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If James Michener Could See It Now Jaw Dropping Redesign

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Designed with entertaining in mind, the exterior provides 3,000 square feet of custom Brazilian decking and railing on three levels overlooking beautiful Lake Austin. **The spectacular views set off the addition of a new vanishing-edge pool built by Mowry Pools that spills over into the existing pool below to create a stunning waterfall, a colorful cabana and an outdoor kitchen.**

Inside, the 2,000 bottle capacity wine cellar, gourmet kitchen, formal dining room, master bedroom suite and state of the art media/game room will take your breath away. The majority of the furnishings were found at Four Hands Home, and each piece accents every room with undeniable style. By combining incredible texture, design, and craftsmanship, The Faux Co. has created a treasure that simply can't be missed. The year 2006 marks the 30th anniversary for Austin NARI, and this is its 4th annual Tour of Homes.



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Remodeling Trends

REMODELLING

Extreme Makeover Remodeling "Austin Style"

Every year, new innovations in remodeling surprise even the toughest critics. Today, architects and remodelers are erasing the boundaries between interior and exterior spaces by raising ceilings, knocking down walls, and creating beautiful outdoor patio living spaces, building upon the character of the existing design or taking it in a totally new direction.

Such was the case with the stunning million dollar remodel of the home previously owned by Pulitzer Prize-winning novelist James A. Michener. "He wrote the novel *Texas* in the home's study that has since been transformed into an enchanting nursery," said Stephanie Fitzharris, Creative Director for The Faux Co., the remodeling firm co-owned with her husband Matt and her sister Sonja Westbrook. "We completely redesigned the interior and exterior of the 1970s hill country contemporary home and transformed it into Bobbi and Joe Moran's dream house."

The home, which sits on top of the Eastern Slope of Mount Bonnell overlooking Lake Austin, has been renovated and resembles a Tuscan Villa. Designed with entertaining in mind, the exterior has more than 3000 square feet of custom Brazilian hardwood decking and railing with stamped and stained concrete on three levels. With the new negative-edge pool spilling over into the pre-existing pool below, a stunning waterfall complements a colorful cabana and outdoor kitchen.

A walk-through wine cellar with antique doors and a chandelier sets the Tuscan theme for the home. The home features an old world gourmet kitchen with hand-chiseled cabinetry and copper accents throughout. The master bathroom has artistic mosaic inlaid tile on the floor of the shower and surrounding the tub. By re-creating an authentic old world look with their remarkable artisans and craftsmen, The Faux Co. has created a transformation as big as *Texas*.

The home is an example of one of the 8 featured homes in the AUSTIN NARI 2006 Tour of Homes on Saturday and Sunday, October 21 and 22. AUSTIN NARI is the Central Texas chapter of the National Association of the Remodeling Industry. The homes on this year's tour, "Remodeling Inside & Out," are a study in remodeling excellence.

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