

## THE 1st ANNUAL I-GRACE SCHOLARSHIP

It has been a longstanding belief at I-Grace that it is important to support the design community, with whom we work so closely, through professional organizations and charities. It was in this spirit that I-Grace, in conjunction with the ICA&CA Southern California Chapter, created *The Annual I-Grace Scholarship Supporting Excellence in the Study and Practice of Artisanry and Architecture*. The \$2,500.00 scholarship applies to the *Winterim Professional Intensive Program*, a week-long session that covers core courses from Traditional Architectural Rendering in Wash to Linear Perspective at the ICA&CA national headquarters in New York City.

I-Grace is sponsoring this scholarship because we believe this type of classical instruction will benefit the Southern California design community and understanding the fundamentals of classical architecture will improve an industry professional's overall skill, whether they are classicists or modernists.

This year's scholarship recipient, Jeff DiCicco, is seen here in the foreground visiting the New York Public Library as part of his 2010 Winterim study. Jeff graduated in 1997 from Virginia Commonwealth University and now resides in Santa Monica, California, where he concentrates on capturing the beauty of architecture in the timeless art-form of pen and ink (seen here on the left).



The I-Grace Scholarship is open to all students and emerging professionals residing in Southern California. For those interested in applying for the 2011 Winterim program, please contact Cynthia Cavaliere at [ccavaliere@igrace.com](mailto:ccavaliere@igrace.com).

## INSPIRING TRAVEL

I-Grace is committed to supporting education at every level of the design profession and to that end has become one of the principal sponsors of the Fifth Annual Design Leadership Summit which takes place in Venice, Italy, this year. The Summit will bring together leading Architects and Interior Designers from the United States and Europe to further their knowledge and create a dialogue among industry leaders.

The theme for the 2010 Design Leadership Summit is "Imagine the Future Without Boundaries" and the organizers and sponsors hope that Venice, a city so rich in history, art and culture, will be an inspiration to all. The Summit attendees' schedules include workshops, panel discussions and guided tours. The tours range from landmarks of classical architecture such as St. Mark's Basilica and the Doge's Palace, to the Contemporary Art of the Peggy Guggenheim Collection and Punta della Dogana. In the evening, participants will join together as the dinner guests at the private Palazzos of noted Venetian families.

We look forward to this opportunity to support and share with the leaders who have contributed so much to the world of Design and Architecture.



# GUNMETAL & GLASS

I-Grace recently completed work on a seven-story, 12,000 square foot residence on New York's Upper East Side. The project, designed by Peter Marino Architect (PMA), began in October of 2007.

What had been transformed over the years into a conglomeration of odd shaped apartments, an art gallery and physician's office, was quickly gutted down to four bare walls. Only the main staircase and one decorative plaster ceiling were salvaged from the original design, which was constructed in 1902.

The first major undertaking involved removal of the original roof and building a 2,500 square foot temporary weatherproof structure on top of the building while the steel, decking and concrete of the new elevated roof was installed.

PMA collaborated with Hannington Engineering and chose a state-of-the-art Daikin HVAC system, which made retrofitting a mechanical system into the existing terracotta arch and brick structure significantly easier. The Daikin system requires much less ducting to feed the individual zones throughout the house, which also makes it extremely efficient. The system recycles existing warm and cool air from one section of the house to another, as needed, instead of using more energy to heat and cool the air locally.

Another interesting feature of the home is the 800 gallon hot tub that was installed on the 5th floor. In lieu of a conventional hot tub system, a 1000 gallon hot water storage and delivery system was installed which makes it possible to fill the tub with 104 degree water in less than 22 minutes. This allows the owner to drain and fill the tub with each use.

Other features include a two-story custom gunmetal and glass finished game room with spiral stair case, cerused oak flooring, Japanese Tamo Ash and Macasar Ebony closet interiors.

The Clients have moved into their new home and are very comfortable in their highly customized environment. They are currently contemplating adding a new bar on their second floor stair landing and additional work in their game room.



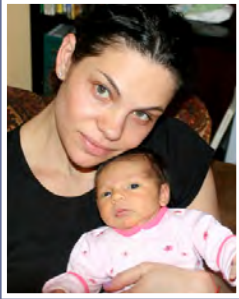
## RECENTLY PUBLISHED

One of I-Grace's projects was recently seen in the December/January 2010 issue of House Beautiful magazine. The article, "Modern/Warmer" (pg. 108) features a Manhattan apartment with some truly unique design elements. Interior Design by David Kleinberg.

# NEW ADDITIONS

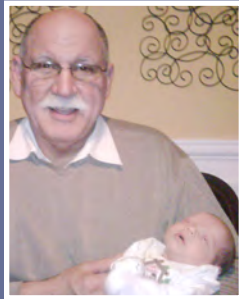
We are also pleased to announce that three I-Grace employees have welcomed new members to their families.

B.J. Lambert, Director of Information Technology, welcomed his son, Vero William Lambert on November 25, 2009.



Diana Aronin Gitlin, Assistant Project Manager, welcomed her new daughter, Riley Grayce Gitlin on January 18, 2010.

George Seliger, Safety Officer, became a proud Grandpa to Carter Von Seliger on January 25, 2010.



Shanaz Mohammed, Service and Maintenance Laborer, became a new father to son, Khairy Avery Mohammed on February 4, 2010.

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## ECO-FRIENDLY RECLAIMED MARBLE SLABS



We have all heard about reclaimed wood floors, but what about reclaimed marble? Well, that is exactly what our latest client requested for the two new bathrooms in her West Village residence. She insisted that no new or recently quarried stone be used, so we went in search of reclaimed stone. At first, it did not seem possible. In fact, most stone contractors backed away from the bidding process once our client's very specific request was put forth. However, a subcontractor in Pennsylvania happened to have several large cut slabs of pink onyx that were installed and then requested to be removed by a previous client. The stone contractor had removed the stone and stored it in their yard thinking that it could be used in the future for mosaics or the like. The contractor honed the setting material off the slabs and re-honed and re-polished the face of the

slabs in order to submit samples to our client for approval. She accepted them immediately for installation in her Guest Bath.

The same is true for the reclaimed Belgium black marble used for the borders in the Guest Bath and the Calacatta Gold Slabs on the floor of the Master Bath. This time the search was a bit farther afield. The stone contractor had to check with all of their stone yards to inquire if any material was available that had previously been installed and removed. The search took about four weeks but eventually enough of the specified marble was procured and then reworked to make it acceptable for reinstallation.

To the Owner's credit and the Designers' vision, the Bathrooms have a warm antique feel to them. The Owner is thrilled and perhaps a new trend of reclaimed marble has been born.

## COMPANY NEWS: NEW HIRES

We have welcomed several new members to our team over the past few months:

- Szymon Kuczynski  
*Junior Estimator*
- Raydenisse Espinal  
*Office Assistant*
- Michelle Bryan  
*Project Accountant*
- Cristian Henriquez  
*Project Manager, Project Development*
- Jonathan Imphong  
*Graphic/Production Coordinator*
- Kara Lentz  
*Office Assistant*