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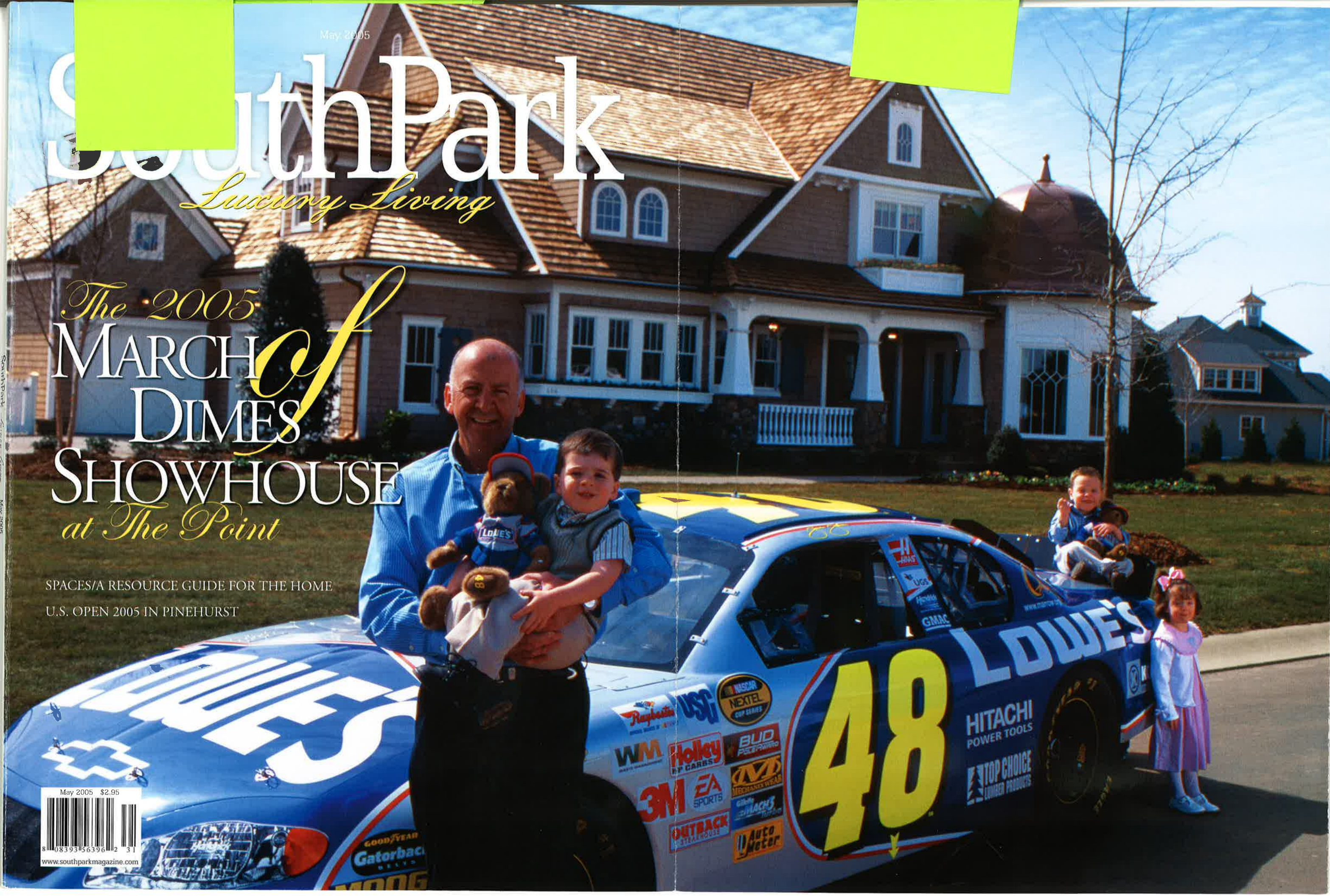
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# Nuance Of Nantucket

March of Dimes Showhouse Offers Unparalleled Views



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*Saving babies, together*



The boy's room



The owners' bath.

by Chantal Oberoi

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Everything about the 2005 March of Dimes spring showhouse suggests that it was transported straight from the cobblestone streets of Nantucket. But readers will be pleased to learn that it's actually at The Point on Lake Norman, a community inspired by the charming New England town.

The setting for this year's showhouse is as breathtaking as the home itself. Kingswood Custom Homes built the cedar shake and stone house in a section of The Point where only Nantucket architecture is permitted. Allow imagination to take over, and you will truly feel as if you've left Charlotte and traveled to the famed Massachusetts town.

"When I first saw this homesite, I knew it was perfect for a showhouse. It's one of the most elevated homesites in the community, so the views are spectacular," said Kingswood's owner Peter Leeke. Spectacular indeed — the homesite showcases both the Greg Norman golf course and the lake beyond.

