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and curtains add softness.

The master bedroom continues the lavender, green and white motif in its curtains, dust ruffle and pillow shams, accented by a thick white down comforter.

The master bath has been especially designed for use by the newlywed couple, said Nilsson. It has a Jacuzzi tub with room for two and features a large shower stall with shower heads at either end so the two can share. The bathroom also has his and hers walk-in closets and a television positioned so it can be watched while relaxing in the tub.

Grierson has designed the home with numerous built-in

The master bedroom, above, echoes the lavender, green and white theme found throughout the home. The master bath, right, offers a Jacuzzi tub drenched in light, plus his and her walk-in closets and a television.

shelves and cabinets for storage and display of decorative pottery, baskets and other collected keepsakes.

A second downstairs bedroom features lilac walls trimmed in white and an antique sleigh bed and dresser. A sky blue and white striped wallpaper adorns the walls of the convenient first floor laundry room just down the hall from the kitchen.

Completing the downstairs tour, another half bath in the entrance foyer is papered in a deep purple and green. Nilsson completed the bath with purple painted sconces on either side of an oval gilt mirror.

Two bedrooms and a large unfinished bonus room comprise the second floor. The bedrooms are linked by a gallery/balcony that overlooks the great room and foyer below.

Although a resident of Western North Carolina for only four years, Grierson is making



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his mark designing spacious homes customized to the owners' needs. He and Nilsson have collaborated on several projects in the past year and the two greatly enjoy working together. "Susan adds a woman's touch to the homes I design," said Grierson. "She is good at making things comfortable."

Nilsson and Grierson both said they enjoy working with couples and families to help make their dreams of a home that is both comfortable and a showplace a reality. They have done just that on this, their latest project.





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The home's stone exterior is evergreen and white trim, featuring a wide, covered porch that runs the length of the front. The kitchen, top, is the hub of the spacious interior, complete with a cooking island, breakfast nook and stone fireplace in the adjacent morning room.



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Architectural Masterpiece

Elegant mountain lodge brings the outdoors in

By Dana L. Jarrett

Green- and ecru-striped couches in the living room form a comfortable seating arrangement. A convenient pass-through from the kitchen may be closed for privacy with recessed pocket panels.

BILTMORE FOREST, N.C. – The town of Biltmore Forest has long been known for its spacious, elegant homes nestled on expansive wooded lots off shady and scenic thoroughfares. One of the town's newest residences is no exception. The 4,400-square-foot home is a masterpiece of architectural and interior design and is one of the town's most beautiful homes.

Designed by Arden architect Jan Grierson, the home's overall result is that of a comfortable mountain lodge. The owners wanted a house that would allow the beauty of the outdoors to come inside. Pale pickled wood trim and floors combined with gray stone fireplaces bring touches of the forest into the home's spacious and airy rooms.

Grierson and interior designer Susan Nilsson met with the home's owners throughout the design and construction processes to ensure they were interpreting the couple's needs and wishes to make their dream house a reality.

The home's exterior is stone with evergreen and white trim. A wide, covered porch runs the length of the front, and can be accessed from all of the downstairs front rooms. In lieu of view-obscuring handrails, Grierson framed the porch with low green benches nestled within the rock work.

Nilsson's collaboration with the owners resulted in a house-wide theme of purples, lavenders and greens. Not only does the home's interior reflect these shades, she extended the color scheme outside, where bright purple pansies brim from green flower boxes off the porch. The interior walls of the great

room as well as most of the rest of the house are a pale lavender and emit a soothing feeling upon entering the home. The light pickled woodwork frames the walls in a pastel portrait of understated elegance and comfort.

The hub of the interior is the large kitchen, complete with a cooking island, breakfast nook and stone fireplace in the adjacent morning room. A built-in recessed desk is another bonus feature. The owners wanted the kitchen to be the focal point of the home with ample room for entertaining and socializing. Nilsson chose a floral print of purple, green and white for the seat cushions and window valances. The dog bed is also a puffy cushion in the same print.

The pass-through from the kitchen to the living room may be closed for privacy with recessed pocket panels. A screened-in porch furnished with green wicker furniture opens off the kitchen.

The living room also features a stone fireplace with the chimney stretching to the apex of the cathedral ceiling. Green and ecru striped couches form an inviting seating arrangement facing the fireplace. To the left is a cozy dining room with a heavy glass-topped table, and chairs upholstered in a muted turquoise, peach and rose abstract print.

A study/lounge off the master bedroom is designed for reading, writing or just relaxing. A third stone fireplace adds warmth to the room while purple, green and white upholstery

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