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Happy Holidays  
FROM AWESIMS

# Editorial

## Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays

... everyone! This issue is filled with winter holiday inspiration for you! Both the staff and the forum readers have been in a wonderful cookie baking mood. We have put together a steaming hot issue with coco, cinnamon and red hearts, sure to keep you inspired as you look through the pages. We hope this holiday edition puts you in a festive mood. Thank you everyone for a wonderful year and have a merry Yule time!

Enjoy your winter celebrations and the magazine.

*Macthekat*



*Ballarose & Macthekat*

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# Chrismahanukwanzadan

Living Sims held a contest for you to show how your sims celebrate the winter celebration, whether Christmas, Hanukkah or Sinterklaas. Among the dozen of pictures submitted, the staff had the hardest time choosing the winner; you all blew our minds away with your pictures. All different but each so endearing. The team of LivingSims would like to thank all those who took part in this contest. The winning picture is aDya's. She forgot to wrap the watch for her husband... Second comes Kementari. Her mum is dozing off by the fire, exhausted from all the Christmas preparations. Third is Repulsive Desire. Chantal put on a show with her band doing covers of everyone's favorite Christmas songs in a local park.

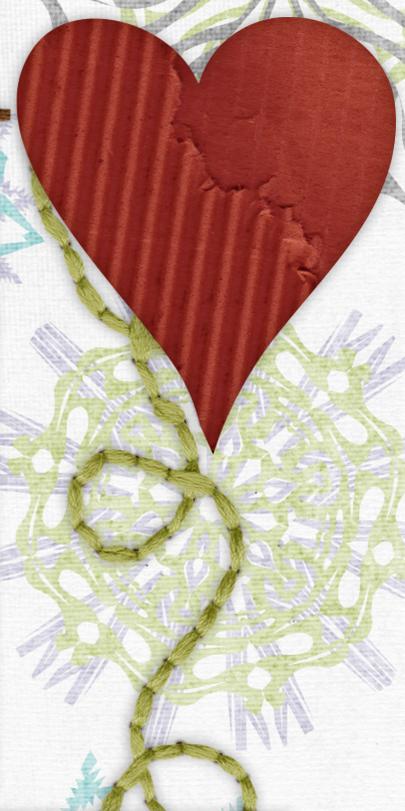


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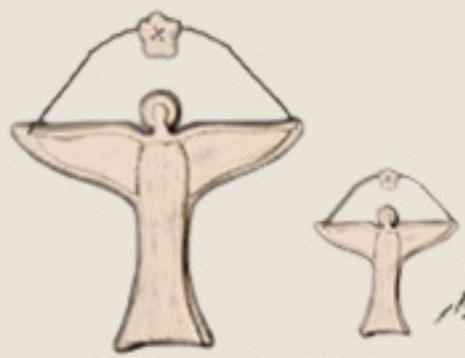
# WE DECK *Your Halls*

By Ankuuh

Consider us your personal shopping elves. We went hunting to find you some fun and fanciful holiday decorations that will make your sims' homes sparkle with all things festive!



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Macarossi  
at ModtheSims

Dear Santa,  
All I really want is  
a lot of toys and  
Daddy home for  
Christmas.

Love,  
Timothy



# Celebration of Light

Christmas is the time of year when we go crazy in decorating. We love giving our home a special look to celebrate this holiday: garlands, wreaths, trees alight with candles, gift boxes.

Living Sims forum opened a challenge for you to show how your sims go Christmas crazy; is it a traditional red and white Christmas? Do they take out the best china? Do they prefer cool white hues? See and enjoy our selection of the best Christmas interiors from the forum challenge.

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## *Lily's Luxuries*

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'Twas the night before Christmas and all through sims' homes,  
Not a creature was stirring, not even the gnomes.  
The simmers were huddled in front of their screens,  
Making certain their simmies had fulfilled all their dreams.  
They sent them to potty and when tired to bed,  
Making sure that their plumbobs stayed out of the red.  
And while some simmers were happy just playing their game,  
Some were heard wailing "It's always the same!"  
You see, all was not perfect, and there arose such a mutter.  
Simmers were crying they needed more clutter!  
Some wanted weather and some wanted pets,  
While others were screaming they needed more sets!  
A whole bunch of simmers were cursing the glitches,  
While some simmers dreamt of magic and witches.  
In basements and bedrooms all over the land,  
Creators were meshing to meet the demand.  
Modders were tinkering and creating some hacks,  
To make sure that simmers could play with their packs.  
And while some of the artists were charging a fee,  
The crème de la crème created for free.  
They made sofas and bedrooms and lots of things shiny,  
Yet some simmers were grumpy and still got all whiney.  
But still they continued to create many a treasure,  
Giving all us simmers many hours of pleasure.  
So to all of the artists who give us their time,  
I'm running out of ways to keep up this rhyme.  
So let me just end by saying good night -  
May your holidays be joyous and everything bright.

*Article by Ballarose*



# Blue, Blue & Green



An ocean, a river, or a crystal clear spring all encompass the color blue and shades of green. These cool, calm-inducing colors are often paired together to achieve an overall soothing effect.

I have a deep love for the color blue, and its color partner is a constant and bewitching companion in many spaces I create. Although I did not create these glorious spaces, they are as dear to me as if I had. Rubika, the designer of the moment, outdid herself with these five rooms arranged and fitted to showcase this issue's colors: River Bed Blue, Boston Blue, and Sycamore Green.

