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Favorite
Things



We asked Arianna Noppenberger, founder of Aria Design, Inc., which specializes in high-end residential design, what her personal favorites are in the field of architecture and design.

1 / Best public building: Newport Beach City Hall and grounds. Great architecture. The roofs resemble sails in the wind. Very appropriate for a coastal city like Newport Beach.

2 / Best appliance and bath showroom: Pirch in Costa Mesa. Something new they carry is a fully integrated Miele dishwasher. The placement is new. No more bending over to load it!

3 / Best tile showroom: Porcelanosa in Anaheim. The Spanish company is a leader in the industry. The latest products are 3D tiles. I took these photos at the Cersaie Show in Bologna Italy.

4 / Best hotel lobby: Montage Laguna Beach. It's not really my style - I would love to pick a lobby that is modern, exciting and minimal at the same time, but I don't know of one in Orange County. This has the best setting, for sure.

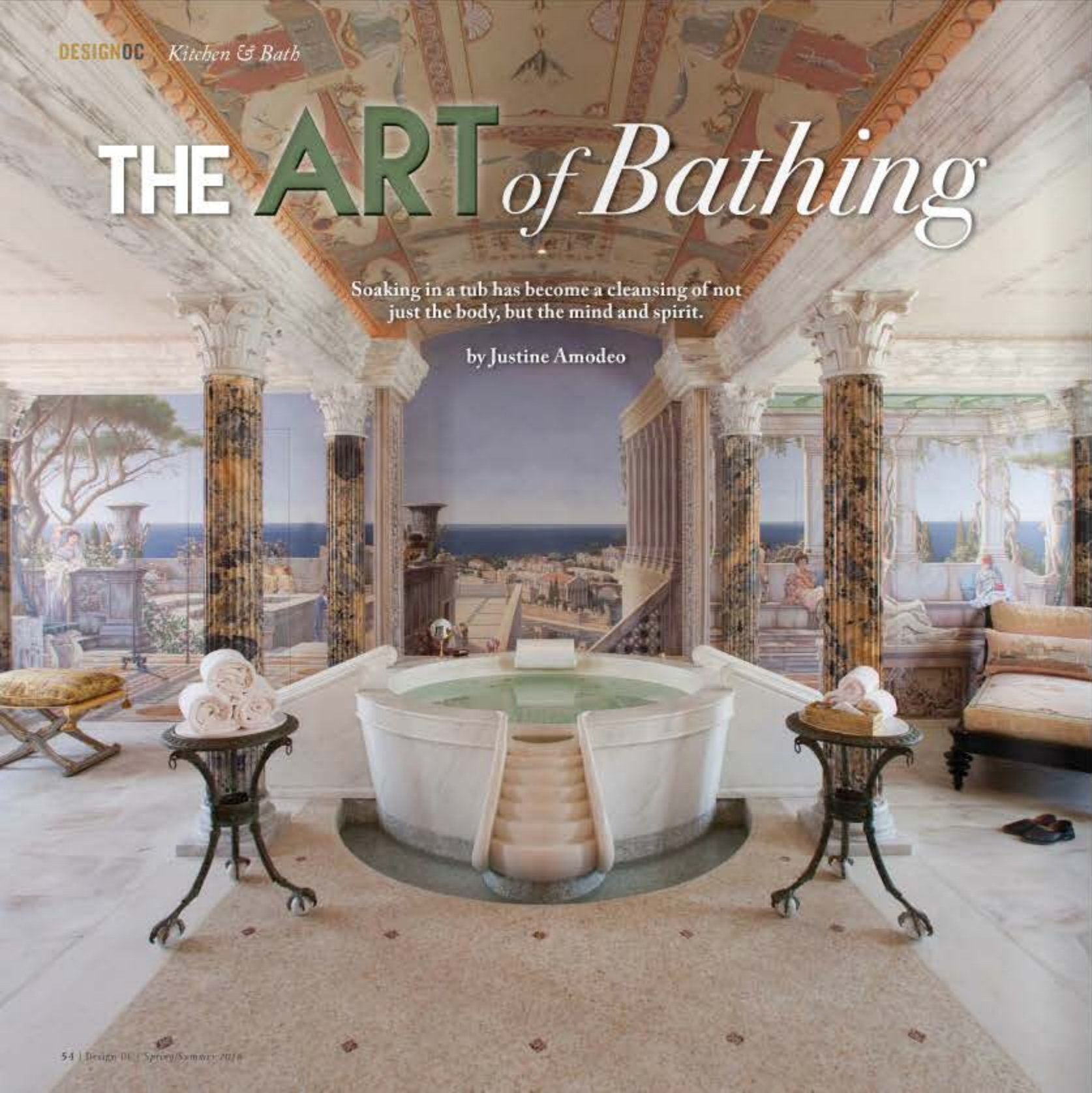
5 / Best stone and tile showroom: Famosa, with its artfile tile.

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THE ART of Bathing

Soaking in a tub has become a cleansing of not just the body, but the mind and spirit.

by Justine Amodeo



Ask most women where the sanctuary is in their home and they'll tell you the bathroom, or more specifically, the bathtub. It is there where we light candles, pour in aromatherapy oils and bath salts, set up a shelf to read or drink wine, or immerse in steaming hot water to relax our muscles. We start the day there, end the day there or spend the whole day there.

