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Press Release

White Webb creates room for Kips Bay Decorator Show House

Matthew White and Frank Webb of White Webb, LLC (an interior design firm with offices in New York and California) announce their participation in the 2005 Kips Bay Decorator Show House in New York City. This is the first time White Webb has created a room for this, the most famous of American designer show houses.

The room they created is a lady's office, called "*Lady and the Tramp, a fetching retreat.*" This delightful space is the perfect spot for the lady of the house and her canine companion, Tramp.

The room is lined in a crisp white linen, and the floor is carpeted in bright coral velvet. Topping it off is a ceiling of soft cantaloupe, which warms and unites the space. Although starting with modern backgrounds, the designers have created a formal layout that is rooted in the 18th century. But any sense of stuffiness is thrown out the window with the innovative and witty furnishings created by Mr. White and Mr. Webb. Graphic black and white pieces from the designers' new line of furnishings, called *Intaglio by White Webb*, give the room its humor and punch. The writing table and dog bed use 18th century engravings which are hyper-enlarged and silk screened onto these striking pieces.

Flanking the window is a pair of narrow bookcases, which the designers created to give the room some much-needed storage. The window itself is covered in a pristine pleated and ruffled netting, which embraces the unabashed femininity of the room while allowing the afternoon sun to pour in. In front of the window stands an antique porcelain bust of a very grand 18th century lady, Marie Adelaide de Bourbon. Although more at home in a grand Parisian salon, this sculpture provides a tongue-in-cheek theatricality when used in such a small space. The two facing walls are filled with enormous silver-leafed mirrors designed by White Webb to reflect the light and expand the space.

While the 18th century is referenced throughout the room, the early 20th century also factors into this elegant space. Vintage fashion drawings and a diminutive French chandelier evoke the chic eccentricity of Paris in the 1920's. The incorporation of new pieces from White Webb provides a blend of yesterday and today.

Modernism blended with the eighteenth century. Bright color with serene white. Graphic punch with 1920's elegance. These juxtapositions seem all of a piece in this room devoted to a Lady and her Tramp.

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