



## **Move Over Bedroom, Trailblazing Designers Tout Laundry Room as Sexiest Spot in the House**

*Designers tire laundry room, lash out at washing machine norms and incorporate kinky Japanese themed massage room into otherwise utilitarian space.*

San Francisco, CA (PRWEB) May 18, 2006 -- San Francisco interior architecture designers Megan Luchini, Kiko MacHarg and Rodrigo Toquetao have discovered that the best place to take one's clothes off is right next to the washing machine. Inspired by the Japanese art of origami, their "creative retreat" concept combines the traditional laundry room with a massage area, tea bar, craft center and creative workspace. The designers are showcasing their new concept at this year's San Francisco Decorator Showcase.

According to the designers' design statement they have created a "room to explore the mind and seek refuge from the stress of daily life. The space 'unfolds' to create a multi-faceted workspace while the laundry-made-massage room and tea bar allow for relaxing treatments in the home. The creative retreat is the designer's response to the life's many needs: a place to stimulate the mind and to refresh the body."

This new take on an oft-overlooked space can be viewed during this year's San Francisco Decorator Showcase. This year's showcase is in a stunning Presidio Heights mansion located at 3701 Washington Street at Spruce. The house was built in 1902, for a civil and mining engineer named John E. Mason. The architects were Samuel Newsom and his son, Sidney.

The house was open to the public April 29 – May 29, six days and one evening each week. The showcase was closed on Mondays (except for Memorial Day). An audio tour was included in the price of admission. Tickets were available at the door for \$30; \$25 for seniors.

**For more information visit [www.sanfranciscoshowcase2006.com](http://www.sanfranciscoshowcase2006.com)**

San Francisco Decorator Showcase is an annual benefit for San Francisco University High School's financial aid program. Since the first Showcase in 1977, more than \$8.5 million has been raised, benefiting hundreds of students.

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