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## *2012 Princeton Designer Show House*

### MASTER BEDROOM AND SITTING AREA

Richard Gacek, Owner and Principal Designer of Gacek Design Group, is pleased to be showcased on the front cover of *Design NJ* magazine's October / November issue. The interior design displays our work at the Junior League of Greater Princeton 2012 Designer Show House & Gardens XVII, located at Priory Court in Princeton, NJ. Gacek Design Group was selected to participate in the designer show house and Richard Gacek created the interior design experience for the master bedroom and sitting area. The restful tan and gold color scheme highlights a hint of drama with trims and accessories in tourmaline blue, including a custom wall unit opposite the bed. Eco-friendly elements incorporated into the design include a restored vintage dresser, LED television and halogen fireplace.

SOURCES: design, Richard Gacek of Gacek Design Group in New Hope, PA; fabrics, Robert Allen, Marketplace Design Center in Philadelphia, PA; bed, Blend Hospitality through Gacek Design Group; bedding, Yves Delorme; mattress, Croydon Mattress Factory in Bensalem, PA; custom built-in for fireplace, Kevin Kopil in Doylestown, PA; faux finishing, Janell's Designs in Manalapan, NJ; upholstered dresser drawer fronts, Golden Touch Upholstery through Gacek Design Group; table lamps, Lighting by Design in Exton, PA; main area rug, Webster Carpet & Rugs in Cherry Hill, NJ; custom drapes, Kathleen Patton Design Studio in Washington Crossing, PA; commissioned artwork, Eleanor Voorhees Studio in Lambertville, NJ; custom frame for French-inspired artwork, The Frame Shop in Lambertville, NJ



# Our Angel's Guide: The Design Inspiration

Interior designers are inspired by all that surrounds them...nature, the landscape and the people living in the environment. Inspiration can come from a color or a texture, an architectural detail; a descriptive story in a novel; a musical note or a collection of art.

Recently, Richard Gacek, Owner and Principal Designer at Gacek Design Group, joined a few select designers asked to participate in the 2012 Junior League of Greater Princeton's Designer Showhouse & Gardens at Priory Court in Princeton, NJ. Richard's inspiration for this design came from the 1930s architecture of Priory Court...the curved arches and pointed windows of the home are synonymous with Gothic Revival and best illustrated in early churches and cathedrals.

Gacek Design Group was selected to design the owner's suite. The room entitled Our Angel's Guide articulates Richard's design vision: Our Angel's Guide emphasizes Gothic Revival in style and principle and makes a bold statement with the commissioned artwork of Eleanor Voorhees. This work of art represents guardian angels watching over and protecting the room. The leaded glass windows, stone walls and ornamental plaster ceilings add to a highly stylized but austere presence in the design. And it evokes emotion that highlights an open and airy sentiment.

This warm yet dramatic room uses soft tones of tan and gold to set the back drop and provide a "candle lit" appearance. The sitting area is simple but luxurious. The bed serves as the focal point of the room and with its guardian angels overhead, conveys peace and tranquility. The custom-upholstered headboard is exaggerated by its wall-width dimensions and emphasizes a luxurious, cocoon-like expression. Fine bedding delivers the luxury.

"I believe it is important to illustrate the balance between old and new in design while working with sustainable elements," says Richard Gacek. The custom-made, lacquered built-in wall unit speaks to modern sensibilities and anchors the room with functionality. Also, there are "green" elements evident such as the restored vintage dresser with upholstered front, the use of a LED TV and as well as a Halogen fireplace.

The overall design showcases a modern space in an adaptive and sensitive manner; authentic and unique; luxurious yet modern, this design compliments the antique home with the use of modern textures and elements while emphasizing the livable functionality of today's environments.



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