"Bathtubs have become smarter - and are becoming more about in-house therapy than basic bathing."

LEFT AND ABOVE: This Dana Point bathroom is a modern version of a Pompeian bath, inspired by classical-subject painter Alma Tadema, famous for his depictions of the Luxury of the Roman Empire, with languorous figures set in decadent marbled interiors against a backdrop of the Mediterranean Sea and sky. Painted by Florentine artist Franco Degl'Innocenti, the mural here was completed in 2004. The ceiling was painted in 2010, and was the most recent mural depicting musicians and entertainers. The ceiling beams and moldings are Calcutta marble and are held up by columns carved from an extremely rare Breche Meduse marble. Hand-cut mosaic tiles make up the floor, and Rose Ferlino and Breche Vendome marbles line the walls throughout the room. The Michelangelo statuary bathtub was carved out of a single block of marble weighing 69,000 pounds. The two wash basins are Italian baptismal fonts

carved out of rare Fior di Pesco marble from Pietrasanta, Italy. Beyond them, the rear counters and cabinets are marble veneer. Mosaic work by Ilio de Filippis, pitimosai.com. Frescos are painted by Franco Degl'Innocenti, Laguna Beach, francoegl'innocenti.it.

Photography by Noelen Boyd and Mimi Gubser Brown



Since the beginning of time, the art of bathing has been essential to good health and peace of mind. Egyptian, Roman, Turkish and Greek baths were ornate temples so grand they contained art galleries, meditation rooms, rich hand-woven carpets, tapestries and ornate columns, and gold, silver, or brass fixtures, combining healing practices with entertainment, social festivities, and physical fitness. The Romans bathed to keep themselves healthy – they were believed to be the first who used different colored plasters for specific ailments – while the Greeks believed only women should immerse their whole bodies in water. The Japanese for centuries have been obsessed with bathing rituals and in Europe, epsom, mineral and sulphur baths are all the rage.

Since then, bathtubs have become smarter – and are becoming more about in-house therapy than basic bathing. Healthy tubs now come with everything from microbubbles that oxygenate the skin and increase the skin's metabolism, chromatherapy with different color wavelengths that have different healing properties, atomized aromatherapy baths and more. "This is not new technology," says B&C Custom Hardware and Bath's Rebecca Whiteleather. "It's been around since the Egyptians."



TOP LEFT: Bath in Zen with Porcelenosa forest Chelsea Porvenza tiles on floor and behind bath to create a warm wood look that is waterproof, bronze round tiles on wall and ik bathtub and sink **TOP RIGHT:** For BainLibra, a bath is an important ritual, part of a lifestyle that encourages you to slow down and take time for yourself. This collection features classic and contemporary freestanding designs in small (60" x 36"), medium (66" x 36"), and large (72" x 40") sizes. Available at B&C Custom Hardware and Bath, customhardware.net **BOTTOM LEFT:** Regina Sturock, founder and principal designer of Regina Sturock Design, Inc., created this Anna Karenina inspired bathroom, from its damask velvet walls to a theatrically lit ceiling, all accented by the Landfair Bridge Faucet and spacious St. George Freestanding Soaking Tub, available at B&C Custom Hardware and bath, customhardware.net

TRENDING INTO THE WOODS

The beauty of wood with the durability of ceramic tile or porcelain fused into one. These WOOD-LIKE TILES are showing up in floors, backsplashes and everywhere in between. Don't miss the wooden boat!

1/ Resistant to light, chemicals and extreme temperatures, Eurowest's Fiandre's wood-look porcelain tiles possess the tones and characteristics of real wood. The Woodsy Maximum collection is available in Pearl, Cream and Tobacco. Available at Eurowest Decorative Surfaces Fiandre by Eurowest OC showroom in Anaheim. Eurowest.com.

2/ Crate Charred bark from Stonepeak Ceramics is available at Bedrosian Tile and Stone in Anaheim, bedrosians.com.

3/ Porcelanosa's Par-Ker wood porcelain tile line is made up of porcelain, but has the appearance of real hardwood, and is available in an array of shades and textures. It's available at the Porcelanosa showroom in Anaheim and porcelanosa-usa.com.



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TRENDING

PRETTY AS A PICTURE

What to do when the kids write on the walls? Buy tiles with drawings already baked in. Let your ARTFUL TILES tell a story, or paint a picture, or distract you from the drudgery of dishes.

1/ The geometric sequences in the porcelain or ceramic Barcelona Collection create ingenious floral designs, circular patterns and outlines of stars which can be used on floors and walls. It's available at Porcelanosa in Anaheim and at porcelanosa-usa.com.

2/ Give your wall some whimsy with StonePeak Ceramics City 2.0 Peace and or RESPECT mural tile, Inkjet technology, 4'x8' (48"x96"). Find it at Eurowest Decorative Surfaces OC showroom in Anaheim, eurowest.com, stonepeakceramics.com.

3/ Let these Custom Revival Malibu tiles by Homefront Build Design brighten up your stairwell, kitchen or bathroom. It's available at Mission Tile West in Costa Mesa, missiontilewest.com.

