

SHOW PLACE

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Rough Luxe

◀ **Barbara Franceski, ASID, of Barbara Franceski, LLC, poured a good deal of thought into her guest sitting room, where classic furniture and art mingle with the contemporary. Formal elements, such as the Bergamo shade and the silk-upholstered settee, contrast with such unexpected touches as a piece of driftwood used as sculpture and Donghia chairs covered in bleached cowhide. “These items bring casualness to a formal space,” says Franceski. “It’s the concept of ‘rough luxe.’ If everything is too perfect, it can feel like a museum.”**

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The 2010 DC Design House took the Washington area by storm this spring, attracting record numbers of visitors to tour the grand, 1905 country house in Chevy Chase. Talented local designers revived this Georgian-style grand dame and proceeds from the event benefitted Children’s National Medical Center. In case you missed it, we feature highlights on the pages that follow.