

windows important to design

by William Pahlmann

Window treatments are among the most important elements of any interior design scheme, but it does not follow that you absolutely have to have a fabric curtain. The goal of a window treatment is to control light, air and view, and curtains may not always be the most desirable solution.

Non-fabric window treatments may account for less maintenance and may solve problems which fabric cannot always accomplish, or you may simply like the new skinned-down, bare look instead of the immemorial curtains. Fabric curtaining imparts softness to a room and a good deal will depend on your own nature and the sort of interiors you like. Climate also has some influence on the matter. In very cold places the hard chic of uncurtained windows may not be inviting.

A friend of mine who is in the

fabric business has no curtains in his large living room to compete with his fine collection of modern art. Any glaze from his river view is tempered with louvered shutters.

Many apartments along New York's East River have uncluttered vistas of river traffic, skyline excitement, rooftops with their chimney pots, and, if high enough, vast sweeps of real estate, good and bad. In the country I have left windows curtainless to get full benefit of the woods and bits of distance views. It is at night when darkness brings on a blackness that one might feel the need of some sort of protection. I prefer to do some special lighting of the trees, or a stretch of the garden, to overcome this somber feeling.

If you are tired of curtains or do not find them necessary, consider the following alternatives:

Shutters or Louvers. Shutters can be very flexible, providing ventilation and light and insuring privacy. If you have no view or look out on something ugly, shuttered windows may be a good solution. They are neat, tailored and attractive—look cool in hot climates. Shutters can be applied to arched or off-beat-shaped windows.

Lattice. Lattice can be effectively used to screen a whole window wall if the vista outside is not attractive. Lattice has an insouciant garden air that gives a fillip to dull, dark rooms. Lattice can be painted the wallcolor and requires virtually no maintenance.

Fretted Screens. Sections of Morish or Indian carved, or fretted screens can be fitted to windows and beautiful effects are achieved.

Roll Blinds. Roll blinds come

in many materials, from low-cost stick blinds through Venetian blinds to extravagantly expensive handwoven blinds. They are satisfactory and can be spectacular, depending on what they are made of.

Pleated Parchment. Window treatments made of parchment, pleated like parchment lamp shades, can be installed on small, difficult windows, pulled back to admit light and air. Pleated paper or glazed fabrics can be used in the same manner.

Roman Shades. Roman shades, which are often made of fabric, can be made of other materials. These horizontally pleated shades are newer than Austrian shades.

Difficult windows which defy curtaining, such as the high clerestory, the steep dormer or the peaked-roof window, can be left uncurtained, since they usually do not have to insure privacy. Wall-size windows, which give on a fine view, do not have to be curtained, as long as privacy is not involved. I feel that these windows are always more attractive if they are broken up with mouldings instead of presenting one solid sheet of glass.

Kitchen and bathroom windows seem to me to lend themselves to blinds or shades rather than fabric curtaining. Steams and odors in these areas soon reduce fabric treatments to limpness.

SHOTGUN BLAST

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A strike of Local 1824, Textile Workers Union of America, has been underway at Natona Mills since May 25 as a result of a contract dispute. Union members are picketing under terms of an injunction granted by Luzerne County Court July 31. No mass picketing or interruption of traffic into and out of the plant is allowed.

Mr. Graham said he is awaiting a counterproposal and is ready to sit down to talk, to try to identify problems and come up with solutions, as long as it's with a meaningful group of people. He said "We will do our utmost and keep our cool."



Tall arched, recessed windows in this country dining room are treated with wooden shutters instead of the conventional curtains, letting in light and air and blending handsomely with the Spanish architecture of the room.

Carey family to meet Aug. 15

The 88th annual reunion of the Cary family will be held Aug. 15 at NayAug Park, Scranton.

A basket lunch is scheduled at noon followed by a business meeting at 2 p.m.

Officers are president, George Carey, Kingston; first vice president Herbert Carey, Pleasant Mount; second vice president, Elwood Carey, Archbald; third vice president, Vivian Carey, Pleasant Mount; secretary, Frances Cary, Peckville, and Treasurer, Marjorie Howell, Forty Fort.

Anyone connected with the family is cordially invited to attend the reunion.

flea market

The Joy Class of the Kunkle Methodist Church will sponsor a flea market Aug. 22 at the Kunkle Fire Grounds just off Route 309. There will be booths of antiques, baked goods, fancy work, art, odds and ends plus many others. There are still booths available for rent. Interested persons can call Mrs. Allan Brace for information on booth space.

Refreshments will be available. Everyone is invited to attend and to have a good time.

Final plans for the flea market were made last Tuesday evening during a meeting at the home of Betty Meeker. Those attending were Elsie Rauch, Elva Elston, Irene Transue, Dot Dodson, Jane Elston, and Ruth Vaskas.

TRUCKSVILLE

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Voter registration board will sit at the Trucksville Fire Hall, Carverton Road, Aug. 17. Hours from 3 to 9 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Casper, Huntsville Road, entertained Saturday night at a swim and supper party at their home. Nancy Lou Frushon and Samuel Melville Wolfe III, who will be married Aug. 29 at 5 p.m. in St. Anthonys' Church, Exeter, were honor guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Thomas, Carverton Road, recently spent several days in Daleville, Ala., where they visited her brother and sister-in-law, Lt. and Mrs. John Thomas.

Bessie Olsen, Terrace Avenue, will celebrate her birthday Aug. 19. Mrs. Olsen is the mother of Mrs. Robert Walters of Terrace Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Croom, Manchester, Conn., were recent house guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Croom, Carverton Road. They also spent some time with his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Thomas, Carverton Road.

Maude Robbins, Harris Hill Road, is visiting her daughter, Elma Anderson at Whiteplains, N.Y.

Susan Jones Holland, Waukegan, Ill., recently spent several days with her grandmother, Corinne Jones, Carverton Road.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Ruth, Cliffside Avenue, entertained Saturday evening.

Auxiliary to Trucksville Fire Company met in the Municipal building, Carverton Road, Monday night. Margaret Mieczowski presided.

Mr. and Mrs. Byron Shortz, Harris Hill Road, entertained the Mr. and Mrs. Club of Trucksville United Methodist Church at a covered dish supper at their home Saturday night. A business meeting and social hour followed the supper.

Cynthia Harris, Cliffside Avenue, will celebrate her 11th birthday Aug. 17. She will be honor guest at a party. Cynthia, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Harris, will enter the fifth grade at Trucksville Elementary School in September.

Mrs. Raymond Niedzwiecki and infant daughter have returned to their home at 14 N. Pioneer Ave. from General Hospital.

Helen Thompson, Irvington, N.J., will visit relatives and friends in the area over the coming weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Watkins, Carverton Road, celebrated their fourth wedding anniversary Aug. 5. Mrs. Watkins is the former Carol Clemow of Edwardsville. Mr. Watkins is employed by Harter's Trucksville Dairy.

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