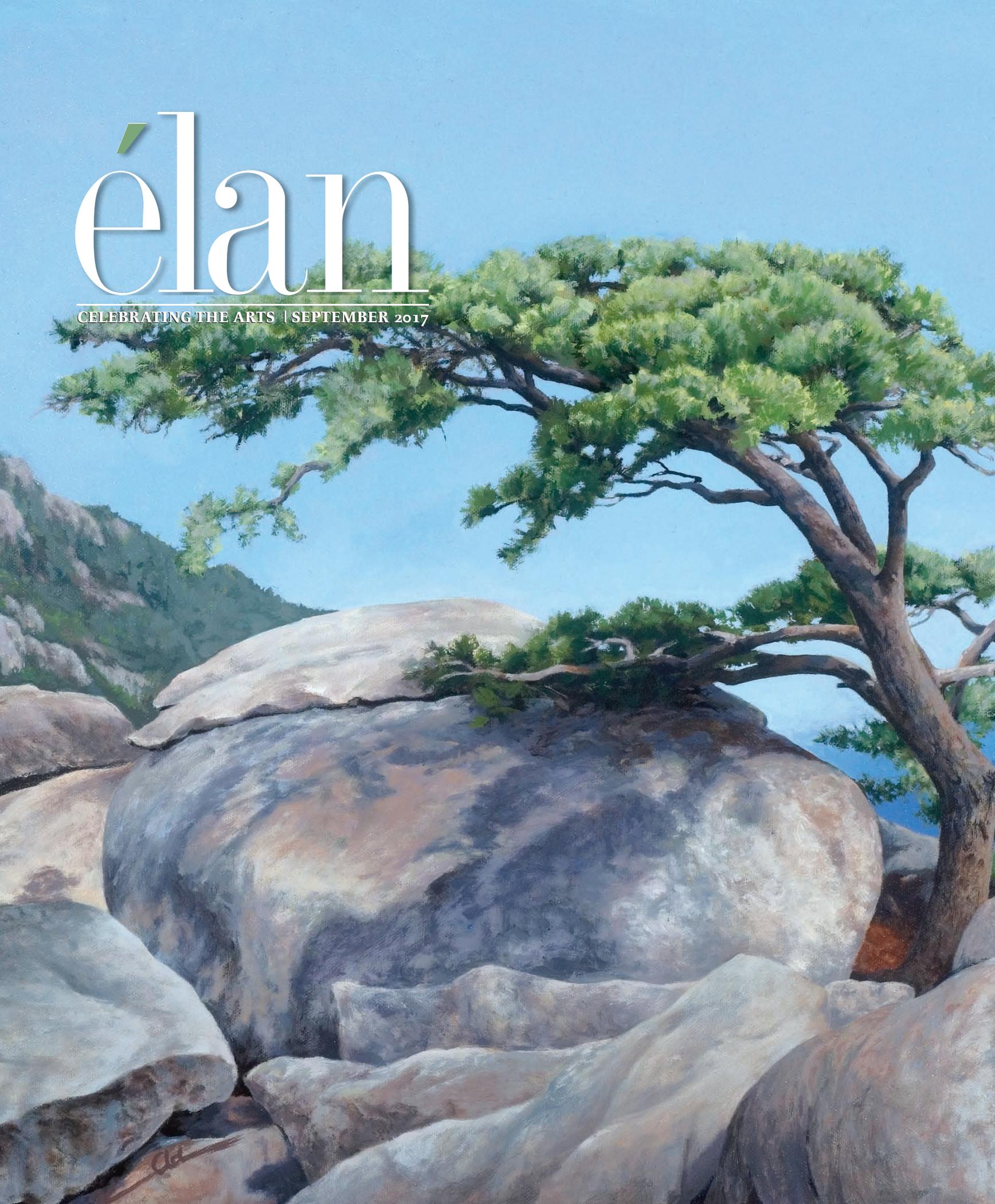
