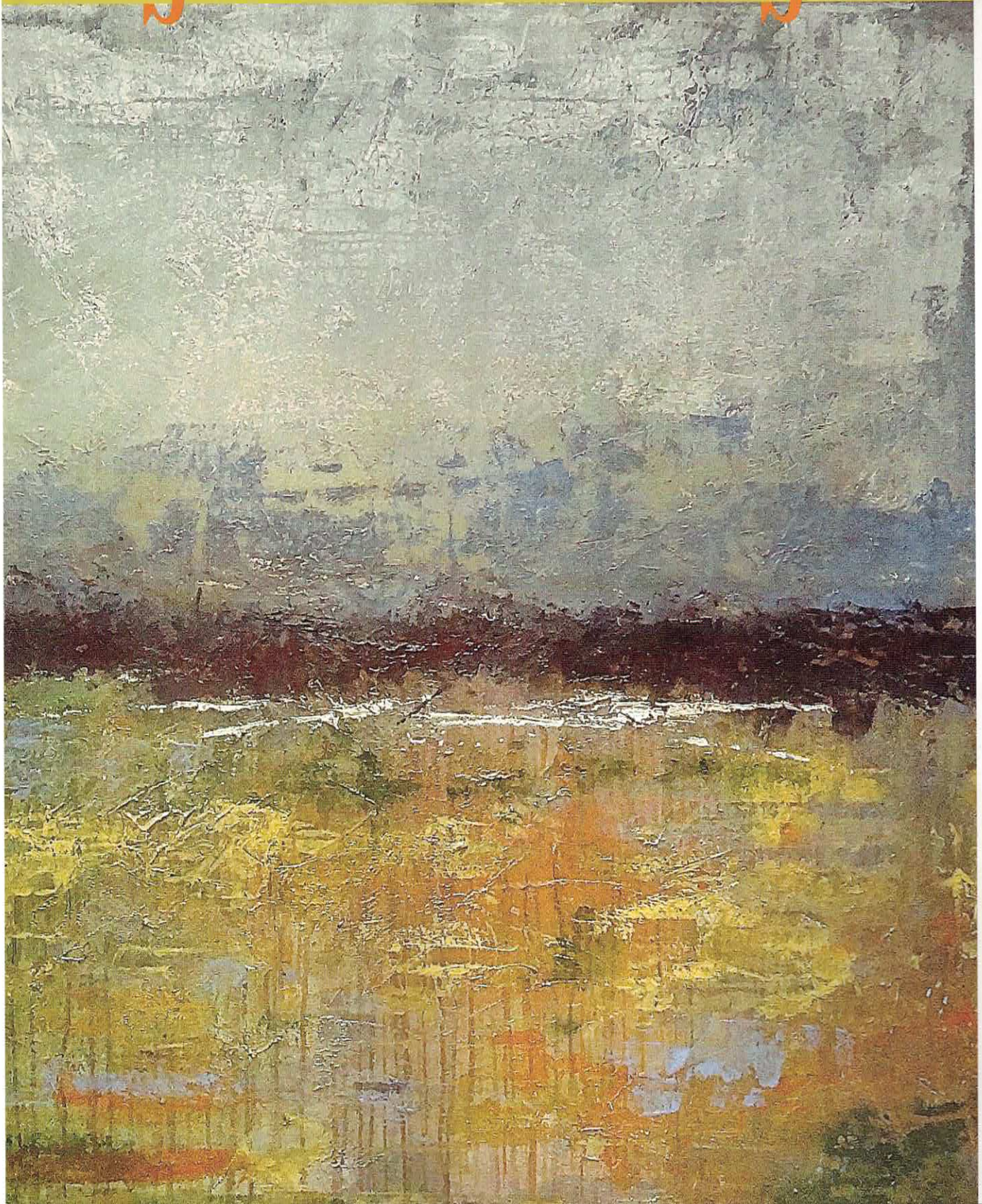


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Rosemary Beach Getaway

WITH AN ECLECTIC MIX of chic lines and eye-catching colors, this beach getaway has space for family and friends. The exterior welcomes guests with a lush tropical landscape and gardens surrounding the home, which is the largest residential property in Rosemary Beach.

Erin Schaumburg of Eros Home and Clothing worked with the family to create a bright and refreshing atmosphere to replace what was once dark and somewhat gothic. Erin says, "I met the homeowners from St. Louis, Missouri, through a previous client I helped to renovate their home after Katrina. As soon as they saw their dear friends' home, they wanted me to help. I was happy to take on a new project—especially in such a gorgeous setting. What was originally a decorating project quickly became a full renovation."

The now-bright white exterior was once dark brown. "It didn't feel like a beach paradise when we started," says Erin. "Our ultimate goal was to transform it into an inviting place for the family."

A slice of the home that Erin wanted to make sure stayed was the intricate mosaic tile in the bathrooms. "I was immediately inspired by the tile when I walked in," she says. "It is what inspired the rest of the house. They did not love it as first, but once I showed them my vision of lighting it up, they fell in love."

The master bath's beautiful blue tile wall contrasts with the freestanding tub and chic bath filler. The calming sand-toned mosaic tile on the bathroom floor leads to a walk-through shower behind the tile wall. A powder room and guest bathroom also boast colorful tile work. "The only tile we removed from the home was in the kitchen, which was a complete gut job," says Erin. "The Mexican tile is absolutely beautiful. It automatically >>



had a factor of awe that was too great to remove.”

Another awe-factor is the breathtaking great room with espresso tongue-and-groove cathedral ceilings and grand iron chandeliers. The slipcover sofas and chaise were custom made. In fact, every piece of furniture in the home

was custom made with the exception of the master bed. Overlooking the great room is the new kitchen with a huge island to comfortably seat twelve. The warm tile of the kitchen floor truly adds rich contrast to the cool and clean tones of the cabinets and countertops. It's a space built for entertaining. >>



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Clockwise from top: A view from the rear garden toward the house; the free-standing tub in the master bath is contrasted with a colorful mosaic tile wall; the downstairs powder room has a unique curved wall of bright mosaic tiles; the calm and serene sleeping quarters; outdoor dining is a pleasure on the screen porch overlooking the pool.

The children's rooms feature built-in beds placed strategically in the corner for optimal space to play. The layout did not allow for a bed to be centered, so Erin thought outside the box to create functional beds that could also double as sofas for a "hang-out space." And when the kids get restless, the pool and back yard provide plenty of room to play and soak up the sun.

So when St. Louis gets too chilly, the family will always