If you ask the participating members of LivingSims forum what their favorite color is, you will find that most people prefer blue. Green is a close second. This is also true on a much larger scale in the world's populous. Most people, especially men, identify blue as their color of choice.

Rubika covered the walls of each room with a deep river bed of blue, making each space appear larger; and, of course, continuing the same color theme throughout a set of spaces also brings a form of cohesion that is very pleasing to one's senses.

She chose to drape most of the comfort surfaces in a Sycamore Green, a choice that suits the psychology of color, as most studies show that green is a color of relaxation. Boston Blue, an exciting combination of turquoise and teal, makes for a nice accent color. This lighter, more vibrant shade of blue highlights each area; and, with a crisp snow white, helps to enliven each space, keeping Rubika's rooms from being too dark.

The kitchen and dining spaces appear brighter and airier than the other spaces because of the lighter accent colors of white, bright golds, and browns. The tall windows and glass doors add to the picture of a light and care-free space. When you choose a color scheme and decide to continue the theme throughout a set of rooms or spaces within a larger area, don't box yourself in by leaving additional colors out of the equation. Without the addition of 'space breaking' colors your perfect colour combination may become a perfect mess.



Let's look at the luscious bed chamber. The furnishings - solid, sturdy pieces, - are not overbearing and crowding. Why? There are several reasons. The heavier pieces like the dwarf column fire place, grand tier doors, and matching bed and chaise are white and, therefore, not as substantial as if they had been darker. The blue walls make the expanse of the room larger, making the furnishings appear smaller. By varying the color combinations, Rubika created separate intervals for the eyes to rest upon and visually separated each area.

Ultimately though, no matter the design principle, trick, or tip you decide to use in a space, it'll all be for naught if your colors are off or just don't suit you. So, drape the windows, coat the walls, and adorn those couches with the colors you love. And if that color is blue - so much the better.

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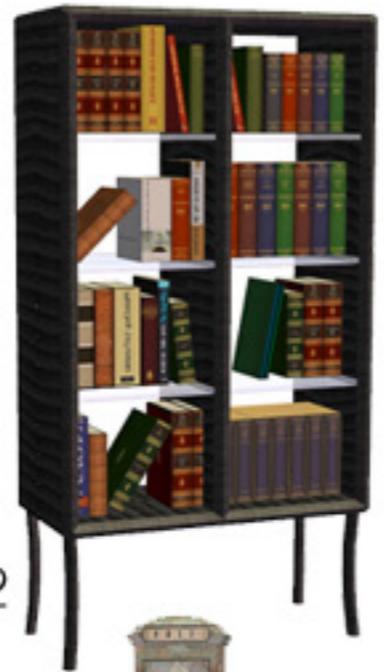
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# HOT & NEW FINDS

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If you're tired of the holidays exploding all around you; if candy canes and little elves make you want to gag; if all you want for your sims is an elegant and relaxing time this season then you've come to the right place. Take a look at what we've dug up just for you.

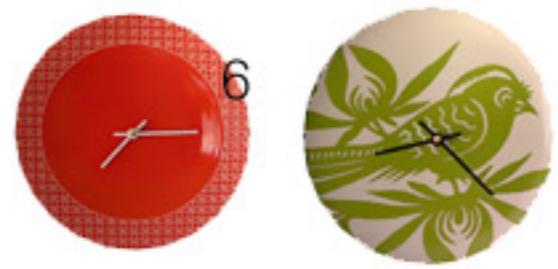


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# Anke and Balla on Assignment:

## THE GIRLS SAVE CHRISTMAS!



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From: macthekat@livingsims.com  
To: Balla@livingsims.com;Anke@livingsims.com  
Subject: Your Assignment

Hi Ladies, I am really sorry to do this to you on Christmas Eve day but I have been given a lead on a story which I need you to follow up on right away. This story could be the story that puts LivingSims on the forefront of all magazines. Sorry I cannot give more information in this e-mail. You need to clear your schedules and be ready to go at a moment's notice. Someone will be contacting you shortly so stay close to your phone.

Your Editor-In-Chief  
Macthekat

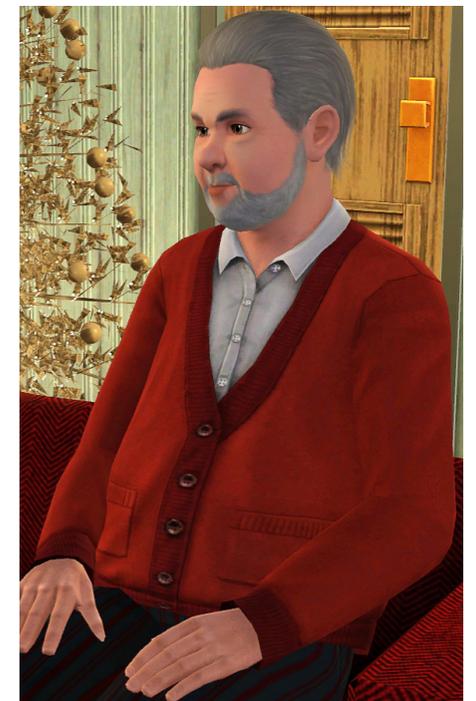
Anke shut down the laptop. Balla was going to go completely wackadoodle. Looking around the living room at all the boxes of Christmas decorations waiting to be put up, Anke sighed, realizing this was going to be a very, very bad day. Seeing Balla coming out of the bedroom wearing her little reindeer ears and singing Jingle Bells pretty much cemented it.

