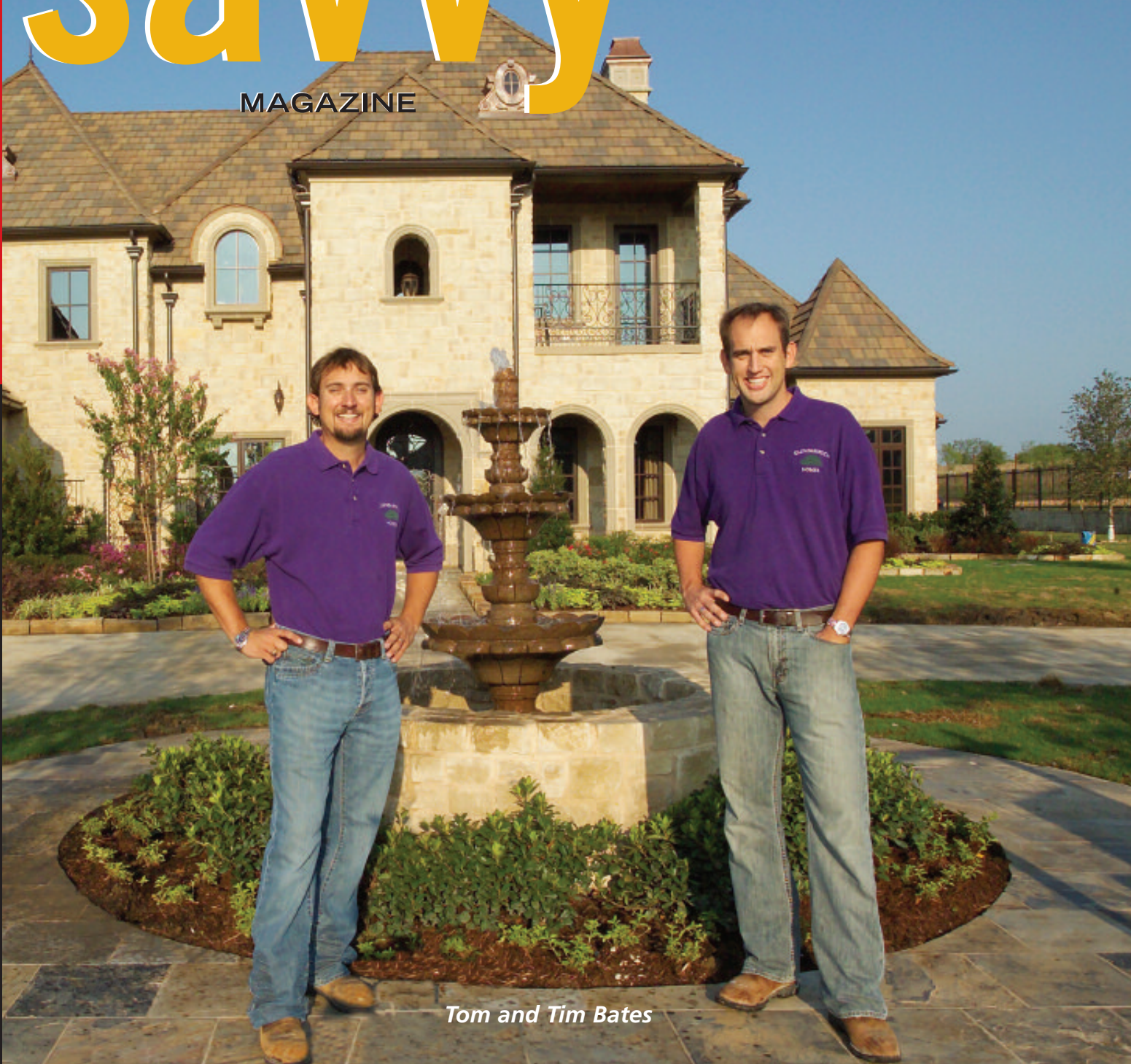


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Tom and Tim Bates

GLENDARROCH HOMES
REFLECT A WORLDLY PERSPECTIVE



The Best of Both Worlds— Old World Style, New World Luxuries *from a builder who can truly appreciate both*

By Beverly Smirnis

Brothers Tom and Tim Bates bring a worldly perspective to Texas homebuilding. Their company, Glendarroch Homes, was named for the 150-year-old estate in Scotland where they grew up. Truly “Old World” in style, the home included a guest house with a pool and even its own soccer field. Inside, some rooms have as many as seven layers of wallpaper, each reflecting the styles of the eras it had endured.

Their father's job as an oil industry executive took the family overseas. They later moved from Scotland to spend two years in Singapore. There, Tom and Tim attended an international school, where they learned to adapt to and appreciate different cultures. The family eventually moved to Houston. Tom earned a baseball scholarship to TCU in Fort Worth, and Tim followed suit, moving to Fort Worth to attend TCU. There, Tom studied business and Tim earned his degree in mechanical engineering.

After graduation, Tom went to work for a national home builder, where he was named Builder of the Year twice. Tim worked for

three years as an engineer and then program manager, then returned to TCU to earn his MBA and graduated as the top student in his class. All of their education and experience and their careful planning laid a solid foundation for the brothers to realize their long-term goal when they launched Glendarroch Homes in 2006. With fond memories of their childhood home in Scotland as inspiration, they started big, utilizing Tom's experience as a builder and Tim's engineering and business acumen. They built luxury homes with plenty of square feet. Their first home was built in Thomas Crossing near Burleson. Results and reputation earned them other jobs at Thomas Crossing and later at Mira Vista and Montserrat.

From its formal traditional exterior with finial-topped roof peaks to the dramatic archways, chic chandeliers and cracked barrel finish cabinets inside, no detail was overlooked in planning this French Provencal-style home built for the 2008 Kaleidoscope of Homes in Montserrat.



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The bottom line: while others attempt to copy Old World styles, the Bates brothers have lived it, and this adds something special to the homes they build. Most of the spec homes they have started have sold at the frame stage, signifying that buyers can identify creativity and craftsmanship early in the building process, even before they can see all the interesting details that complete the spectacular Old World ambiance that Glendarroch Homes is known for.

“We credit the quick sales to good, solid design and give a lot of credit to Jim Anderson of Grand Home Designs for his expertise in taking our ideas and putting them on paper,” said Tom. “When you start with excellent design and then have the two people that own the company there to supervise step by step, you get the level of craftsmanship that we’re after and assure that the execution achieves all the design goals and specified style details.”

No need to go out to the pub when there's one right at home. Replicating an authentic Irish pub, the upstairs entertainment area features a media room and opens to a huge wrap-around patio overlooking the home's expansive lot and the rolling hills surrounding Montserrat.



The formal dining room and adjacent wine room with all the rustic detail one would expect to find in a centuries old wine room in France whet the taste buds for gourmet cuisine and luxurious entertaining.

The brothers' skills complement one another. Tom builds the homes, and Tim handles virtually everything else-sales and marketing and the business and financial operations. After growing up together for almost 30 years, easy communication and understanding between the principals are a given. Their commitment and family values are quickly identified by their clients, who appreciate not only their expertise in construction, but also their business proficiency and personal service.



The Bates brothers easily connect with a diverse range of clientele - from Fort Worth natives to executives who like their father have traveled and lived around the world. Those who call Texas home and those living here from afar can both find something in common when their builders are true citizens of the world.





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Planning an estate home is all about finding the perfect balance between grand spaces for entertaining and providing private spaces with the desired warmth and elegance for everyday living. Traffic flow, amenities and craftsmanship must be masterfully executed both inside and out.



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