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## AROUND THE HOUSE

### Find Calgary's ugliest home!

**CONTEST** • College Pro Painters and ICI Paints are looking for Calgary's ugliest home exterior — and when they find it, they're going to repaint it for free (a job worth up to \$6,000).

Think your home qualifies (or know of one that should)? Pick up an entry form at any ICI Paints store in Calgary, or online at [habitatcalgary.org](http://habitatcalgary.org) (all proceeds from the \$20 entry fee go to Habitat for Humanity Calgary). "This will be successful if we're able to help out a family, if we're able to raise some money for Habitat for Humanity so they can help other families, and if we can have some fun," says Leighton Healey, franchise manager for College Pro Painters' north-west painting crew.

We'll be checking back when the winner is announced on July 22. For more information, contact Elizabeth Mack at College Pro Painters, at 403-452-7440.

— Calgary Herald

### A place to call your own

**BOOK** • You need some alone time, but where can you go when your family is spread out all over the house?

Stylish Sheds and Elegant Hideaways: Big Ideas for Small Backyard Destinations by Debra Prinzing (Clarkson Potter; \$30; hardcover) has lots of ideas for your shed. Rather than using it to store tools, you can create your own yoga studio, guesthouse, or playroom. The book shows you how to work with what you have or how to create an elaborate, luxurious space.

Showcasing 28 hideaways, the guide helps you imagine and create your ideal retreat. It discusses key considerations such as placement, size and scale and decor.

— McClatchy Newspapers

### Correction

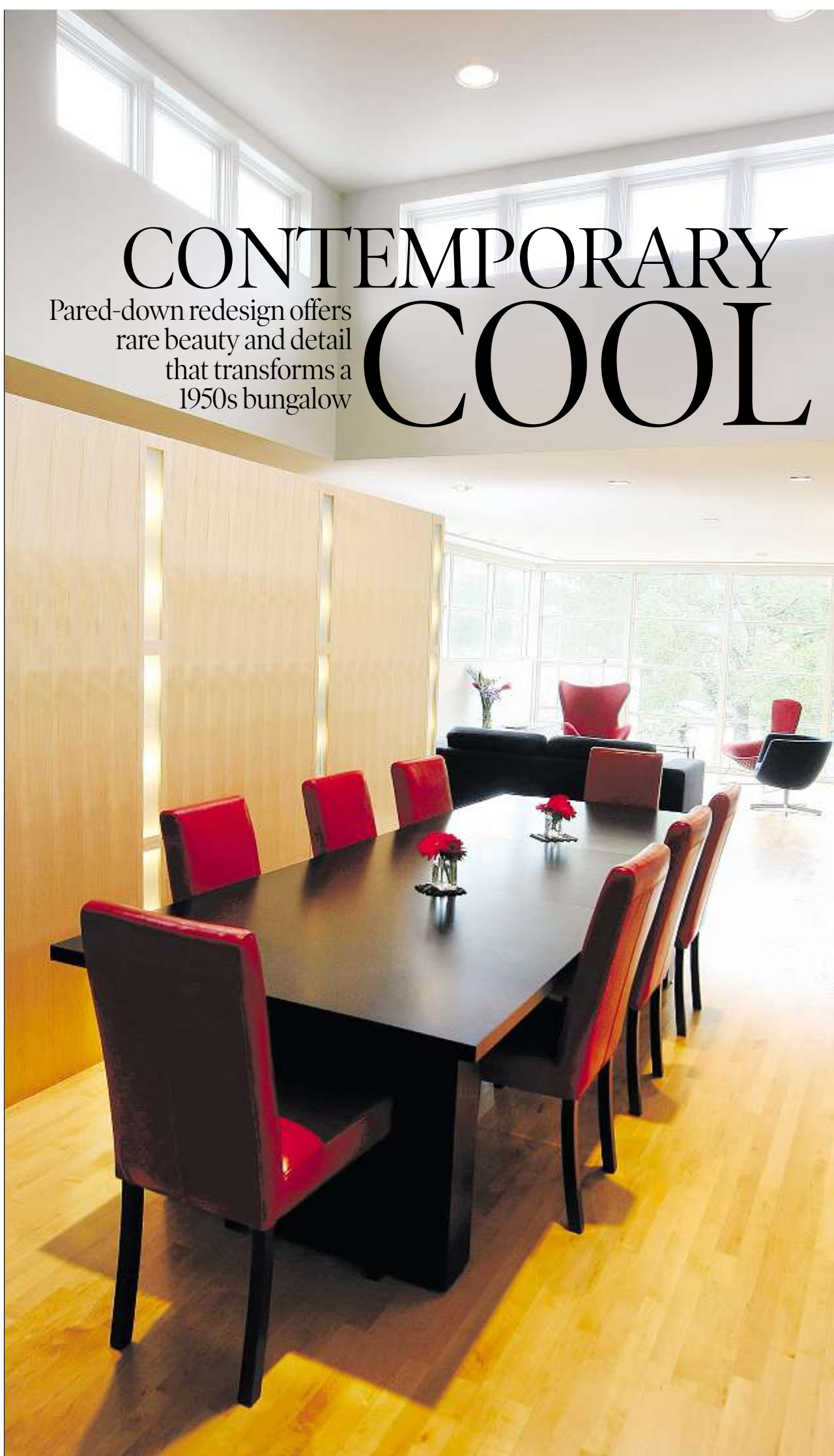
In the June 14 edition of Life at Home, a store mentioned in the Inglewood shopping story on G1 had wrong information. Here's the corrected version.

