

Down-to-Earth Display at LI Mansion is Sign of the Times

-- Architect's Eye brings Unique Vision to Interior Design Holiday Showcase --

Glen Cove, NY, November 26, 2008 -- Amidst the lavish sea of crystals and glitter, feathers and flora at the **Mill Neck Manor** stands the ultra simple and to-the-point display created by Glen Cove-based firm, **architect's LOFT**. **Holiday Mansion '08**, a showcase for designers to benefit the Mill Neck Manor School for the Deaf, features 'Seats & Settings' celebrating well-known personalities. The theme has inspired a mansion-full of extravagant exhibits that capture the eye candy-essence of the likes of Marilyn Monroe, Salvador Dali, Elizabeth Taylor, Frosty the Snowman – even Santa himself. But standing out in a unique and entirely humble way is the architecture firm's expression of **Abraham Lincoln**, "Elegance, Honesty and Equality in a Simpler Time."

The strikingly austere, plywood table and chairs, designed and hand-crafted by **Paul Pellicani**, **architect's LOFT** principal, with his associates **Drew Catron** and **Jason Cadet**, is an architectural study in black & white and perfect balance. Tall, straight-back chairs with circular seats abstract Lincoln's top hat, and the table surface is split in two, a black and white side. A grey tone centered in the piece alludes to the grey area that always exists between black and white. As furniture, the style and feel is modern, clean and simple, the ergonomics precise bringing comfort and ease to the set.

The concise tabletop display, designed and created by **Caroline Wilkes Interiors**, is an exercise in holding back rather than piling on, and speaks to the basic shapes and proportions of the table and chairs. Wilkes infused organic elements to soften the design and added very cautious amounts of holiday sparkle by way of shiny copper pennies and bits of mirror, all of which have symbolic meaning. The overall result is a study in simplicity, balance and integration that feels calm and grounded.

"Abraham Lincoln, his values as a US president and as a human being, seem very relevant and draw parallels to many different things happening in our present day time," explains Pellicani. "And, creating an efficient, cost-conscious design that is still very useful and effective also felt appropriate and in line with our time and our theme."

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Holiday Mansion '08 will be open to the public through December 14. For more information, call (516) 628-4333.

Attachments: image - Abraham Lincoln Table at Mill Neck Mansion

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