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Home Life Style



2 Art in Glass

BY DONNA MANZ

Interior designer Brigette Friedman and her husband Ron, an attorney, focus on their passion: glass sculpture.

Staged throughout their Oakton estate are one-of-a-kind glass art pieces, designed by some of the world's most renowned glass artists. Glass sculptures created by Dale Chihuly, Therman Statom, and Stanislav Libensky take center-stage within the home's grand foyer and the sitting room adjacent to it.

Rustic ceramic accents pop out against the more contemporary stylized museum pieces.

Brigette Friedman discovered an authentic 1889 Galle non-electrified two-piece lamp in an Argentina antique shop. The price for the pieces created by the artist who taught Tiffany was more than right. "Each piece is signed by Galle," said Friedman, pointing to lettering.

In the sitting room off the foyer is an intensely hued freeform basin designed by glass art great, Dale Chihuly.

In the same room,



'Cityscape' by Jay Musler



Crystal horses by Swarovski.

against a wall, rests a glass ladder woven of intricate design and color, created by Therman Statom, an innovative African-American glass sculptor. Hidden lighting behind foyer pieces cast a glow through textures and colors.

Local collectors showcase glass sculpture in their Oakton home.



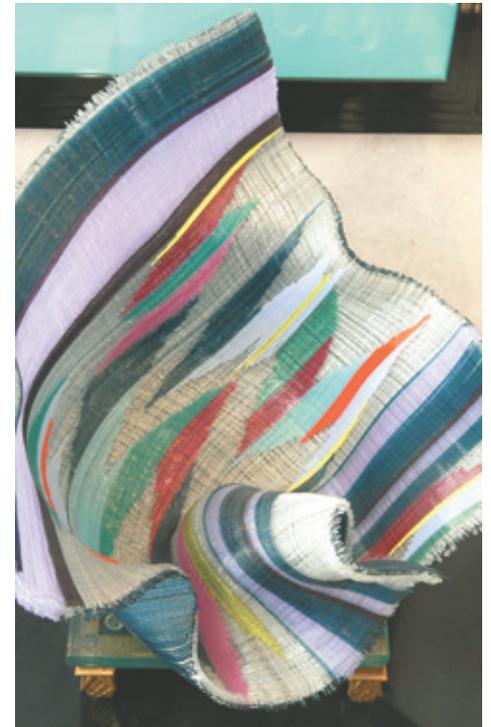
Ron and Brigette Friedman at their home in Oakton, Va.

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The Friedmans purchased a lamp by glass designer Galle while on a trip to Argentina.

"Feel this, but be careful," said Friedman. "The edging is sharp." Textured glass replicates glimmering fabric in a Toots Zinsky broad basket design, calling to mind shimmery moire. Rough edging around the top gives the appearance of fringed fabric.



One of the works by Toots Zinsky.

Brigette Friedman has "every annual that Swarovski has sold." Miniatures celebrating the seasons, wildlife, and figures glitter.

"There are so few of these very-limited edition Swarovski crystal horses, I had to win a contest to get them," said Friedman.

Terry McAuliffe has thrown many fundraisers in the backyard of his McLean home.

Democratic Party

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE

Former Democratic National Committee chair Terry McAuliffe's home looks like it was built with political fundraising in mind.

McAuliffe, a close advisor of Bill and Hillary Clinton, has been soliciting big money for the Democrats for almost 30 years.

At 23 years old, he became finance director of former President Jimmy Carter's 1980 campaign. Last week, he embarked on an eight-city tour in Virginia for Democratic candidate Barack Obama.

A McLean resident, McAuliffe also opened up his home to the Dranesville Democratic Committee and hosted the local political party's annual fall fundraiser Sept. 29.

The political party bigwig said he is focused on getting the Democratic ticket elected this fall, but there is speculation McAuliffe, who has never held elected office, may run for governor of Virginia in 2009.

THE DEMOCRATIC fundraiser and his wife Dorothy moved from Capitol Hill to their century-old stone farmhouse off Old Dominion Drive 17 years ago, around the time their oldest child was born.

