

Window, Window, On the Wall

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And the interior design? Most of the designers went for tasteful opulence, with luxurious fabrics and exotic woods standing in for last century's patterning and gilding. Local stars [Martha Angus](#) and [Charles De Lisle](#) evoked a more contemporary sense of fun. And then there was the dining room by [Martin Richards](#).



Dining with a contemporary duke and duchess, by Martin Richards

With two enormous photographs (of a yoga teacher and her rocker husband, a takeoff on ducal Renaissance portraits), framed by lamps held by hand sculptures, the room was a like a modern version of Cocteau's [La Belle et La Bête](#). Wouldn't it be fun to hold a dinner party in a space like that? The Icons of Design showcase is open to the public on weekends through November 22.