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The many facets of 22 Joggling Street; this home is on tour to benefit the Charleston Symphony Orchestra.

(Top right) A unique clock made from a sardine can.

(Upper right and upper left) A master bathroom that is a work of art.

(Immediate left) A Carolina child's room has all the Palmetto State touches that are appropriate.

(Below) A formal sitting room near the piazza.



BY PATRA TAYLOR

Early this month, the Charleston Symphony Orchestra League, Inc. moved across the Cooper River for the first time to host one of its prestigious Design Homes and Boutiques. Already viewed as a welcome addition to the organization's ASID Designer Showhouse held each spring in historic downtown Charleston, the new East Cooper event is drawing crowds eager to see the latest in Lowcountry design and interiors.

The I'On Designer House & Boutique, located at 22 Joggling Street in Mount Pleasant's award-winning I'On Village, was the brainchild of Lana Damjanovic, who co-owns ALKA Construction with her husband, Branko. ALKA Construction is one of I'On's 21 exclusive I'On Guild builders, each committed to preserving the neighborhood's high standards of construction excellence.

"In the spring, ALKA Construction contacted the CSOL about partnering in a smaller version of a decorator design house to be held in I'On," says Gwen Gilmore, president of the CSOL. "We've looked forward to working with them on this unique fund-raising project."

The grand three-story, 5,300-square-foot house was designed by New York City architect Joseph Credle, formerly of Beaufort, S.C. Although the home's lot is odd shaped, Mr. Credle took full advantage of its assets, positioning the structure to preserve many of its trees and other natural flora. I'On Village was specifically designed as a neo-traditional neighborhood where neighbors live just steps from each other, but the views from the designer house's porches overlook a thicket of woods evoking a sense of being enveloped in the peace and serenity of the country.

The house features a large kitchen open to the living and dining rooms, a carriage house with guest suite, two open-air porches, a screened porch and many fine finishes. Cedar shake shingles and brick, complemented by a metal roof and green Bahama shutters, add character to the exterior.

Three local designers, Regina Garcia of Design Details, Jennifer Patterson of Terra Designs and Cathy Spencer of Coastal Classics, worked on different portions of the home's interior design, and Sheila Wertimer of Charleston provided the landscape design.

The décor of the 22 Joggling Street designer house combines the *avant-garde* with traditional European elements, making it seem like the house has been there for a long time. Since the house is fully furnished, including photographs on the nightstands and clothes in the closets, visitors sense they are glimpsing the lives of a real Lowcountry family.

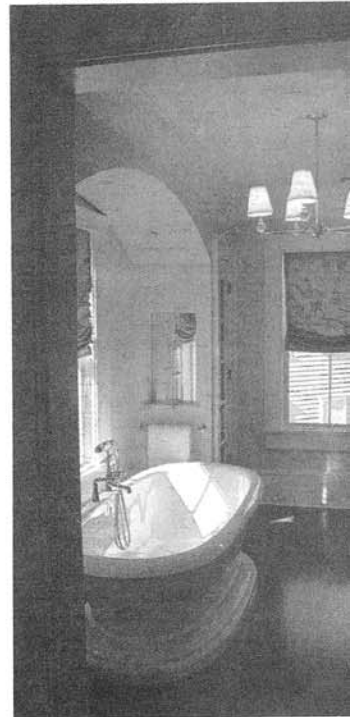
"What's unique about this designer home is that just three designers worked closely together to create a cohesive interior décor that flows throughout the house," says Beth Warner, who is coordinating the event for ALKA Construction. "Their work highlights the excellent architectural detail already in place with this newly constructed home."

According to Ms. Warner, Regina Garcia, one of ALKA Construction's long-term versatile designers, was responsible for the design of the kitchen and study. "She's very proud with

number of the symphony house kitchens," says Ms. Warner. "She's very creative, particularly with tile work and tile design."

"Jennifer Patterson specializes in design services," continues Ms. Warner. "As you can see by her interior designs in the living room, dining room and porch, she has excellent instincts." Originally from the Lowcountry, Ms. Patterson worked extensively in the Washington, D.C. area before returning to the area. "Lana wanted the house to

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have a Lowcountry element and chose Cathy Spencer to make it happen," adds Ms. Warner. "Cathy was responsible for decorating the kid's suite on the second floor. It's has a beachy feel, yet blends nicely with the rest of the home's décor."