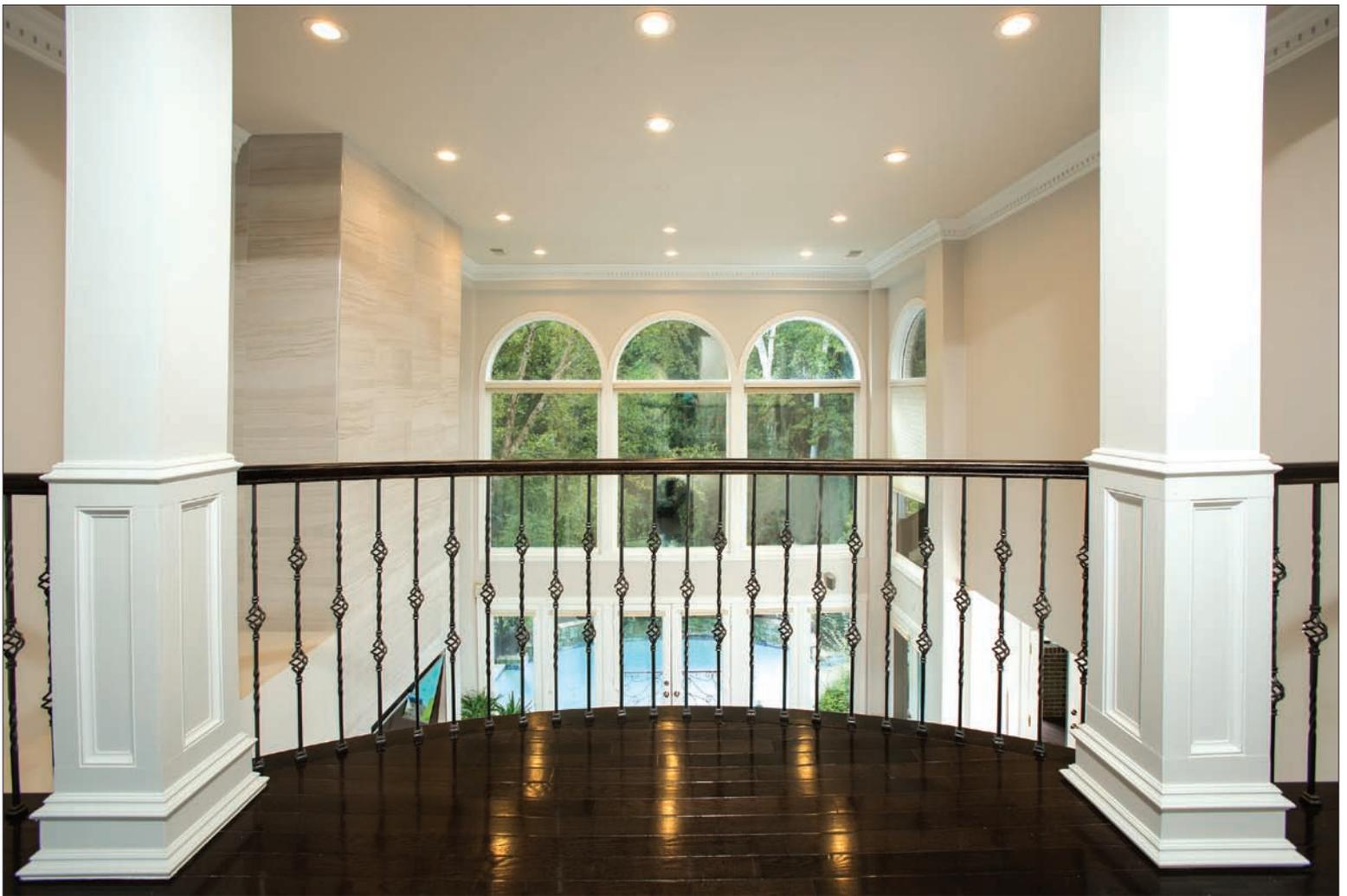


