

MODERN LUXURY

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*MAKE IT
BEAUTIFUL*

TV Host Monica
Pedersen Glams it Up
in Highland Park

TRENDSETTERS

*LOCAL STYLE MAVENS'
MUST-HAVE SPRING PICKS*

*SHARP CONTRAST
Black-and-White Fashion*

*SKY-HIGH
The Ultimate Treehouse*

*LAKEFRONT VIEWS
A Stunning Wilmette Home*



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FABULOUS PARTIES AND GALAS



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TABLESCAPE

This glass side table has a classic shape but modern feel. "The colored glass adds a gorgeous pop of color to a room. It's like finishing an outfit with a piece of jewelry."

ROCK SOLID

"Federica Rettore is organic and asymmetrical. I love how she allows the natural beauty of the stone to be a part of her composition."



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BOARDING HOUSE

These handcrafted wood floors are made and finished off-site, making them a favorite of architects and designers who want wider boards or specific finishes. "They have sophisticated colors and finishes that work in modern and traditional interiors."



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GOLDEN HUE

"Brass finishes are being used again in bathrooms and bar areas, but this time the metal has a complex and natural look."

LIGHT BOX

Luminescent LED sheets illuminate these glass panels of hand-painted branches evenly and consistently. "Light is a design element that can layer interest and warmth in any space."

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Celeste Robbins

THE ARCHITECT OF STYLE

Robbins Architecture's new street-front offices in Hubbard Woods make a gorgeous statement even before you walk in the door. Visible from the street (and pictured below) are two large backlit pieces of art that have caused drivers to slam on their brakes for a better look. "We worked with the artist to get the blue just right," says owner and Principal Celeste Robbins. It's just one detail in her office but telling of her aesthetic sense. "I would describe my style as clean-lined and well-edited, and while modern, also fairly timeless," she says. Her firm of seven people takes on projects from additions and renovations to designing homes, including her own, which she shares with her husband, two teenage children and two golden retrievers. And while her style is confidently realized in her home and office, this architect has a knack for collaboration. "Clients are becoming more confident and willing to express what they like and what makes them happy," she says. "It's inspiring for us to work in those personal details." And while most of us may never stop traffic, we can be inspired by these must-have picks from Winnetka's most visible architect.

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FLOWER POWER
Robbins is photographed in the entry of her home, wearing a necklace by Federica Rettore.

WINDOW PHOTO BY HEDRICH-BLESSING PHOTOGRAPHERS

OPEN WINDOW
“These windows have beautiful lines. They look like furniture inside and out because of the wood frames, clean lines and custom finishes.”



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THAT'S AMORE
Rina Menardi's Italian ceramics merge function with a modern design aesthetic. “The colors and shapes are derived from nature and mix and match beautifully.”

ROBBINS' MUST-HAVES

- ① Bell side table, \$2,793, by Sebastian Herkner at Luminaire, Chicago
- ② Earrings with rose-cut diamonds and fossil coral, \$13,350, by Federica Rettore at Neapolitan Collection, Winnetka
- ③ Handcrafted wood floors, price upon request, by BoardHouse at Apex Wood Floors, Downers Grove
- ④ Henry bar faucet, \$1,702, at Waterworks, Chicago
- ⑤ Luminescent LED sheets, \$60 per square foot, at LumiSheet by DLC, dlc-lumisheet.com
- ⑥ Wood and glass custom-made windows, price upon request, at Duratherm, durathermwindow.com
- ⑦ Ceramic bowls and vases, \$120-\$390, by Rina Menardi at Morlen Sinoway Atelier, Chicago