**Essential Living, 1223B 9th Ave. S.E.; 262-6150**, offers a range of home design and furnishings, from original art to furniture and accessories that are a nice combination of classic and trend-conscious. Look for a warm, contemporary, organic style in this boutique-professional design studio.

— Calgary Herald



This chair picks up the browns, blues and creams that are part of current trends, at Essential Living in Inglewood.



## CONTEMPORARY COOL

Pared-down redesign offers rare beauty and detail that transforms a 1950s bungalow



YVONNE JEFFERY  
FOR THE CALGARY HERALD

Designer Shelley McAneely has an intimate relationship with space. She understands its volumes — how a cavernous room can make us feel small and out of proportion to our surroundings, and how a ceiling stepped in height can embrace us at its lower point and release us into a soaring space as it gets higher.

She's used the latter "compression and release" technique to particularly good effect in a recent redesign of an inner-city Calgary bungalow. Instead of depositing a tall and narrow infill on the site, which crests a low hill, she offered the homeowners a long, low building that draws light in from every direction.

"The house was a typical '50s bungalow, but the site's not typical. It's quite vigorously sloped in every direction and that had to be dealt with," explains McAneely, adding the former garage was actually collapsing against the force of the soil. "The space dictated the final design."

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Photos, Colleen De Neve, Calgary Herald  
Maple cabinetry and flooring create a calm, light-reflecting backdrop in this dramatic redesign of a 1950s bungalow by Shelley McAneely (top). It's an ideal setting for bold art, such as Ryan Sluggett's piece hanging in the bedroom, below.



## OUTDOOR LIVING

### Lounging in style

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CANWEST NEWS SERVICE

Not sure what kind of furniture to buy for your backyard? Maintenance, comfort and budget are the top three issues to consider when shopping for outdoor furnishings. To help narrow your options, here are some of the pros and cons for four popular outdoor materials.

#### All-weather wicker

Unlike natural wicker and rattan, which will only last two, maybe three, years when ex-

posed to the elements, PVC weaves are super-durable and can be left outside year-round. The tightly woven faux wickers won't fade or rust and are mildew resistant. Quality resin wicker won't sag over time like cheaper knock-offs. Many of the sectionals, sofas and oversized armchairs are made from faux wicker and are extremely comfortable.

■ How to maintain: Simply loosen dirt with a soft brush or damp cloth and vacuum or hose down. Cushions — even those covered in weather-resistant outdoor fabrics —

should be stored indoors during the winter.