"What's up? You look like hell," Balla said. "First you need to step away from those Christmas ornaments," Anke said, pointing to the box of delicate glass ornaments by Balla's feet. Balla sat down on the couch. "So...why do you look like someone just ate all your favorite cookies?" she asked.

"We just got an e-mail from Mac," Anke stut-tered. "Seems there is a really important story that just can't wait.

We are supposed to stay by the phone." Anke watched Balla's face cycle through various shades of red and braced herself. Just then the phone rang. "What?" Balla snapped as she answered the phone. The call lasted less than 30 seconds. "Come on, apparently we have to go to the library," Balla snapped, tossing Anke her jacket. "Who was on the phone," Anke asked, "and why are we going to the library?" Balla gave Anke 'the' look and Anke shut up. "Apparently we need to go all Nancy Drew and solve some friggin' mystery," Balla finally answered. "Some creepy dude calling himself Deep Snow says we need to find a book called 'Everything Is Not As It Seems,' by Clause Atnas, and follow the instructions on page 77."

At the library Anke and Balla quickly found the book and opened it to page 77. The message was simple.



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They were to follow the directions on the map and once there, everything would make sense. After driving up and down every side street in Twinbrook, they finally found themselves in the worst part of town, in front of an old abandoned factory. "Well this looks promising," Anke said, opening the trunk. "What are you looking for?" Balla asked as she grabbed the flashlight from the console. "Looking for a suitable weapon," Anke answered. "I am not going in there unarmed."

"You don't need a weapon. I am so over-the-top pissed that I pity anyone that messes with us right now. Bring it on bad boys! I dare you!" Balla yelled as she opened the rusty factory doors. With only the flashlight illuminating the dank corridors, they finally found themselves at a door. "I think we have arrived," Anke said, laughing nervously. "After you," she added.

Slowly they pushed the door open and feeling confident there was no one lurking, ready to pounce on them they stepped inside. "Holy Christmas explosion!" Anke gasped. Every inch of space in the large square room, from top to bottom, was filled with toys and wrapped presents. "Oh my," Balla said as she gravitated towards a shelf filled with stuffed animals and dolls. The room, decorated in the traditional Christmas colors of red and green, smelt vaguely of chocolate and mint. As they looked around in awe, somewhere nearby they heard what sounded like crying.



"This way," Anke said, grabbing Balla's hand and heading towards the sound. Knocking softly on the door, they barely heard the voice beckoning them to enter. From Christmas explosion to Christmas depression, the room they found themselves in looked like a page out of "Depressing Decor". Seated on the couch was a chubby, white haired gentleman whose face lit up when he saw them. "You're here!" he said. "We don't have much time. I was sure I would have to cancel Christmas this year. "I knew it!" Anke squealed, "I knew you were real!" Balla looked at Anke like she was a few ornaments short of a tree. "The elves have all been hospitalized," the gentleman continued, handing Anke a note. "Someone sent them cookies laced with some kind of poison."

*Note:*

*To the darling elves of Christmas:*

*You work so very hard; I wanted to share these magical cookies with you. They will give you much energy on this very busy day.*

*Sincerely,*

*Timothy Samuel Radcliffe*

"Mr. Radcliffe is the owner of Radcliffe Manufacturing. They make toys. He always felt I was cutting in on his profits. The elves should have known better but they have a weakness for cookies and just can't say no. I'm Santa Claus, by the way, it's a pleasure to meet you both; now let's get to work! Everything is almost done. There are only a few more toys that need to be made and some wrapping and then I'm good to go. Anke, you and I will finish making the toys and Balla you get to wrapping."

Too stunned to do anything but do as they were told, they worked through the day and into the night. They managed to finish everything just under the magic hour, loaded up the sleigh and then Santa was off.

"I need a hot bath and a drink or six," Balla said, "Let's go."

"There's one more thing we need to do," Anke said. "I saw a bottle of something in Santa's apartment. You can have your drink there." Balla recognized that determined look in Anke's eyes and knew it was pointless arguing. And while Balla sat sipping away, Anke performed her magic with patterns and colors and transformed Santa's depressing little hovel into a space worthy of the man who calls himself Santa Claus.

As they were leaving, there was a tinkling sound which made both of them turn. There, sitting on the table was an envelope. "Okay... well that is just weird," Anke said. "That was not there a second ago." Opening the envelope the girls read the card.



Ladies,

Thank you so much for your help. Here are two first class, all expense paid vacation tickets for one week of total spoiling. You will be met by Carlos who has been instructed to fulfill your every wish. Just one thing. You must not speak of what transpired today to anyone. Your secrecy is of the utmost importance for the sake of all things Christmas.

Love, Santa

"Do you think he's single?" Balla asked. "How should I know if Carlos is single," Anke answered. "Not Carlos, silly, Santa!"

"Okay...this day was strange enough but hitting on Santa is just so very wrong and you have had way too much to drink," Anke said, taking the bottle from Balla. "You know, Mac is going to be really, really angry when we tell her we can't write this story," Balla said. "That's why we are not going to tell her until we are far, far away," Anke said, a mischievous twinkle in her eye.



