

**THE WASHINGTON DESIGN CENTER'S SPRING DESIGN HOUSE PRESENTS CONSUMER DAY,
SATURDAY MAY 17, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.**

WHAT:

Experience the Washington Design Center's 23rd Design House, entitled "What Hue Inspires You", on Consumer Day – Saturday, May 17 from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Tour the Design House, meet the renowned designers, get advice on decorating dilemmas, enjoy gourmet hospitality and shop 8 beautiful Luxury Kitchen, Stone, Tile and Building Products Showrooms for Current Trends and New Product Applications on the concourse level.

Be inspired as you tour the luxury showrooms on the concourse level throughout the day.

Showroom Highlights include:

- Visit **Paris Ceramics** to see their new line of French, hand-made and hand-glazed ceramic subway tiles available in a wide array of colors. Suite C23
- Check out the ongoing demonstrations of the Eco Smart Fireplace at **Studio Snaidero** throughout the day. Suite C20
- View the latest collections debuted in Milan in the **Poliform Washington** showroom. Suite C07

ADDITIONALLY:

With rooms such as "Black Splash" designed by David Herchik of JDS Designs, "Something Blue" designed by Nestor Santa-Cruz of Gensler, "Green with Envy" by up and coming designer Cristina DePina of CDM & Associates, and "Urban Orange" by Camille Beers of Camille Beers Design Studio, this spring's house is one of the most exciting Design House's ever as it optimizes luxe living and the impact of color in the home.

This highly-anticipated design platform brings together nine of the East Coast's finest interior design professionals to create "What Hue Inspires You", featuring nine exquisite spaces, each inspired by a different color palette.

The Spring Design House is open to the public and free admission through June 28, 2008. Monday to Friday: 9 a.m.- 5 p.m. and Saturday: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

WHEN:

Spring 2008 Design House Consumer Day

Saturday, May 17, 2008

10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

WHO:

Designers featured:

Gold Rush Ladies Boudoir by Lorna Gross of Savant Interior Design

Green With Envy Library by Cristina DePina of CDM & Associates

Paprika Passion Foyer by Matthew Swingly of McMaster Wallace Interiors, LLC

Sassy Sorbet Entry Way by Camille Saum of Camille Saum Interior Design, LLC

Silver Lining Bedroom and Lounge by Dennese Guadeloupe Rojas of Interiors by Design

Something Blue Sitting Room by Nestor Santa-Cruz of Gensler

Urban Orange Dining Room by Camille Beers of Camille Beers Design Studio

White Wash Bathroom by Tracy Morris of Tracy Morris Design, LLC

Black Splash Living Room by David Herchik of JDS Designsk

WHERE: The Washington Design Center
300 D Street SW
Washington D.C.
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ADMISSION: Complimentary Admission & Parking in the Colonial Garage

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About The Washington Design Center:

Dedicated to providing the finest in home furnishings to the design trade, The Washington Design Center houses over 60 wholesale residential, commercial and building products showrooms. Considered the mid-Atlantic region's largest resource and destination for the design industry, The Washington Design Center works closely with designers to guarantee consumers the best possible luxury shopping experience.

The Washington Design Center is located at 300 D Street, SW in Washington, DC. Above the Federal Center SW Metro Station, The Washington Design Center is served by the Orange and Blue lines.

To learn more about the Spring Design House, The Washington Design Center and its showrooms, programs and special events, call 202.646.6100 or visit the Design Center online at www.dcdesigncenter.com.

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