"We wanted to get a lot of land so the kids could run around,"



The guest/pool house at the McAuliffe's.

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Dorothy McAuliffe talks with Karen and Dan DuVal.

said McAuliffe, who now has five children.

In addition to a sprawling backyard, McAuliffe has installed a pool, guesthouse, Jacuzzi, tennis and basketball courts on his property. The couple also

expanded the main house, adding at least two bedrooms and a modern kitchen.

All of the home additions match the architectural style of the original farmhouse. A similar gray stone was used to build the



Party host Terry McAuliffe.

stand-alone guesthouse. But McAuliffe maintained the 100 year-old wooden floor and door latches in the original part of the house – which includes his home office.

The family's architect,

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Bucolic Setting for Potter's Studio

PHOTOS BY LOUISE KRAFFT/CONNECTION

Potter Laura Nichols.

A left turn off River Bend Road. Over a winding road until the pavement stops and the gravel begins. Down over a bridge across a stream. Ascending up the hill a white house emerges from the pastoral landscape. Known at the farm as the Orchard House, it is now home to the Pig Pen Pottery Studio

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Nichols began working in clay after her children were born and wanted time out of the house. Nichols named her studio Pig Pen Pottery. As the studio is set on the farm where she lives, the name came from the only animal not raised on the property.

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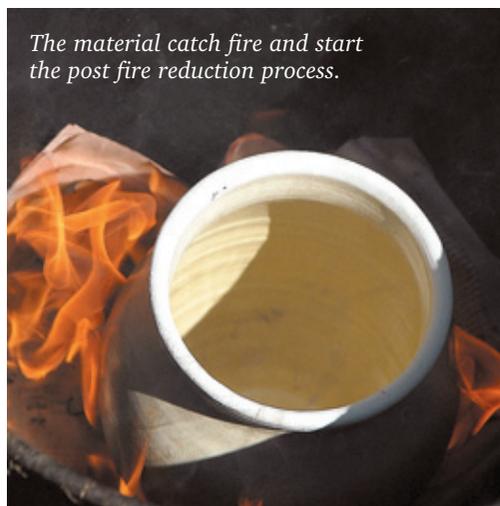
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of Laura Nichols.

Hidden Springs Farm and the original manor house date back in the Dranesville records to the 1820s. Nichol's family purchased the property in 1939. Nichols, a self taught potter, has been working with clay for 30 or so years now.

"After my children were born I wanted something to do out of the house," Nichols recalled, "and that is when it began." Nichols still keeps a working hen house, horses, a flock of Guinea hens and a young peacock.

At the studio, Nichols teaches ongoing adult pottery classes and holds raku workshops. Her work is primarily in earthenware,



The material catch fire and start the post fire reduction process.

Great Falls Studio Tour

Pig Pen Pottery Studio is one of the 19 artist venues that will be on the fifth annual Great Falls Studios Tour Oct. 18-19. Great Falls Studios founded by Laura Nichols and a small group of other Great Falls artists in 2003, has grown in membership to include 78 area artists. The weekend show is free. At the 19 venues, 38 Great Falls artists will be demonstrating their creative processes. See www.GreatFallsStudios.com.