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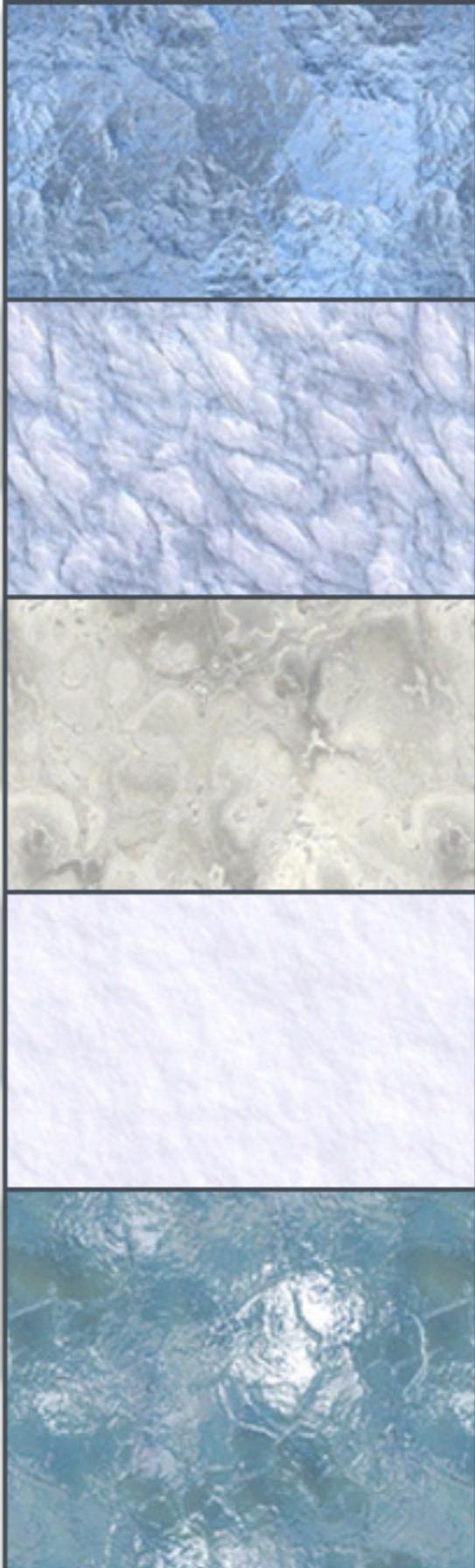
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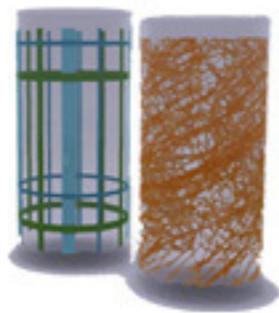


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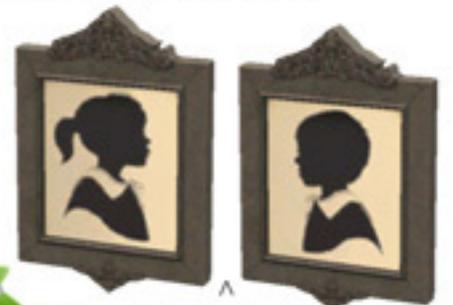
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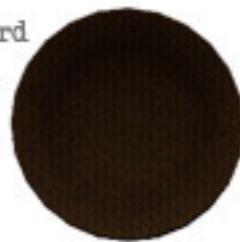
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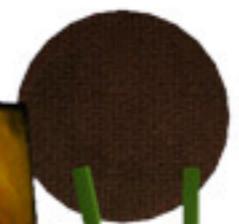


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# A Very *Bella* Christmas?

Article by Velvet

**When you want to know the dirt, the hype, or savor the juice of the rich and famous, who do you call? Herb Shocks!**



Herb Shocks is our guest columnist in this issue's "Ask Bella" segment. Herb is the quintessential celebrity hunter and the daytime gossip king of television's Duck and Tell. Herb is famous for bringing his television audience the best salacious tidbits and gossip about the glamorous and not so glamorous Sunset Valley artists

and entertainers. His ability to relay the current news in his own chichi way has garnered rave reviews in the entertainment industry, and he's agreed to share his best kept tidbits with you. Here's Herb!

Hello all! First let me say that I love Living-Sims magazine. MactheKat is an absolute goddess, and I'm jazzed to have finally become acquainted with her and her staff. Now, on to the juice, honeys!

If you don't know Bella Goth, then you don't know anything! Don't worry, Herb is able and willing to get you up to speed. Bella Goth Collier Morgan has been dubbed the interior design diva of Sunset Valley, and that's just for starters. The first thing you have to know about Miss Thang is that she is the embodiment of a lady. Look up class and sophistication; and, honey, her picture, autograph, and diamond encrusted

initials will be staring right back at you. There's nothing she doesn't know about interior design, and everyone who is anyone knows that their home ain't complete without her say so. Just ask her exes! Mortimer Goth, her first husband, just recently remarried (for the fifth time); and, don't you know honeys, it wasn't nothing for him to engage Bella's services – she renovated and designed his \$500,000 simoleon mansion from top to bottom. I'll save what his new wife had to say about it for a later dish. To sum up the summation, Bella is en vogue.

My crew and I have covered many of Bella's parties over the years.



