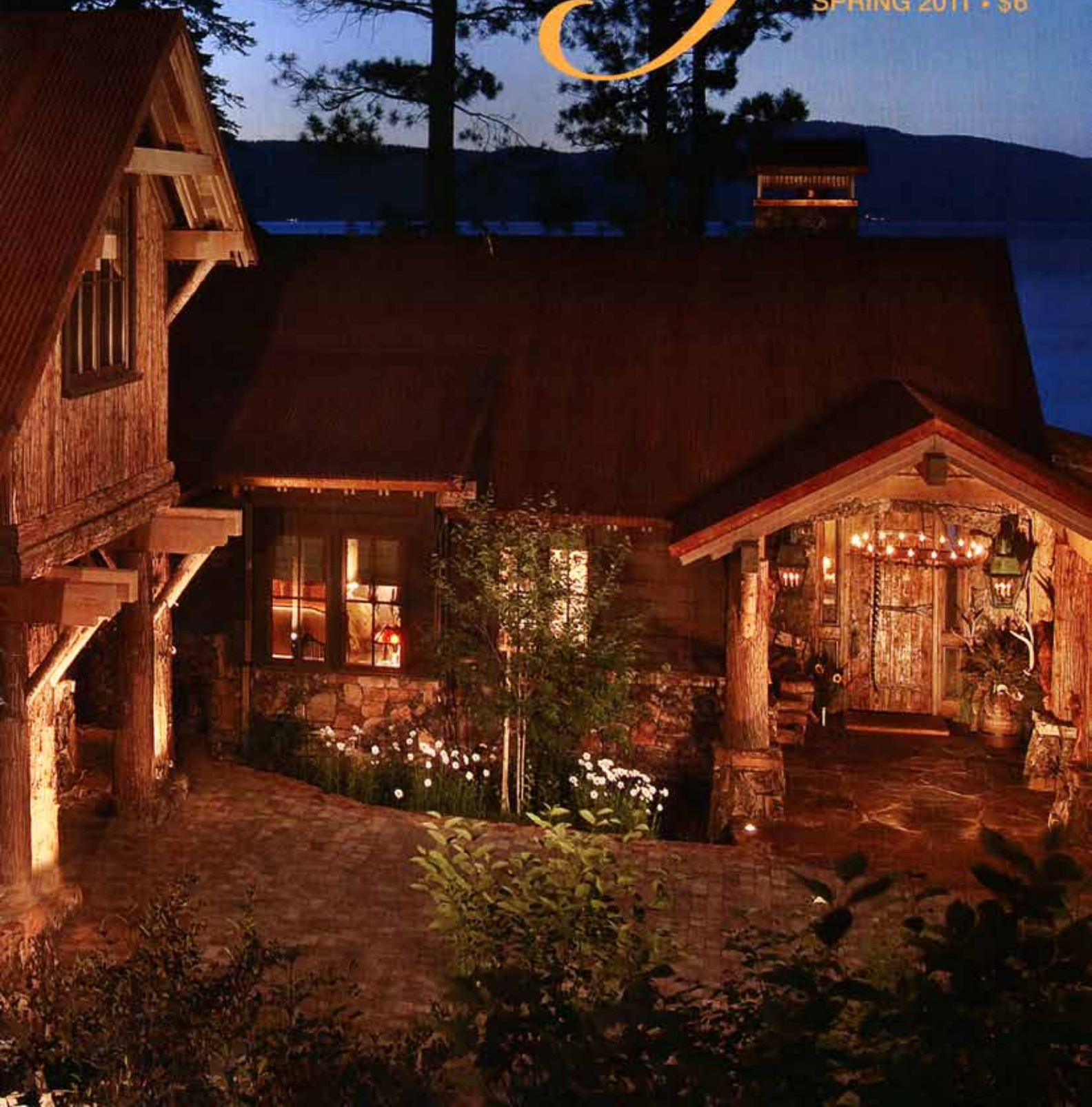


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Understated Elegance

Kendall Wilkinson layers textures and fabrics, creating a sumptuous living room in Pacific Heights.

Crisp, rich, contemporary—these are the calling cards of Kendall Wilkinson's design projects. The San Francisco designer is hailed for bold color choices and her uncanny ability to make traditional interiors fresh and current. When we asked Kendall about some of her favorite projects, she turned to this stunning Pacific Heights living room recently completed for a growing family.

The space is sophisticated without being stuffy. Wilkinson employed a color scheme of soothing blue and warm caramel throughout, and mixed antiques with custom upholstered pieces and

sculptural elements like a Saarinen brass floor lamp and a grouping of four glass coffee tables with gilt frames.

"I want seating arrangements to be comfortable—to encourage conversation," stresses Wilkinson. To that end, she made the beautiful refurbished hearth with intricate molding the focal point of the room and added a pair of tabourets covered in a Fortuny pattern to rest before the fire. "They are a fun accent," notes Wilkinson, "but also serve as pretty comfy seating in a pinch."

The room is finished with silk draperies and privacy shades that cast a diffused glow over the space. ■