

BAY AREA HOME AND STYLE

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#### 4. MAKING A SCENE

The 11,000-square-foot Classic Revival mansion at 2698 Pacific Ave. was designed in 1904 by famed local architecture firm Newsom and Newsom to take advantage of sweeping hilltop bay views. Now, the Pac Heights masterpiece will be the canvas upon which 28 of the Bay Area's who's-who of design — including **Beth Martin**, **Ian Stallings** and **Chloe Redmond Warner**, whose plans for the living room, above, feature a paper-lantern “cloud” and custom de Gournay screen — will unleash their modern-day stylings upon the 40th annual **Decorator Showcase** (April 29 to May 29). [decoratorshowcase.org](http://decoratorshowcase.org)

#### 5. INTO THE WILD

Big Sur resort Ventana Inn recently debuted **Redwood Retreats**, an over-the-top glamping experience with 15 safari-style canvas tents kitted out in luxe cabin-style decor — king-size beds dressed with 300-count Egyptian cotton sheets, Coleman stoves, hickory walking sticks and the miracle of daily housekeeping. A nightly tumdown service comes hot water bottles to warm up your bed sheets. But take heed, prospective glampers: Thanks to the stormy winter, roughing it at Ventana will have to await the reopening of the Pfeiffer Canyon Bridge. [ventanainn.com/glamping](http://ventanainn.com/glamping)

#### 6. BEHIND THE LYRICS

The **Tilden Hotel** is the latest in a flurry of new galleries, bars and shops to hit the Tenderloin. Brooklyn-based Studio Tack designed the boutique inn and adjacent restaurant, the Douglas Room, with an eye toward 1970s glamour — the lobby sets the tone with its purple Harvey Prober tufted sofa and custom Atelier de Troupe chandelier. There's even a poet in residence, Tenderloin-based **Jessie Johnson**, whose words will grace the hotel's walls and appear on inspirational postcards placed on pillows at turn-down. These lines in particular touch upon the heart of the neighborhood: “We shall look back / on San Francisco / and see / not a scribble of dark streets / and drifting pedestrians / but a city of atoms.” [tildenhotel.com](http://tildenhotel.com)



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