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# interior PERSPECTIVES

## Feature Firm:

Patricia Marian Cove, Interior Design, Chestnut Hill

# The Perfect Balance

Patricia Cove, Principal of Patricia Marian Cove, Interior Design in Chestnut Hill combines her talents and personal experience as a teacher, psychologist, historian and interior designer to create design solutions that function within buildings of the eighteenth, nineteenth and twentieth centuries.

Established in 1984, the firm has completed projects in both the commercial and residential realms, in the areas of renovation, restoration, adaptive reuse and historical interiors. The majority of the firm's projects are located within buildings of the nineteenth century and include the executive administration offices of Philadelphia College of Textiles and Science, housed in an 1865 Italianate mansion known as "The White House"; a 30,000 square foot Tudor estate converted into twelve apartments; and the conversion of an 1860 carriage house stable into a dual family dwelling. The firm's current project is the complete renovation/restoration of "Westleigh," an 1865 Classical Revival mansion located in the northwest section of Philadelphia which was acquired recently by a member of the DuPont family.

As an educator, Patricia Cove is creator and coordinator of the certificate program in interior design at Philadelphia College of Textiles and Science. She also lectures to architectural and historically based organizations on the decorative arts and design. As a speaker at this year's ASID National Convention in Orlando, Florida, she presented a CEU course entitled The Preservation/Design Connection, which discussed the relationship between interior design and historically significant spaces. In April of 1993, she appeared on "Good Morning America" as part of a week-long series on home improvement.

As Vice President of the Chestnut Hill



Patricia Cove

Community Association's Physical Division and Chairperson of its Aesthetics Committee, she was part of a team that developed and implemented the Germantown Avenue Urban Design Guidelines, a set of recommendations put forth to maintain the village atmosphere of Chestnut Hill, a National Historic District. Cove now sits on the recently established Design Review Commission which assists in the planning and design of new and renovated development projects in Chestnut Hill.

Patricia Marian Cove, Interior Design continues to maintain the highest of design standards that have distinguished her firm, which was featured in a cover story in the November/December 1992 issue of *The ASID Report*. Ms. Cove believes that constantly striving for a perfect balance between the functionality of the future and the integrity of the past is what creates the most sensitive and successful interior projects.

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## From Our Perspective

### Happy First Anniversary, IP

by Carol Reitter, ASID

1993 was a very successful year for IP. We formed a team of editors for five local and national interior design organizations (ASID PA East & West, IDC, IBD, IDLC/PA) and have reached an audience of over 3,000 industry-related professionals including 1,300 professional and allied members. But, we're not settling yet!

We are very pleased to announce that IP is reaching further west. ASID PA West is now distributing *Interior Perspectives* to their general membership. We are also beginning to hear from readers about a variety of topics. Since the newsletter's inception one year ago we have added "Environmental Minutes," a column describing dilemmas and offering solutions for today's critical environmental issues; "Up & Coming In The Arts," featuring galleries, exhibits, house tours and more; "Consultants Corner," offering information on obtaining consultants to the industry; and "IP Classified." New to this issue is "Product Potpourri," a report comparing similar industry related products.

The staff of IP encourages you to submit articles for the publication's "Feature Firm." Your firm could be front page news for our next issue. It's as simple as contacting Carol Reitter at 649-8722. Copy needs to be submitted at time of deadline with good quality 3"x5" (minimum size) black and white print photos of recent installations (8"x10" preferred). There's no better way to display your firm's recent accomplishments to the industry.

As for '94, we have plans for an even more informative newsletter. As always, we welcome your comments and suggestions. IP is your vehicle for communication in Pennsylvania, South Jersey and the Delaware Valley!