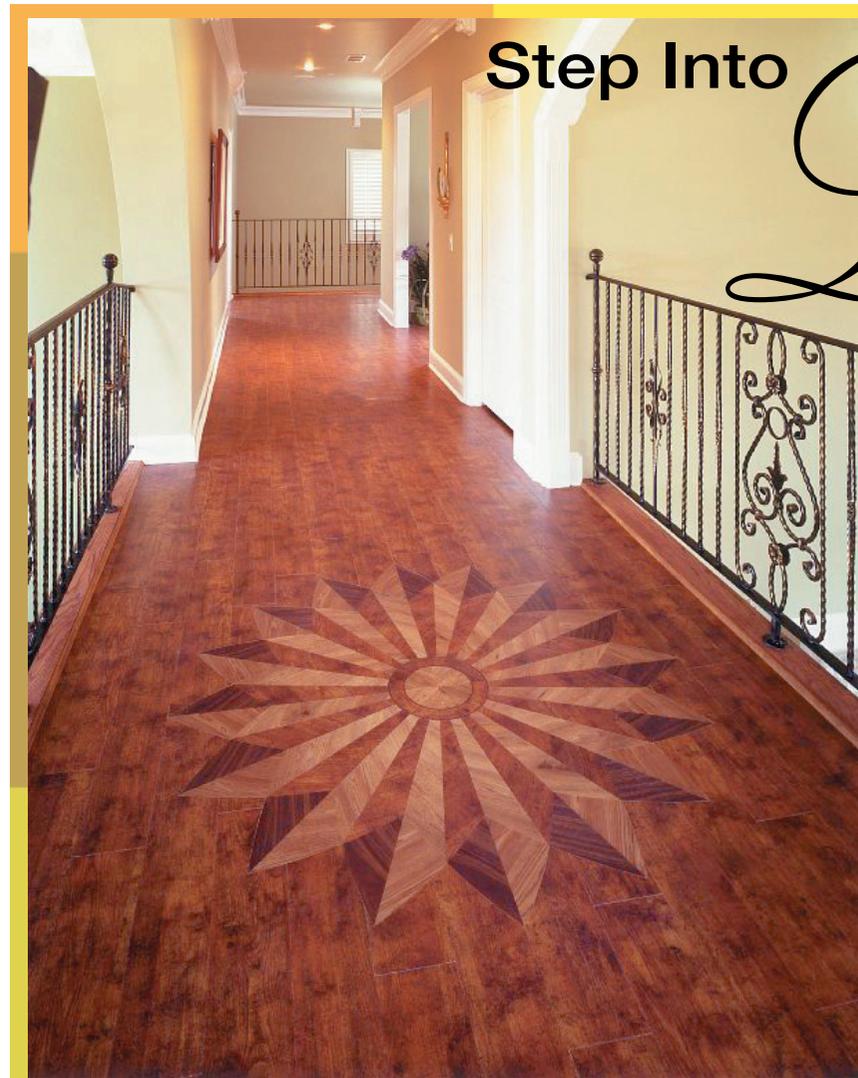


When the firing is complete, special tongs are used to remove the pots from the kiln. These tongs were made by the blacksmith at the Mount Vernon Estate.

stoneware and raku pottery. Each requires different materials, firing atmospheres and kiln temperatures. The earthenware makes excellent cooking pots and dishes. The

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McAuliffe

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Bobby Gurney, works on several large homes in McLean and attended Catholic University with McAuliffe, said the political strategist.

“We went to undergrad together and had a relationship from school,” he said.

The home upgrades, particularly the pool area, have made the McAuliffe’s house ideal for hosting large parties.

“We mostly entertain outside. People tend to stay out here” said McAuliffe, at the Dranesville Committee party.

The McAuliffes have held fundraisers in their home for several candidates, including Sen. Barack Obama, former Sen. Tom Daschle, former U.S. Rep. Dick Gephardt, congressional candidate Judy Feder and Fairfax County chairman Gerry Connolly.

McAuliffe spent most of the last year raising money for New York Sen. Hillary Clinton’s campaign and said they threw several parties for the former first lady as well.

“We had a fundraiser for Hillary that went from 100 people to 500 people. ... My wife could have killed me,” said MacAuliffe.

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Finnegan finds a quiet place in the children’s game room



Terry McAuliffe signs a book at his desk in his home office.



A painting of an Indian hangs above the fireplace in McAuliffe’s home office. The painting was a gift from his wife Dorothy on the occasion of their marriage.



A newly added kitchen and family dining area opens out onto the garden and pool.



Samurai warriors hold vigil at the doors of the guest/pool house.



Del. Margi Vanderhye



Congressional candidate Judy Feder talks with Dorothy McAuliffe at the party.



State Sen. Janet Howell and Chairman of the Fairfax Board of Supervisors Gerry Connolly, who is running for Congress.



