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Discovering New Design Trends "Behind the Drapery"

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What's hot? The transitional traditional is still holding court. While I love a contemporary space, at the end of the day, people – no matter how austere in their design aesthetic – still need someplace to sit and sleep. We are seeing fresh takes on traditional, fewer completely dark rooms, and mixed metals and florals are back - in a big way. There are reprints of classic floral patterns a la the chintz of 1980, albeit with an updated flair, used in moderation, or not, to remind us of softer, gentler living. It's rather nice. I think every room can use a flower or two!

Las Vegas Market. Similar to North Carolina, but on a much smaller scale, the Las Vegas market is packed with furniture, fabric and accessories and is also run in conjunction with the accessories and gift shows. While many in Lamorinda are getting ready for swim meets, my team and I are often headed off to source holiday décor in the dead of summer. It is funny to wholesale Christmas trees, and then fly back for the OMPA, but therein lies the truth behind the drapery for designers.

There are so many more ideas I could share from boutique shows run alongside the majors, where artisanal wares are showcased by the artist themselves, to other national trade shows, but I have learned to edit. For the Lamorinda design-savvy suburbanite, these are our majors. After each show, my team and I gather trend reports for

those who desire a more in-depth experience. For a recap from our travels last year, be sure to read the June 3 article, "What's New in the World of Design" in the Lamorinda Weekly online archives. For this year, we continue to scour the globe to bring you the best available.



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