box space that was visually exciting and paid homage to the natural environment. "So, I thought of doing an underwater dreamland in umber, white and aqua."