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INTERIOR DESIGN

A Modern Vibe

OF BOLD COLORS AND SOFT FINISHES

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When George and Rima Bitar bought their 1990's-era home on a cul-de-sac in McLean, they were drawn to its spacious lot and swimming pool. The house was, however, well past its prime. The floorplan was a maze; the kitchen needed a better flow, a facelift and new appliances; the master bedroom was tired and uninviting; fluted columns and dark finishes conveyed a dated vibe; and poor lighting throughout made the interiors feel dark and drab.

The Bitars had been looking for a larger, move-in-ready residence, but they loved the neighborhood and

could see the home's potential. After interviewing several contractors, they tapped Michael Nash Design, Build & Homes for a dramatic, whole-house remodel that would address the home's myriad issues while retaining its best features.

"After Rima hired us, she shared with me that many of the other contractors they had interviewed focused mainly on improvements to the kitchen, leaving other areas of the home untouched," says Sonny Nazemian, president of Michael Nash, an award-winning remodeling contractor in Fairfax. "It was clear to me that they wanted to address flaws throughout the home."

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SCOPE OF THE PLAN

Nazemian explained to the couple that his design team would concentrate their efforts to:

- Illuminate the foyer with a glass chandelier and glass-paneled entry door.
- Bring the family room and kitchen together in an open design concept that would allow for stunning backyard views.
- Adorn a grand staircase with wrought iron balusters and dark stained handrails.
- Create a sleek, modern vibe with bold colors and soft finishes.

KITCHEN: FORM AND FUNCTION

Michael Nash's design team moved the cooktop stove to the room's back wall and installed a hood above it. He then reconfigured the island and relocated the sink and refrigerator to enhance the workspace and to improve traffic flow.

To convey a bolder, more modern look in the newly renovated space, Nazemian selected contrasting white and black custom cabinet. He chose quartz countertops and added pendant lights which hang from a tray ceiling. High-end appliances are used throughout.

Page 43: The new design features a balcony that over looks the family room while offering vistas of the home's swimming pool.

This page, clockwise from top right: The dramatic banquet-size dining room; a view of the family room with a wall of glass that brings the outdoors inside; a view of the living room with flows into the family room, complete with Rima's baby grand; and the elegant new black and white foyer.

Opposite: The totally redesigned main living level of the Bitar's McLean Home.





A ROOM WITH A VIEW

The kitchen opens to a two-story family room where floor-to-ceiling windows and glass doors provide stunning views of, and access to, the home's beautiful yard.

A new two-story porcelain fireplace that contains a niche for a television replaces the old stone version. Finally, Nazemian located a new powder room to the left of the fireplace, replacing an outdated wet bar.

GRAND ENTRANCES

Upon entering the home, Michael Nash's design team placed a premium on bold updates. Marble flooring and an elegant chandelier welcome guests into the foyer. The grand staircase features wrought iron balusters and dark stained handrails, as does the landing which looks over the two-story family room. New paint and LED lights brighten the interior.

To create a grander entertainment area, Nazemian combined the living room and study into one larger, more open space (by relocating the aforementioned powder room). Into this space went Rima's baby grand piano and a new built-in cabinet faced with backlit onyx.



Above, clockwise from top left: a view of the arched passageway into the living room; a similar view into the formal dining room; and the new built-in cabinet that's faced with backlit onyx.

Opposite: The bolder, more modern kitchen with contrasting white and black custom cabinets, quartz countertops and pendant lights; and the kitchen before renovation.



UPSTAIRS IMPROVEMENTS

The renovation continued upstairs with the updating of the master bathroom. A spare bedroom was converted into a home office to make up for the loss of the study downstairs.

AWARD-WINNING RESULTS

"This renovation is a great example of taking a stately, more traditional home and giving it a sleek, modern design," says Nazemian. "The house now has timeless beauty about it. I recall Rima referring to it as 'a modern house with a classical twist,'" he says.

The results speak for themselves. The project won a 2016 Grand CotY (Contractor of the Year) Award for Entire House Renovation. The prestigious CotY awards are earned by NARI (National Association for the Remodeling Industry) members who have demonstrated outstanding work through their remodeling projects.

ABOUT MICHAEL NASH

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