While the exterior is undoubtedly Nantucket, interior designer Robbie Warren, in collaboration with Louise Leeke, wanted the inside to evoke the feel of an upscale cottage in the Hamptons. Ms. Warren paired beautiful antiques from The Antique Cupboard with new furnishings in bright, bold colors. Lamps and accessories from The Elegant Home added the perfect touch. "I wanted it to be bright and open, with a crisp, clean feel," she said.

The 4,583-square-foot home's color palette consists of only five colors — three shades of blue and two shades of yellow. While this limited palette may sound surprising, the results speak for themselves. It makes for a seamless transition from room to room ...

### Kitchen's 'As Good As It Gets'

Upon entering the showhouse, rich walnut floors lead you directly into the

kitchen, the heart of the home. And this is no ordinary kitchen — it's modeled after the kitchen in the movie "As Good As It Gets." Mr. Leeke said that everything, right down to the anthracite quartz countertops, was inspired by the movie. The kitchen revolves around two oversized work islands, which make for easy meal preparation and cleanup, and the dark granite is complemented by crystal drawer pulls and a beautiful glass tile backsplash in varying shades of blue. Walker Zanger provided the countertops, tile and stone throughout the home.

Sharing the open space with the kitchen, a two-story dining hall is complete with dramatic, two-story draperies made of striped blue silk. Bringing all the colors together, a pastoral village painting works as the focal point of the room. Gabrielle Shain of the Shain Gallery personally selected pieces of original art for the main level of the showhouse.

Although the kitchen area draws you in, don't miss the study that's just off the foyer. Its location lends it a secluded feel, and the masculine décor, complemented by a coffered ceiling, makes it stately.

In the family room, the incredible views take center stage. Ms. Warren described it best when she said it's a layered view; large picture windows overlook the backyard's swimming pool and hot tub with a vanishing edge, then beyond is the 15th green and finally Lake Norman provides the grand finale.

There are other serene views as well, such as in the home's window-encircled breakfast room. This bright room promises to ease future residents into the day. One can almost envision sipping a cup of morning coffee while overlooking the side garden's trickling fountain.

### Built for Entertaining

Since the Hamptons are known for social revelry, it's fitting that this showhouse was designed for an avid entertainer. Not only is the open floor plan conducive to social gatherings, but the veranda, replete with furniture from Summer Classics, expands nearly the entire length of the home. You'll have no trouble imagining the entertaining that will go on here, with a swimming pool, hot tub and flagstone cabana with a built-in grill, sink and serving

bar. This magnificent outdoor living area, paired with show-stopping views of the golf course and Lake Norman, will make any affair one to remember.

The owners' suite is thoughtfully positioned with access to the veranda, but that's not its only noteworthy feature. A curving wall of windows first captures your eye, with views of the golf course and lake. Then, your eyes are drawn upward to the vaulted ceiling with its exposed timber beams. DeWoolfson Down provided the luxurious bedding in this room, as in all of the bedrooms. The company also supplied towels and bath accessories, which you'll find in the owners' bath. Upon crossing its threshold, the bath awes you with its spa-like presentation — whites seem even crisper when offset by the fabulous blue glass tile mosaic that works as a backdrop for a claw-foot tub. And since the study in the front of the home caters to a man's tastes, a sitting room off the owners' suite serves as the retreat for a lady.

Ascend to the upper level, and the whimsical nursery will catch your eye. Against a soft yellow background, the talented Charlotte Simpson-Baucom painted a touching mural of elegant swans caring for their babies. A backdrop this special requires equally special furniture, which was provided by Bellini Juvenile Designer Furniture. A colorful and playful glass chandelier lights the room. Chosen from Currey and Company through Plantation Lighting, the design of the chandelier is repeated in the bath's lighting.

Art Source and Design loaned the art for the upper level of the showhouse. And in the boy's room, you'll find the work of another contributing artist — Mr. Leeke's daughter, Kirsten. She depicted Eric Cartman from Comedy Central's "South Park" in NASCAR driver Jimmie Johnson's uniform — this is racing country, after all. Creativity is further displayed in the charming design of the daybed, which is actually made from antique church pews.

A loft, overlooking the family room below, leads to the opposite end of the upper level. If you're not too distracted by the view, you'll notice the unique, built-in linen display closet. "It's a shame when people have such gorgeous linens, and they're hidden away," said Ms. Warren.

Perhaps the most elegant and femi-

nine room in the showhouse, the guest bedroom also has a fantastic view. And adjacent is the media room — a NASCAR fan's dream come true, thanks to donations from Hendrick Motorsports and Nostalgic Sports and Games. Treasures include a glass-topped tire that serves as an end table and a race car pinball game to rev up your competitive juices. A black leather sectional couch and checkerboard lighting over the wet bar complete the racing theme. But there's more ... on certain weekends, Jimmie Johnson's Lowe's car will be on display at the showhouse.

Adding splashes of color throughout the home, floral arrangements were custom-made by Allen Smith of Mayfield Manor. The arrangements, along with many of the home's accessories, are available for purchase — cash and carry — on the day of touring.

