

Grand Prize

Design: Lone Stiegler, IS Architecture
General contractor: Steigerwald Dougherty
Photography by Larry J. Mack

History Lesson

The Grand Prize winner of *San Diego Home/Garden Lifestyles'* 2009 Baths of the Year contest is a traditional design in the master bedroom suite of the first home to be built in what's now the neighborhood of Mission Hills.

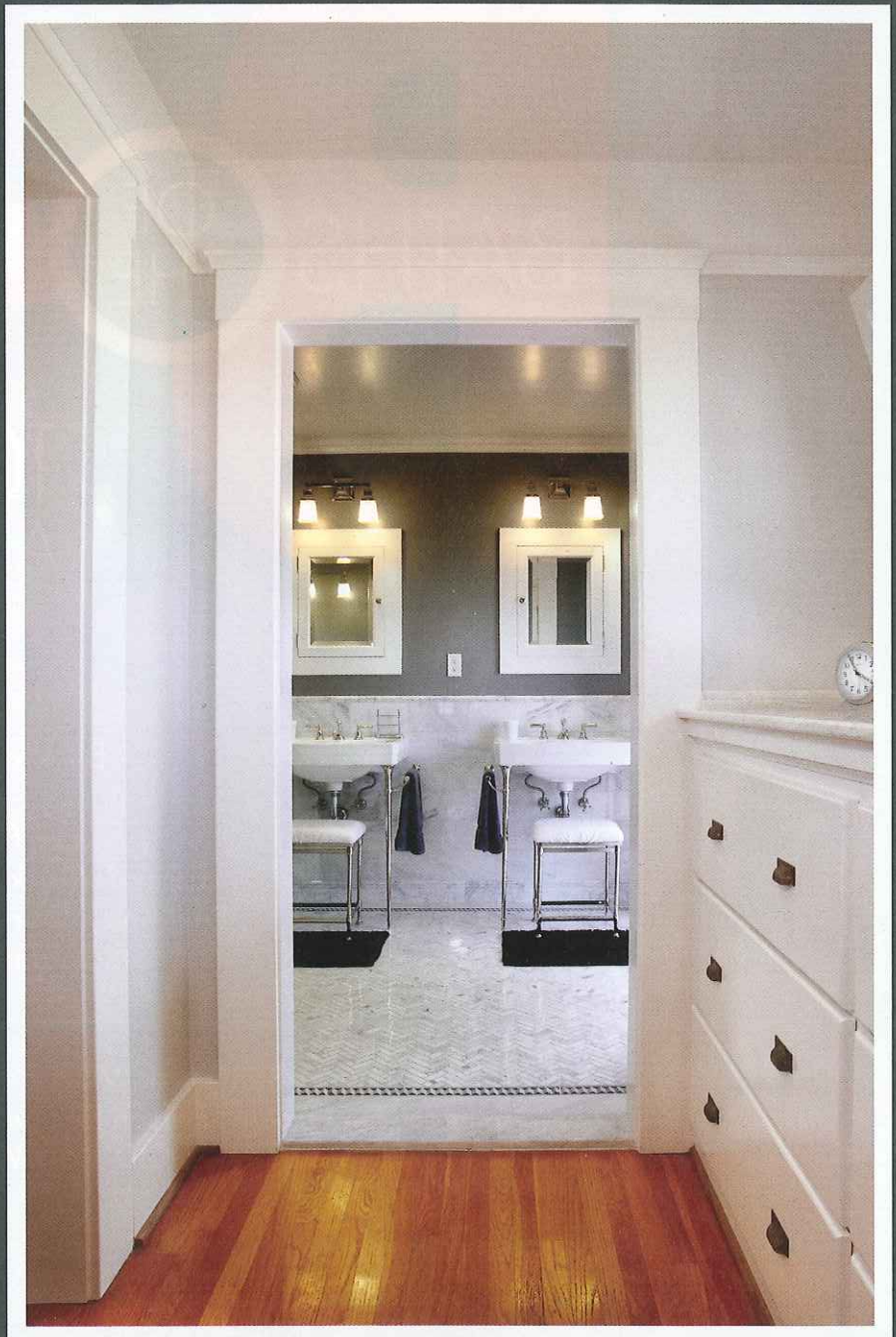
The 1887 *Villa Orizaba* originally was a Victorian design named for the S.S. *Orizaba*, a well-known coastal steamer that was launched in 1854 and retired in 1877.

"Early on," architect Lone Stiegler says, "the house was remodeled into a Craftsman to keep up with the times."

Stiegler says the home's staircase was made with wood salvaged from the *Orizaba*. Records show that the staircase and other features were made from a companionway railing, a saloon sideboard and other wood from the ship.

The original residence was built by the daughter of the *Orizaba's* commander, Capt. Henry J. "Ninety-Fathom" Johnston, who died in 1878.

"The current homeowners, Tom Paluch and Karen Mehalek, wanted to remodel the small master bathroom



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in a design that would complement the present Prairie School style of the home," says Stiegler, who designed the remodeled master bath. "To create a light and open feel, *Carrera* marble was used throughout the room. The flooring is accented with a delicate dark design. The look is enhanced with the classic wash basins, fixtures, framed medicine cabinets and period-appropriate lighting."

"The architect had a high regard and

respect for the history of the home," says Baths of the Year juror Robert Wright, FASID, of Bast/Wright Interiors. "The remodel was a seamless solution."

"It was an excellent solution using a traditional design vocabulary," adds juror Jim Groen, an architect with Jackson Design & Remodeling.

"The material selection and application were great, and the designer used very good judgment in all respects," says Ken Clark of Village Kitchen Design.

