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Spring Lake designer selected for show house

The design committee for "Sheep's Run," a Stately Homes By-the-Sea Designer Show House, has announced the names of more than 50 interior designers chosen to transform a Rumson architectural landmark into a mecca of fine design.

Designers are coming from as far away as California for the show house, which will benefit the Visiting Nurse Association of Central Jersey services and programs.

One of the selected designers is Geri Ruka, of Geri Ruka Associates, Spring Lake, who will take one of the house's 10 bathrooms from ordinary to opulent.

The designers have begun the process of transforming the spaces to their well-deserved grandeur.

"I am giving this renovation a traditional design because the house is a classic style, but I am bringing in the latest in tiles to update the look," said Ms. Ruka. "I am removing the old tub and installing a large shower in a beautiful glass tile design, to give a waterfall effect. Colors, fabrics and wall coverings will make this a truly gorgeous room."

"There is intense interest in the show house from around the country," said Claire Knopf, who co-chaired the design selection process with Debbie Raia. "The fact that so many of our chosen designers are from Monmouth County speaks volumes about the



Photo Courtesy of Jerry Casciano

Interior designer Geri Ruka, of Spring Lake, will be joining the roster of prestigious designers selected for the Stately Homes By-the-Sea Designer Show House. Ms. Ruka will be transforming the above bathroom from ordinary to opulent.

design talent in the area."

The 25-room house is considered an architectural gem. Mark Alan Hewitt, Bernardsville, noted architect and historian, describes the house at 99 Rumson Road as "a truly outstanding example" of the architecture of Harrie T. Lindeberg, who designed the house in 1915 for Thomas Vietor and his wife, Elizabeth Allen Vietor.

The show house committee also announced an exclusive media sponsorship with Design NJ magazine.

"We are proud to partner with Visiting Nurse Association of Central Jersey

and Stately Homes By-the-Sea on this project," said Tammy Keck, Design NJ publisher. "This event reflects the passion, talent and generosity that make it a pleasure to be a part of the design community. Sheep's Run is an exquisite example of American architecture and we are thrilled to support the people who have a role in restoring it to its former glory."

Two eminent design authorities will serve as show house honorary chairs. Charlotte Moss, New York, is honorary design chair, while Steven R. Krog, Westchester County, N.Y., serves as honorary land-

scape design chair.

The show house opens to the public April 28 and will continue through May 31. Proceeds directly benefit Visiting Nurse Association of Central Jersey, enabling the organization to fulfill its mission of providing compassionate care to those most in need.

More information on the show house is available at the Web site www.statelyhomes-bythesea.com.