### Directions To The Showhouse

Take I-77 to Exit 33. Turn west on Williamson Road. Turn left on Brawley School Road. Follow for five miles to signs leading to The Point. Once in the traffic circle, take your second right on Brawley School Road. Turn left on New Haven Drive, and the showhouse will be on your right.

From the bright colors to the antique treasures to the NASCAR memorabilia sprinkled throughout, the March of Dimes 2005 spring showhouse is a mosaic in itself — unexpected combinations that mysteriously work in harmony to create a beautiful final piece of art. Don't miss seeing it — you'll be inspired.

### Calendar of Events

**Saturday afternoons:** Wine tastings sponsored by The Village Market & Winery.

**April 15:** Preview Night.

**April 23:** Outdoor Living seminar with cooking demonstrations sponsored by P.S.N.C. Energy.

**April 30:** Gardening seminar sponsored by Lowe's. Southern Living's Master Gardener Bill Slack will give a seminar at 10 a.m., noon and 2 p.m.

**May 7:** Mother's Day Celebration. Mothers will receive goody bags with valuable coupons.

**May 14:** Mothers-to-be. Goody bags with valuable coupons and educational material will be given out to mothers and mothers-to-be.

**May 21:** NASCAR seminar sponsored by Hendrick Motorsports.

**May 28:** NASCAR seminar sponsored by Hendrick Motorsports.

**June 4:** Interior Design and Custom Home Building seminars by Robbie Warren Interiors, Kingswood Custom Homes Inc., and Darren Young, local Charlotte artist.

**June 5:** Designer Sale Day. Most of the items in the house will be available for purchase.

For more information, please call (704) 377-2009.

The guest room.



The owners' suite.





## THE DESIGNER

With a romantic style and an innovative spirit, Robbie Warren integrates classic architectural details into every home she designs. During her 15-year career, Ms. Warren has developed one of the most creative and sought-after design firms in the area. Now focusing on the architectural elements of interior design, she simplifies the daunting task of designing a home.

"Clients can be overwhelmed at the prospect of decorating an entire house," Ms. Warren says. "That's where we come in. We break it down room by room and come up with a master plan that can be implemented over time."

Ms. Warren focuses on a home's elements that make it special and individual. She then works to unify the entire house and will often pick a theme — a color, a motif, a certain style — and carry it throughout.

In this year's showhouse, Ms. Warren's vision was to evoke the upscale, yet beachy, feel of a cottage in the Hamptons. She realized this vision by using the unexpected combination of antiques and bold colors ... of Oriental rugs and colorful glass tile ... everywhere you look, the traditional is juxtaposed with the unexpected. Indeed, it's a place where the owners would feel they were on vacation, yet it's not a vacation home.

Ms. Warren and her team, consisting of Ebony Mosley, Lisa Maddox and Toni Weaver, worked diligently to make her vision of an "elegant cottage" a reality. Each piece in the home was carefully selected from companies such as The Purple Picket, The Persian Rug House and Designer Furniture Warehouse that Ms. Warren believes to be "tried and true." All the furnishings in the home are for sale through the duration of the show, and there will be a Designer Sale Day on June 5, the last day of the show.



Lisa Maddox, Kim Lybrand,  
Ebony Mosley, Robbie  
Warren and Toni Weaver in  
the dining room

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## THE BUILDER

For the second year in a row, Kingswood Custom Homes is the builder of the March of Dimes spring showhouse, reflecting a strong commitment to the important cause.

"When building a house that benefits the March of Dimes, it very much touches you and what you're doing. We have a personal interest in the charity and hope to continue our partnership," said Kingswood owner Peter Leeke.

Mr. Leeke recognized Rick Hendrick for his support of the showhouse. "I met Rick at an event at his dealership, and we started talking about the March of Dimes. He offered any support needed — which is also how Lowe's got involved," said Mr. Leeke.

Kingswood's motto, "Quality to Appreciate," is the standard Mr. Leeke sets for his company and for his homes. He employs European building standards from his native England, the finest engineering, exceptional construction and meticulous craftsmanship — earning accolades from both sides of the Atlantic.

Since 1996, Mr. Leeke and his wife Louise have been building in the Charlotte region's most prestigious neighborhoods, including The Point, The Peninsula, Ballantyne Country Club, Myers Park and Stonecroft. The Lake Norman Home Builders Association recently awarded Kingswood first and second place in its

"Best of the Lake — Curb Appeal" category for two of the company's homes at The Point.

The construction of each Kingswood home compares to building an intricate mosaic, where thousands of top-quality elements are assembled by exacting craftsmen in an essentially correct order to form a perfect picture. The company builds about 20 homes each year, and each home proudly bears an inset, hand-cast date stone and crest marking the year it was created, a Kingswood Custom Homes signature.

For more information on Kingswood Homes, please visit [www.kingswood-homes.com](http://www.kingswood-homes.com).



Peter Leeke in  
the media room

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