She throws the most lavish affairs at her resort home in Sunset Valley canyons, but she saves the more intimate parties for her condo on the beach. These affairs are, as you'd expect, small and exclusive. She invites her closest friends and associates, but none of them have been forthcoming about the dinner parties until now.

I knew that she was scheduled to have at least two pre-Christmas parties last week, so I had a friend "scope out" some prime spots in order to get the best pictures. Honeys, you'll be surprised at the gems a good telephoto lens can produce.

My heart went pitter-pat when I saw the store of pictures my photographer brought back. I was told by an unnamed source that the particular party she's planning for in these snapshots consists of her current romantic partner Don Lothario, her best friends Dina Caliente and Gabrielle and Charles LeBau (friends she featured in her last column piece), and her daughter Cassandra, someone we rarely see. I don't think they'll find any fault with Bella's preparations. Bella's condo is posh living at its best!

I don't like fussy Christmas decorations with lots of green and red tinsel; and, big surprise, Bella doesn't either. Now, I'm no interior design expert, but I know style when I see it. Black and white provides a stunning and dynamic backdrop for the crimson red dining suite. Contemporary ornaments make for a festive space with refined class; these little touches are so much of what makes Bella's flair unique and favored around the world. She is ornate without being ostentatious and classy without being pompous.

A slim but tall Christmas tree hugs a corner of the room, but it seems Bella chose to make an arrangement of her gifts instead of following the tradition of placing them under the tree. Modern paintings overlook each section of the greater space and work beautifully to accent the room's color scheme.

I just don't see anything to criticize, honeys, and that's a plus for any star to hang their hats on. Herb is a genuine lover of Bella. I hope that she approves my appraisals but if she doesn't well, them's the lemons. Y'all have a happy Christmas, and don't forget to read my regular column @ Simweekly.com or peek in every week on *Duck and Tell*. I'm out!





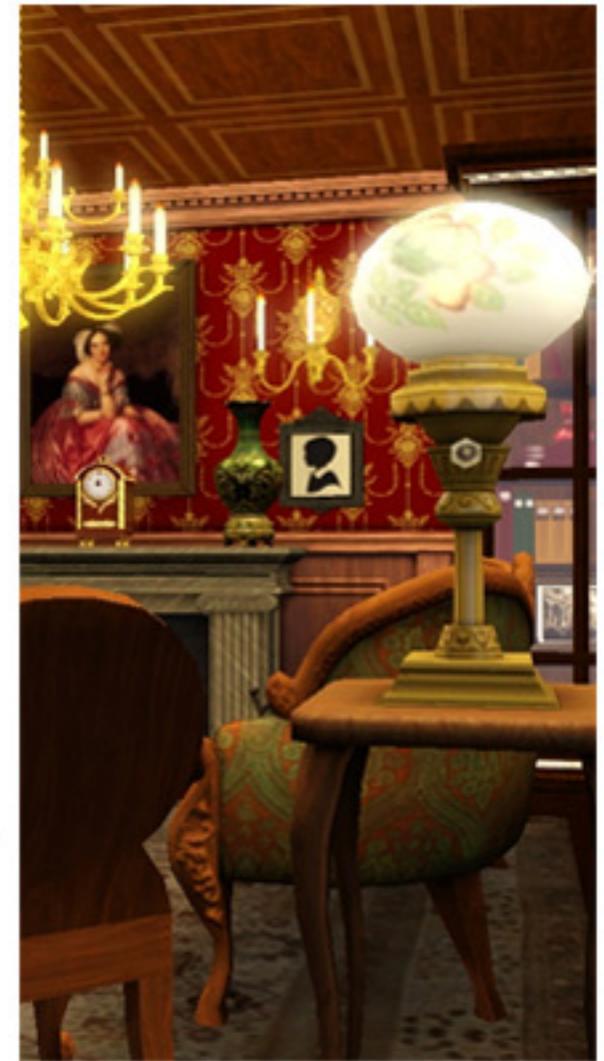
THE HOUSE CHRONICLES:  
IF WALLS  
COULD  
SPEAK

BY SEBAUSTEN



I am called Scarlets, and I was born in 1893. Isn't it quaint to start in this David Copperfield way? To tell the truth, I did not know from whence to start, for I am not used to speaking. Oh yes, I quite forgot to tell you that I am but a brick house built on a sunny slope in Barnacle Bay. They say that on the night before Christmas inanimate objects are brought to life, and tonight I guess it is my turn. You will therefore forgive me for taking those brief hours that are given to me to tell you some of my fondest memories.

As I said, I was born in 1893, built by orders of Edward Worthington, Esq. Have I not got a dainty look with my turret, my bay windows, and my intricate brickwork? And inside, too! Have a look at this parlour. The Red Drawing Room it was called, Harriet Worthington's favourite room. I remember every evening when she and Edward used to take tea there; she used to come down in this cream-coloured gown that enhanced her auburn hair. The room was brightly lit from the many candles and oil lamps, the warm light reflected on the polished mahogany furniture. Harriet and Edward used to sit on the plush sofas and chairs upholstered with rich damask and chat in the most elegant manner. When she had finished drinking her Ceylon Darjeeling from her Spode cup, Harriet would go and sit at the piano and play a momento musicale by Schubert while the last sunbeams darted through the velvet drapes.



