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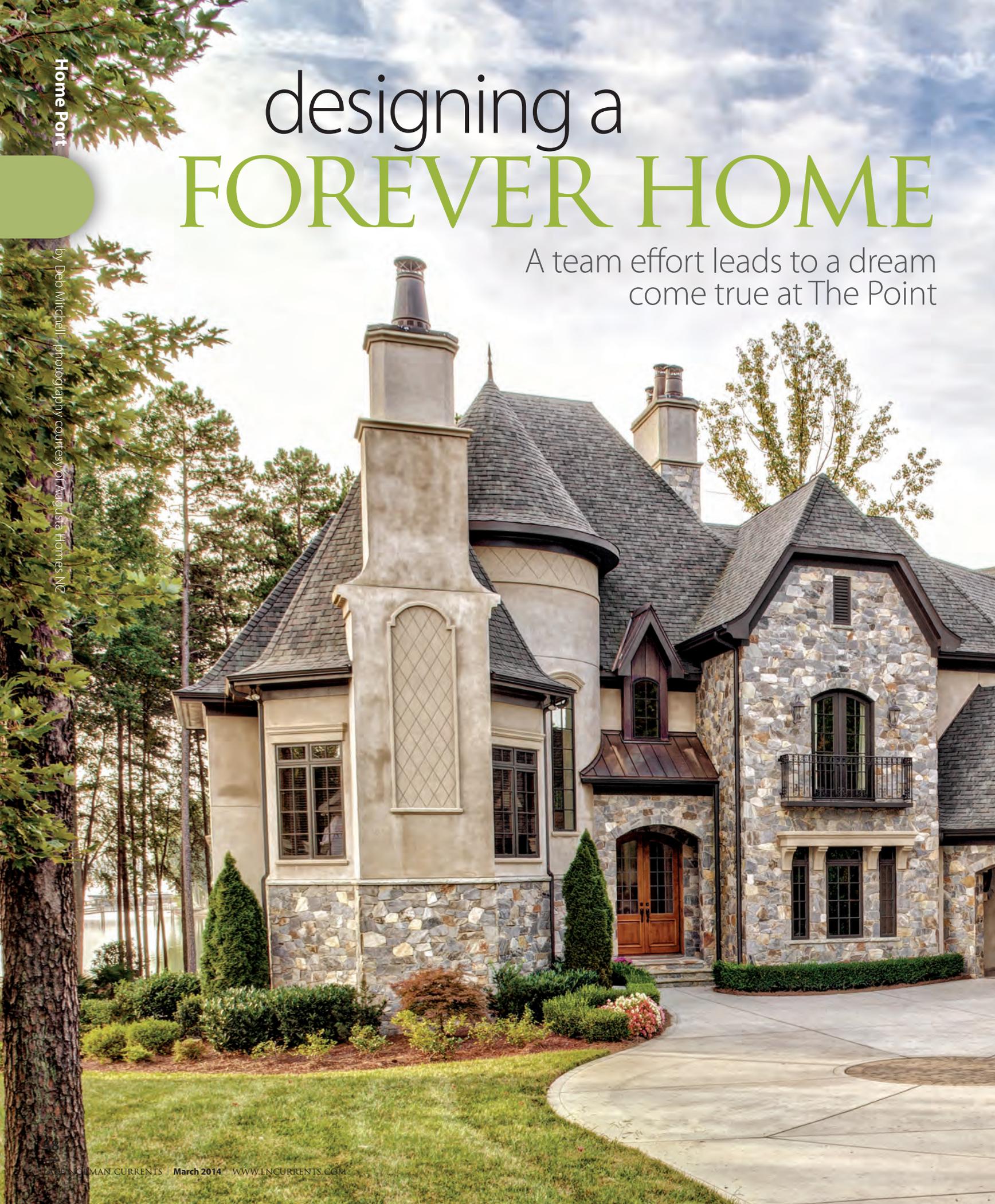
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A team effort leads to a dream  
come true at The Point

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### Collaboration leads to a beautiful creation

In 2007, the homeowners, who requested their names not be printed in this story, turned to luxury home designer Jim Phelps and custom homebuilder Augusta Homes' Ken Wrench and Ron Talbott to collaborate on the design phase. "These clients were really receptive to a collaborative effort with us and the designer," Wrench explains. "That's the kind of client you love to work with in the building business. That's also when you get a really cool home."