ALKA Construction, Inc. has built fine homes in the Charleston area for the past seven years. The owners, both natives of Bosnia, specialize in excellent design and the use of the highest-quality materials and workmanship in all their projects. "Their ongoing quest for design trends and the latest in products puts a creative signature on each of ALKA's homes," notes Ms. Warner.

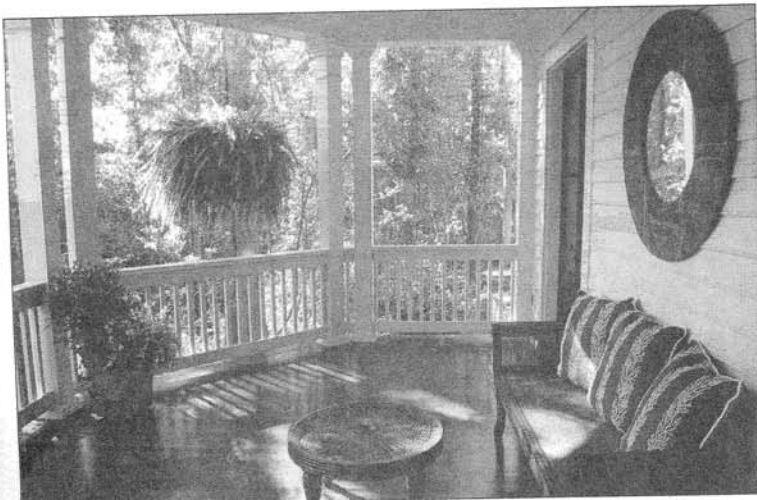
"We chose to partner with the Charleston Symphony in support of our world-class orchestra," states Ms. Damjanovic, who serves as ALKA Construction's executive vice president. "The Charleston Symphony Orchestra League has unmatched expertise in coordinating wonderful designer homes for over 25 years in historic Charleston, and has been outstanding organizing many aspects of this project. It has been a great honor for us to work with them."

Throughout the event, members of the Community of I'On Artists are showcasing and selling their artwork on the third floor of the home. Inside the carriage house, the CSOL is hosting its boutique, selling items such as jewelry, linens, pillows, artwork and more.

The CSOL, the largest single

financial contributor to the Charleston Symphony Orchestra, hosts a number of fund-raising events throughout the year. In addition to the ASID Designer Showhouse, they host Opening Night Gala, Car Give-Away, Parties of Note, Revels and Symphony Island House Tour on Kiawah Island, which is slated to open on November 4.

Tickets for the I'On Designer House & Boutique are \$10 per person, and feature a guided tour of the home. The event will run through October 22. Hours are Monday -Wednesday and Friday-Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Thursday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m. For more information, please call (843) 723-0020 or visit online at [www.csolinc.org](http://www.csolinc.org).



(Immediately above) Fall light gently crosses the railing on the piazza.  
 (Middle photograph) Another shot of the piazza with an old Downtown Charleston flavor.  
 (Top) The feast is in the eyes of the beholder.

**What to See More?**

ALKA Construction, the builder of the Charleston Symphony Orchestra League's first I'On Designer House at 22 Jogging Street, is a member of the I'On Guild, an exclusive group of 21 of the region's finest independent builders that have been approved to build homes in Mount Pleasant's award-winning I'On Village.

Each committed to preserving the neighborhood's high standard of excellence, these builders construct homes of lasting character, detail and quality. In fact, the builders are constantly "taking it up a notch" to achieve new levels of creativity, craftsmanship and elegance. Of special interest ...

I'On Guild member Simonini Builders recently added "2006 Builder of the Year" to its growing list of awards. The award, presented by *Professional Builder* magazine, marked the first time a custom homebuilder was selected for the honor.

Structures Building Co., another I'On Guild member, is currently constructing one of the area's first Earthcraft homes in I'On. Earthcraft is a designation denoting "green" building techniques.

On October 14 and 15, other I'On Guild members will host open houses in I'On Village featuring some of their newly completed homes. The public is invited to tour the following:

18 Hopetown Rd.  
 Built by Daly and Sawyer  
 \$1,985,000

23 Jogging St.  
 Built by Daly and Sawyer  
 \$1,595,000

214 N. Shelmore Blvd.  
 Built by Tanis Development Co.  
 \$1,575,000

19 Edenton Road  
 Built by Viking Construction  
 \$1,500,000

36 Montrose Road  
 Built by Headden Hulsey  
 \$1,375,000

134 Ionsborough St.  
 Built by Built with Pride  
 \$849,000

205 N. Shelmore Blvd.  
 Built by Wilson & Associates  
 \$699,900