Many years passed away. The fashion was no longer for large homes busily kept by an array of servants. By the year 1955 I had been divided into apartments. What had been the Red Drawing Room was now the Carlson's main parlour, or living room as they started calling it. Veronica Carlson née Worthington was quite proud of her modern room - her Danish sofa and chairs and her sideboard. She spent many hours every day cleaning the room or writing letters at the secretary desk while listening to The Chordettes or the Four Lads on the wireless as baby Eric was sleeping in the next room. One evening Warren, her husband, came back from the office with a surprise: a rose and a big rosewood box called a television. Veronica was delighted. Her eyes started twinkling, and her cheek took a lovely rosy hue. That evening the whole family sat down watching The Jack Benny Show, drinking champagne in celebration of modernity.





2009... I guess I am the sort of house to which only women are faithful. Living in me then was Sarah Carlson, Veronica Carlson's daughter. She was a nice piquant brunette. I really liked her, but I was not so partial to her fiancé Matt. This gentleman undertook remodeling me! I can only tell you that when he stripped one of my inside walls from its paneling and exposed my bare bricks, I felt quite naked! At least he kept my Victorian fireplace. He even kept the piano - I am sure Sarah made him. Do not take me wrongly; I am not one of these old grumpy houses for whom only the days of yore are good! I must admit I quite liked having these two lovebirds. I remember Sarah sitting at her desk and typing on her computer while Matt was watching TV. She would join him after, and they would sip a glass of wine and chat and giggle before having dinner.

These were the good old days... Now, on the verge of the year 2011, I am not in such happy dispositions. I have been deserted, and paint is peeling from my walls. I am occupied by the strangest and most inhospitable sort of human beings. My roof lets water through. Soon enough I will be nothing. I am to be pulled down shortly to make way for a shopping centre.

My time is shortening rapidly... I know now why I have been given the chance to speak tonight. I had to share what I was, what I have been, before disappearing. I can now crumble and collapse. I know I haven't been built in vain for I have housed many joyous occasions; and more importantly, I have been blessed enough to share them with you.



# THE SOS ON PATTERNS

Article by Ballarose | Photos by Ankuuh

You have just moved into your first home and you are faced with a decorating diva's worst nightmare. As you stand in the middle of the room surrounded by icky pale walls you fall into a heap, sobbing your little heart out. To add more misery to your pain: your furniture, which you bought from a dental office that was closing down, has about as much personality as a hospital waiting room. Fear not my little diva; we're here to help you pick yourself up, dust yourself off and jump into the wonderful world of patterns.

The first step is to stop thinking of your walls and furniture as “icky” but rather blank canvases awaiting your decorating magic. With a minimal budget and a whole lot of imagination you can create a home that expresses your personality to a tee. By simply adding splashes of color with wallpaper, patterned cushions and accessories, you can quickly transform a room into a vital home full of energy and ambience. Your first step is to pick your colors; they are something that will repeat throughout so make sure they’re colors you can live with. Have one color that is common in the patterns; this will give your space a sense of continuity. You can find the colors to use by simply taking a look around your home. It could be in a piece of art, in a favorite piece of pottery or even in the pattern of a rug. Your next step is your walls. When it comes to wallpapering less is more. Choose either one wall, or facing walls; this will be the focal point of the room. Select your wallpaper pattern according to the size of your room. Larger rooms can handle big bold patterns while with smaller spaces you need to make sure the patterns aren’t too big or too busy.

As Ankuuh, one of my favorite decorators says, there is a way of mixing patterns and colors “without making it look like a rainbow puked all over the room.” A safe bet is to pick three or four colors and work with them throughout. Forget what decorating magazines in the past told you. Nowadays there are no rules and no such thing

Forget what decorating magazines in the past told you. Nowadays there are no rules and no such thing as certain colors not going with other certain colors. Pretty much anything goes so if you want a room with orange, red and purple in it go for it; just don’t over do it.

Having a good balance of patterns and solids is key to making your space work. For example, a patterned couch with patterned throw pillows is just overkill and creates a sense of chaos. However, a solid couch, no matter how boring the color, can be brought to life by an array of throw cushions in a variety of patterns and colors.

So to sum things up, remember these key points and you are well on the way to playing effectively with patterns and colors: use patterns to create a focal point in your room; have one color that is repeated in each of your patterns to help create continuity; don’t over do it by using too many colors. Most important of all - open up your mind, let go of all your misconceptions about decorating and the mixing of patterns and colors and have fun.



# Skis Not Required

## Evergreen Mountain Ski Lodge and Resort

Twenty-five years of marriage deserves more of a reward than leftover turkey and repacking boxes of tinsel.

Article by: Velvet  
Photographs by: Beatdoc



This year the Hamiltons are spending their holidays away from hearth and home in the snow covered mountains of Virginia. Their names are in the reservation book and their suitcases are packed, they're going away for a holiday honeymoon!

Herbert and Maggie Hamilton were gifted with an early Christmas present from their children - an all expenses paid vacation to Evergreen Mountain Ski Lodge and Resort. The couple wasted no time in packing their bags and flew to the mountain retreat on the power of pure joy alone.

