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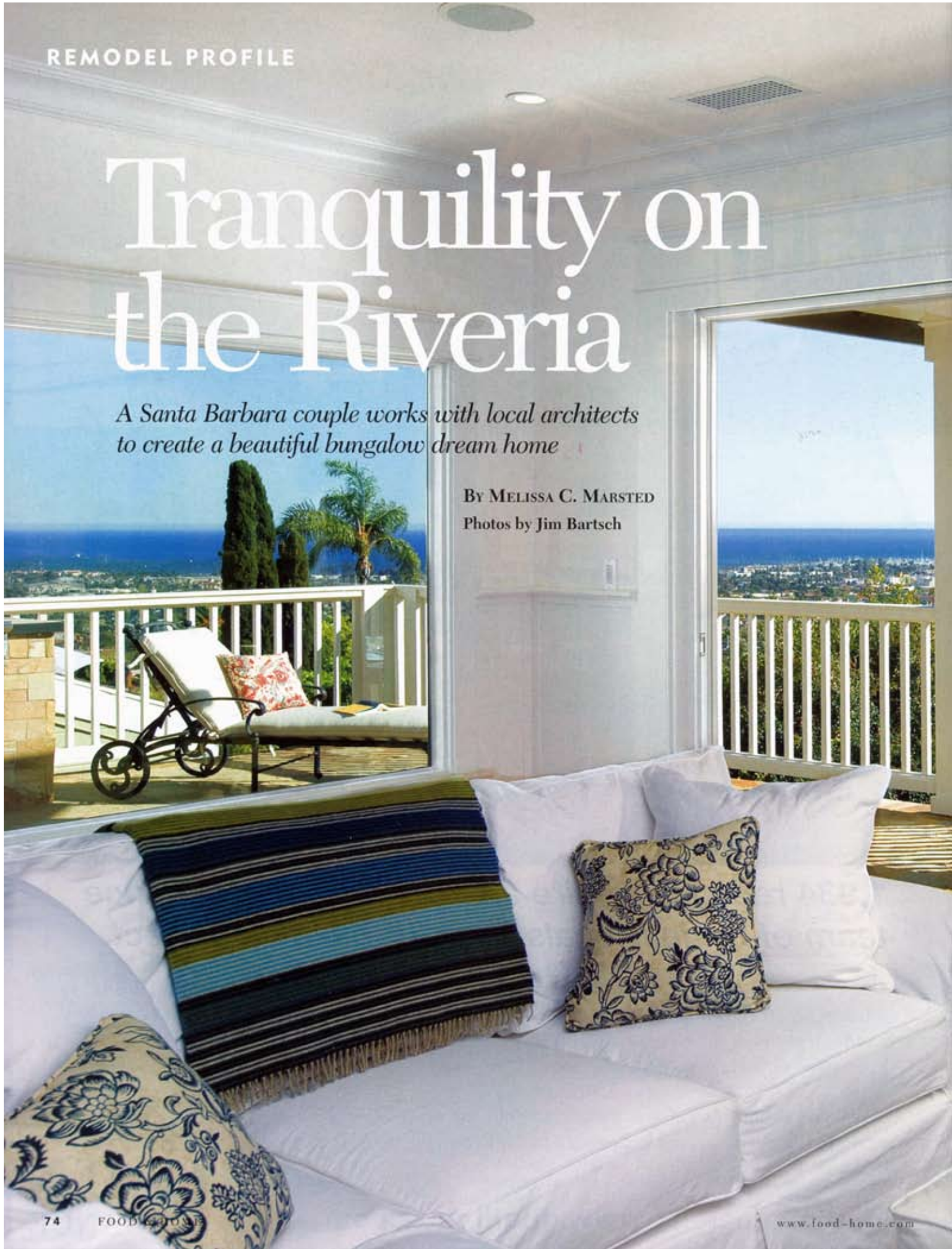
REMODEL PROFILE

# Tranquility on the Riviera

*A Santa Barbara couple works with local architects  
to create a beautiful bungalow dream home*

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**B**owls of organic fruit, newly cut roses, scented candles and Jo Malone perfumes grace the kitchen and bathroom counter tops. The 1922 Craftsman, Riviera beach cottage is a dream project for Jim Rickard, a Sotheby's realtor and developer, and designer Jennifer Wood. They orchestrated the project, with the help of long-time friends, architects Tony Spann and Ted Bowman. "Jenn has an unbelievable sense of detail," says Rickard. "She places attention on specifics like the kitchen and bathroom faucets, the PJ Milligan cabinets and vanities, woodworking, lighting, and tile choices like the timeless element of marble."

Entering the front door on Lomas Street, the morning breeze drifts through the accordion doors open to the lower garden below, with the cityscape, and the Channel Islands further in the distance. The doors designed and crafted by Architectural Millworks draw the natural light into the entire living space and act as open arms, drawing visitors to the second story patio and outdoor fireplace. The exterior energy brought to the inside living space offers an immediate sense of peace, tranquility and calmness.

Wood and Rickard worked with Spann and Harrison Design for the architectural drawings. "They are so talented, yet modest. They have such wonderful visions, and they know how to realize them. Taking on a project, getting their hands dirty and finishing it to their liking is something that they both take tremendous pleasure in, whether it's an entire house remodel or a single component of the whole project," says Spann.



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An eighth generation Santa Barbaran and descendant of Jose de la Guerra, Rickard enjoys using local artisans and suppliers and relies on their skills to build relationships and create a team approach. Rickard also takes pride in his own work and his ability to install audio-visual systems with help from Mission Audio and a computerized Smart Home system that regulates the entire electricity and gas usage. "Jenn and I create high quality projects with tremendous attention to detail that will last a hundred years. Our construction and choice of products are superior in every way."

Wood, who recently moved to Santa Barbara from Los Angeles to work on her fifth project with Rickard, admits to her fascination with faucets. She discovered an old faucet in the basement of the house during excavation and re-plated it for the laundry room sink, which also corresponded to the couple's desire to bring awareness to Santa Barbara County's Green Building Alliance and the newly established Built Green environmental standards for housing projects and remodels.

Using the Built Green guidelines, the project team was determined to save costs and reduce the home's carbon footprint. In fact, they embraced the historical elements of the house. "This was not a deliberate strategy, instead it's simply how they do things, and for that reason we like to be a part of their team," says Spann.

Wood protected an orange tree in the back yard during the entire remodel project. The fresh oranges now symbolize the home's legacy and the generations that have passed through the doors. Santa Barbara sandstone, salvaged from the property, now forms the landscape walls around the lower garden. She also designed the bathrooms to include elements for the perfect spa experience including heated floors and towel racks, non-fogging mirrors, steam showers, a heated infinity tub and stereo speakers in either the walls or ceiling of every room in the house.

"Successful architecture shares a sense of place, balance, and emotion. It takes a certain talent to visualize not only spaces but also destinations. Rickard and Wood not only have the talent but also the determination to build their visions. Some of what they do is learned but the essence, the passion, the main ingredient in their work is an innate natural ability, one that they share," says Spann. "It's hard to define, it's difficult to measure, but, as you walk through the house, you can feel their presence and energy that was essential to the project's overall success."



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