Arched doorways add even more warmth to the space.

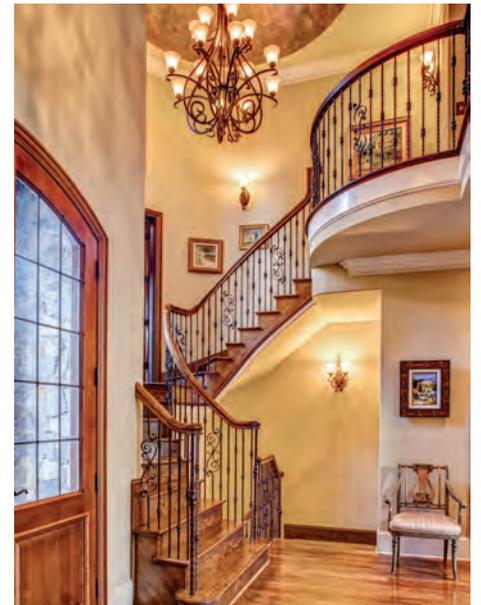
Talbott flew to New Jersey to meet with the clients and see how they lived there, establishing a relationship and informed approach to the project right from the start. “We even want to see what furniture will be coming with them,” says Talbott of Augusta’s personalized approach to custom home building.

Throughout the process, the team worked together to bring the homeowners’ ideas together in a home design they would love, but that also fit the challenging wedge-shaped lot and capitalized on lake views. Once building began, Talbott oversaw Augusta’s team of experienced craftsmen daily to ensure a high quality product from the inside out.

“We’re a ‘guts’ home builder,” he says, “We care more about our flashing being right than what color our front doors are or how our faux finishes look.” All the same, Augusta executed every decorative detail with expert precision, for example, spraying the home’s trim with oil-based paint to achieve a furniture quality finish. Interior designer Melissa Lojek also worked with the homeowners to select window treatments, colors and finishes throughout the home. When construction wrapped in 2009, the end result was a beautiful 8,200-square-foot home with an eclectic, yet decidedly European vibe.



Inside, the homeowners aimed for each room to have its own distinctive personality.



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Elegant details flourish throughout the home.



Interior designer Melissa Lojek worked with the homeowners to select window treatments, colors and finishes throughout the home.

## An ode to old world

Outside, natural stone, stucco and copper accents highlight the home's French country design. In back, multiple covered and uncovered outdoor gathering spaces feature details such as an outdoor fireplace, cedar beams and distressed yellow pine specially finished for high performance wear.

Inside, the homeowners aimed for each room to have its own distinctive personality. The great room's warm, rustic vibe, with its exposed beams and stone fireplace is a nod to one of the homeowner's Vermont roots. Oval dormer windows and a two-story turret ceiling add singular style. In contrast, the more formal dining and living rooms' faux finished walls and delicate details call to mind French elegance.

The kitchen's warm woods and creamy cabinetry make for a casually comfortable look, while custom features such as an armoire-like refrigerator make the space special. Just off the kitchen, the mudroom is actually a favorite of visitors with its blue-hued cabinetry and the open shelving Talbott designed himself to display the homeowners' collection of heirloom pottery.

The traditional wood-paneled home office sits in a somewhat untraditional spot: mid-level, between the first and second floors. The homeowners love the tucked away feeling and, although it isn't large,





The home's design capitalizes on its views of Lake Norman.

they say it's an effective space, thanks to the well-planned layout of the built-ins.

The basement level is just as special as the rest of the home. With features like a summer kitchen that opens onto the covered stone patio outside and a leaded glass window that offers a peek into the wine cellar, it's perfect for gatherings, both large and small.

The homeowners say they couldn't be happier with the results of their collaboration with Phelps, Wrench and Talbott; and as much as they love how beautiful the house looks, they say it's the pleasure they have in the house when family and friends gather there together that truly makes it a home. 🕒



The family enjoys entertaining family and friends in the home's luxurious outdoor spaces.



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