Supervisor Cathy Hudgins, Del. James Scott and Supervisor Sharon Bulova with Nadia Golding and Paula Larson.



Supervisor John Foust talks with Terry McAuliffe.

A Passion for Beads

From crystals and gems to art.

Surrounded by jeweler's tools and a large inventory of beads and chains, Underhill designs and fabricates jewelry in her McLean home.

BY DONNA MANZ

It was about five years ago, Valerie Underhill recalls, that she became aware she was buying “too much” crystal-bead jewelry at home jewelry shows.

“I can do this,” Underhill decided.

Nowadays, the McLean CPA indulges in her passion, parttime, creating jewelry from Swarovski crystals, pearls, semi-precious stones, and sterling silver, crafting the individual pieces into necklaces, bracelets and earrings. She sells at home shows, in several Northern Virginia shops.

“I look at the beads and silver I have, and I ask myself, ‘what do I want to do with this?’ Designing the jewelry takes time.”

When she started out, Underhill bought her silver from Thailand, but the quality was inconsistent. Since then, she buys her silver from New York. To purchase gemstones, she travels to New York or visits gem shows, where she can see and touch the stones.

“In general, the deeper the color of the gemstone, the better the quality. You

really can't buy gemstones online.”

Her Studio sits in a sunny spot in the front of her house, where, on a desk, the tools of her trade rest. Techniques have evolved over the years, and no longer are beads tied together and knotted with silk, but are now thread over soft-flex wires. Underhill invested in task-specific tools, from cutters to a soldering iron for chains.

The decorative collections in her home – crystal, Limoges, tassels, and nutcrackers - reflect her tastes and decorating style. Off the kitchen, an elegant dollhouse is filled with Limoges miniatures.

“Decorating is like an extension of your personality. I'm really into crystal. And tassels.”

Bracelets begin at \$40; necklaces at approximately \$80; and earrings range from \$15- \$20.

“Home shows are most lucrative for me because people are coming specifically for my jewelry,” said Underhill. “The next phase would be to push products into more stores, but I don't have the time now.”

“Creating art is the fun part,” said Underhill.



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Fresh water pearl nuggets with sterling silver spacer beads and Swarovski crystals.



Sterling silver chain with a Swarovski crystal drop.



Black onyx rondells with sterling silver beads and a Swarovski crystal drop.

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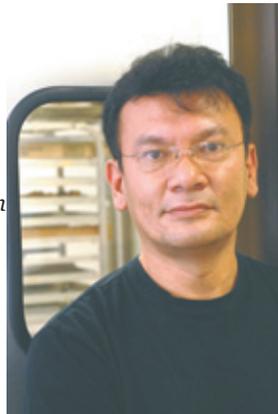


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The theme and format for this year's National Symphony Orchestra design show offers inspiration to those who are seeking to create spaces in their homes which reflect the Asian concepts of balance and harmony, color and texture, simplicity and richness while maintaining the comfort and familiarity of western classic and modern traditions.

The event, announced last month at a luncheon at the Kennedy Center, also features seminars on entertaining and decorating, feng shui, special cultural presentations and hosts some of the area's most coveted shopping boutiques.

The design show will be held this year at the Chevy Chase Women's Club on Oct. 22-26. Ten local designers will be featured.

Feng Shui, table settings, Ikebana and window treatments are some of the workshops and demonstrations are scheduled for the five-day show.

Local designers include Camille Beers, Reston; Sally Steponkus, Washington, D.C.; Liz Levin, Washington, D.C.; Sandra Meyers, Rockville; Shannon Munn, Springfield; Janet Morais & Anna Bimba, Manassas; Luis Florendo, Baltimore; Karen Luria & Mary Beth Schepp, Alexandria; Tracy Morris, Washington D.C. and Ian Simpson of Smith & Hawken in Chevy Chase. In addition to the Women's Committee and the designers; members of the ASEAN Women's Circle are participating with this years show. The 10 members of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations are Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam.

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