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ARF Thrift Shop Designer Show House Will Raise Money For Animal Shelter Memorial Day Weekend



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Designers and decorators have been working apace this week to transform seven rooms and one outdoor space at the ARF Thrift & Treasure Shop in Sagaponack into pop-up examples of the work they do. They need to be ready in time for Memorial Day weekend, when the ninth annual ARF Designer Show House opens to benefit the Animal Rescue Fund of the Hamptons. Not only will the animal shelter raise funds from admission to the show house, the nonprofit will also receive the proceeds of all of the items sold during Saturday's preview cocktail party and throughout the rest of the holiday weekend. Because, unlike a typical show house, everything guests see will be for sale.

The merchandise is a mix of items that had been donated to the ARF Thrift & Treasure Shop and items that the designers and decorators brought in themselves, often donated by the vendors they regularly work with. In some cases, designers picked out furniture that was in the thrift shop's inventory and arranged to have it reupholstered.

Returning designers Michael Murray of Rachael Ray Home and Tim Croneberger of Halcyon Design LLC are joined this time around by Robin Theismann, the wife of former NFL player and ESPN football analyst Joe Theismann. They have teamed up to design the small barn on the thrift shop grounds with the theme "Refined Rustic." The barn is outfitted with furniture and home accessories from the Theismanns' home in Virginia, which the team recently redecorated. Mr. Theismann signed the furniture before it was shipped north for the show house.

Christina Peffer and Allison Babcock of Babcock Peffer Design in Sag Harbor are first-time ARF

Designer Show House contributors. Their room's theme is "Animal Kingdom." They enlisted artist Darius Yektai to create and donate a bust of Mr. Babcock's labradoodle Hobie and artist Mark Webber to provide a work of plaster.

They also purchased hand-beaded collars from an organization that rescues dogs in Morocco—and when the collars sell again in Sagaponack, the proceeds will help rescue dogs on the East End.

The eponymous owner of Patricia McGrath Design chose to name her room "Tangled Up in Blue"—a nod to the Bob Dylan song. She brought in items from her shop, Coastal Home in Bridgehampton, to decorate her room.

First-timer Laura Sanatore of LMS Design LLC, a kitchen, bath and interior design firm, is designing a woman's dressing area built on a theme of female empowerment, with green fabric walls. Photographer Eric Striffler donated a print, Hamptons Handpoured donated candles and doTERRA provided essential oils.

Also participating in this weekend's showhouse are Groundworks Landscaping, Alex Papachristidis Interiors, Roller Rabbit, and Anastasia Casale of Sag Harbor Florist.

General admission for the preview cocktail party on Saturday, May 25, at 6 p.m. is \$150. Or, for \$250, ticketholders can get early admission at 5 p.m. and also enjoy the benefactors preview hour. The show house will then be open, with suggested admission of \$10, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday and Monday. The ARF Thrift & Treasure Shop is located at 17 Poxabogue Lane, at the corner of Montauk Highway, in Sagaponack.