On their journey to the resort Mrs Hamilton read the host of brochures and reviews compiled by her children, in the mix was one from LivingSims Magazine. Here's what she read:

The snow-covered peaks of Evergreen Mountain is a feast for the eyes all by themselves but the beautiful façade of the Evergreen Mountain Ski Lodge and

Resort, could rival even their majestic beauty. The drive up to the lodge may be long but one is well rewarded for one's patience with the bedazzling view of the sloping roofs of the lodge appearing through the sheer white curtain of falling snow. Rich, brown wood, harvested from the woody ridges in the surrounding hills and valleys was used to erect the stunning building and offers a pleasing contrast to the sun speckled snow mounds and green trees surrounding it.

When entering the common room expect to be greeted by manager-in-residence and part owner of the lodge, Mr. Laurence Denton. Mr. Denton is a very pleasant fellow and is as warm and inviting as the common room itself. The space is not over large and is in fact much smaller than the exterior would lead you to believe. Heavy lumber supports act as markers for the different areas of the room.



There is a bar and lounge area where you may find a few guests shooting the breeze and enjoying pleasant conversations; two plump leather sofas sit snugly in the center of the room with a stone-faced fire place offering the occupants its warmth. The effect is immediate and complete. You can feel yourself relaxing and settling in with no thoughts of the world outside. But that's only the beginning.

The lodge is known in travelling circles as a mountain oasis for more reasons than the exquisite ski slopes and saunas. The private suites Evergreen offers its clientele are far beyond the ordinary and are so large and so comfortable that many guests never make it to the snowy slopes.

LivingSims was given the extreme privilege of sampling the comforts of one of these suites and were loath to leave.



Large heavy furniture fill the suite with the smell of old wood and lots of history. Floor to ceiling windows offer a view of the mountain, slopes and surrounding ridges that takes one's breath away and leave you very much in awe. The best part of the suite is the skylight. Imagine cold starry nights, ensconced in a warm comforter, the sound of pine-scented fire wood crackling all whilst feasting on the sight above – it makes for quite a picture to be sure. Try topping that off with a nice soak in an old-styled bath, deceptive in its antiquity. Dry off with warm fluffy towels and lounge about in an even warmer terry cloth robe. The stone tiled floors are never cold because of the energy saving heating plates hidden beneath them. Evergreen offers comfort in the wilds without harming the environment that lends it its beauty.

Yes, Evergreen Mountain Ski Lodge and Resort is the place to be during the winter season, any season – every season! So, if you want a little holiday treat, a rejoinder to hot summer days and a delight in the heights of glorious green trees and snow capped mountains, find your way to the lodge that makes the most fickle of our LivingSims staff smile with glee.



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What shall I do for New Year's Eve? Where  
shall I go to have fun and dance the old year  
away? And don't be fooled, your sims have  
the same troubles as you! This year, at  
last, you can help them solve this age old  
dilemma and send them to one of these  
stylish clubs in town designed and created  
by the best of our forum aficionados.

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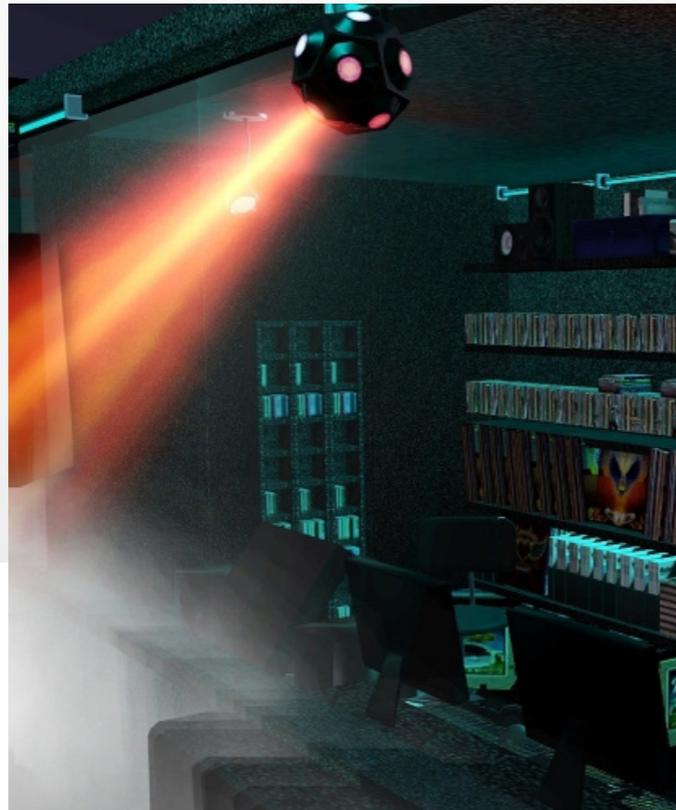


## Pulse

*Kementari*

Black lights, the best mixologists in town, the hippest DJs. Welcome to Pulse, Bridgeport. As soon as you enter the place you know Pulse is not any club: plush carpet, wainscoting, brightly coloured lights on the dance floor. Come and drink cocktails you never tasted before, give your best moves to the music of DJs from the hippest Ibiza clubs and be prepared to meet celebrities!

So if your knees can stand the 8 hour dancing, go spend New Year's Eve at Pulse.



## Club Noir

*Martine*

As soon as you cross the door guarded by onyx statues and your stilettos click on the marble floor, you know that Club Noir is not just any club. Hues of purple and grey as well as Art Deco bas relief and designer furniture from the 1930s give the club a classy feel.

