

Feeling Inspired

Welcome to the latest edition of Merrimack Valley Home. Among the stories you will find inside is a piece called “Design Inspiration.” It features three unique locations, each with a style that’s sure to spark ideas for your home. Fact is, every page in this issue has something to inspire you, and you’ll know you’re feeling it when you pause at a photo or on a paragraph that speaks to you in a “I must do this” or “I must have that” kind of way.

I get this feeling all the time. Often, however, what I admire is beyond what’s feasible in my home. That’s when I try to look beyond the big picture and tune in to the details that made me stop and look in the first place. I always manage to find an element or two that I can bring into my home.

On a recent trip to Nantucket, I fell in love with the charming 3-foot fences that surround nearly every home. I have always fancied the idea of a white picket fence, but practically speaking, my yard is not suited to one. Rather than abandon the idea altogether, I decided I would take my longing for a fence and apply it on a smaller scale. At the same time, I would be addressing a piece of landscape that had always been a trouble spot. With just two small fencing panels, I masked an unsightly propane fuel tank that’s visible from the street and found myself happy and satisfied to finally have a little white fence. It wasn’t exactly what I had envisioned, but it was just enough.

With the holidays fast approaching, we have dedicated



several pages to seasonal topics, including an elegantly decorated loft that’s sure to put you in the mood. You will also find great gift ideas and special ornaments in our Home Bitz section. Fabulous holiday punches are back, and Entertainment Essentials has some great recipes.

Our second installment in the Designer Discussion series has Will Courtney talking to Los Angeles architect and former Lowellian Patrick Tighe. If you are drawn to contemporary, progressive styles, his work is sure to catch your eye.

We also have celebrity designer Taniya Nayak talking to us about her passion, what’s hot and what’s not in interior design, and offering a few holiday decorating tips that will help put a personal touch on your festivities.

As you hunker down for the winter, you’ll likely find yourself indoors a lot. What better time to look around your home and make changes that will help you move into 2016 inspired and in style.

The very best from our house to yours,

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