If your sims feel like welcoming 2011 drinking champagne and imbued in the light of contemporary crystal chandeliers and soft jazzy music, Club Noir is just the place for you.

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## Warehouse 42

*Macthekat*

As its name says, Warehouse 42 is a refurbished warehouse, one of the many standing near the river-front in East Riverview. The industrial feel has been kept in this club; a space opened to the roof, bricks on the walls, rusty columns supporting a mezzanine floor with tables and arcade games. The stage, where young musicians will rock you, is dramatically placed in the middle of the main room.

Warehouse 42 is the place to go if you enjoy grungy yet classy.

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## Zen Lounge

*Erica*

If you are more for an exotic gateway but you do not want to concede on style, the Zen Lounge is just the place for you. Golden walls, Asian inspired modern décor all softened by dim light is what this club has to offer. Your sims will love chatting in the exclusive lounging areas, or dancing in front of the ancient Buddha statue.

So if your sims want to welcome the new year in with good karma, in a modern stylish place with zen décor, have them visit Zen Lounge at The Brightmore in Bridgeport.





## The Musical Gardens

*MactheKat*

Let us not forget those who live in areas where New Year's Eve is in the summer. When it is warm outside, why not celebrate the passing year outdoors? The Musical Gardens are for you.

Your sims will enjoy listening to the band playing in the charming gazebo and sipping cocktails at the bar while the children have fun in the playground area.

So, for an unforgettable family New Year's Eve, have your sims visit the Musical Gardens.



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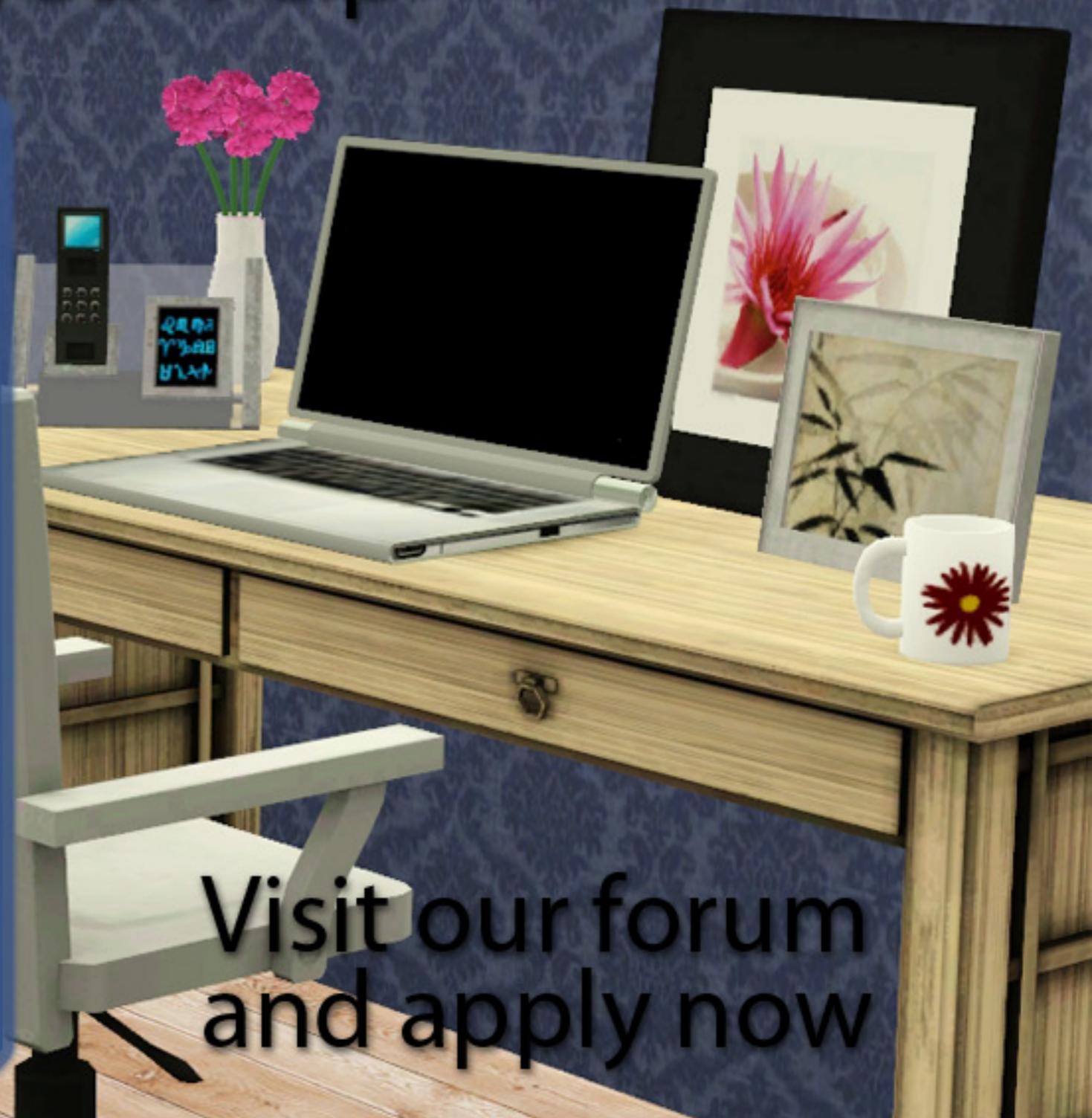
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