#### Teak

This dense hardwood is an environmentally friendly choice because it is grown on plantations in Southeast Asia and will last a lifetime. It contains a high concentration of oil which prevents it from rotting, warping and splintering. The best set to buy is made of kiln-dried teak with interlocking joints.

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#### Spruce Cliff - \$419,000

#1003 & #1607 - 55 Spruce Place, SW - 2 new condo suites w/ beautiful views of the golf course & cityscape, 2 bdrms, 2 baths. Terrific amenities include gym, pool & hot-tub. Minutes to downtown, close to all the amenities of the West Hills & steps away from Westbrook Mall!

#### Springbank Hill, \$459,000

42 Spring Crescent, SW - 3 bedroom bungalow with gleaming hardwood floors, 1118 SF situated the corner lot of a quiet street! Kitchen with classic white cabinetry & bright dining nook w/ access to lg rear deck. Close to bird sanctuary, Griffiths Woods & minutes to DT!

#### Springbank Hill, \$550,000

23 Springbluff Boulevard, SW - 2251 + 905 SF, 2 storey, 3 bedroom family home in desirable Springbank Hill! Walnut hardwood floors, soft-line corners, Hunter Douglas window coverings, 2 fireplaces & an island-style kitchen with stainless steel appliances!

#### Strathcona Park, \$595,000

109 Strathcona Crescent, SW - Beautiful 3 bedroom with walkout! 2057 + 1186 SF of fabulously functional family space! Vaulted ceilings, updated kitchen with SS appliances, spacious master with newly renovated ensuite boasting luxurious jetted shower & hydrotherapy tub!

#### Springbank Hill, \$595,000

135 Tremblant Way, SW - Situated in the sought after "Summit of Montreux", this 1953 SF 3 bedroom home boasts: 2.5" veined exotic Brazilian granite counters, limestone mosaic backsplash, maple hardwood floors, limestone fireplace & jet tub in master ensuite!

#### Strathcona, \$749,000

1634 Strathcona Drive, SW - Recently renovated! Wonderful location, backing directly onto a large park area, this bungalow boasts: developed walkout, over 2700 SF of living space, 2+2 bedrooms, soaring ceilings, hardwood, granite counters & beautifully landscaped south backyard!

#### Strathcona, \$895,000

39 Strathridge Gardens, SW - On the ravine! Ideal location - quiet crescent with south backyard in desirable Strathcona Park! 1782 + 1407 SF, 1+2 bedroom bungalow with fully developed basement soaring ceilings, hardwood floors, granite, den with Murphy bed.

#### Patterson, \$1,050,000

198 Patterson Boulevard, SW - 2021 + 1663 SF, 4 bedroom bungalow with STUNNING VIEWS & developed walk-out! Granite counters, 3-sided fireplace in nook/great room. Master suite w/ fireplace, gorgeous view of river, his & her walk-in closets & 5pc jet-tub ensuite.

#### Altadore \$1,050,000

4927 - 21 Street, SW - Exceptional contemporary style 2463 SF infill on a large lot, high-end finishes, granite counters, gleaming hardwood, limestone tiles, very chic urban style, 3 bedrooms, master w/ huge walk-in closet & private balcony, sunny west backyard!

#### West Springs, \$1,195,000

11 Westpark Crescent, SW - Nearly 4500 SF of living space with 3 + 2 bedrooms, main floor den, huge island & a walk-thru pantry in kitchen. Master boasts 6 pc ensuite, jet tub, steam shower & large dressing room. Open bonus room upstairs & beautifully developed basement!

#### Parkdale, \$1,295,000

111 - 34A Street, SW - Custom-home literally steps to Bow River! Exceptional woodwork, river views, wrap-around windows, coffered barrel vaulted ceilings & granite counters. Master retreat w/ large walk-in closet & huge 5pc ensuite! 2 + 2 bdrms all w/ ensuite baths & a heated garage!

#### Discovery Ridge, \$1,495,000

30 Discovery Vista Point, SW - Panoramic views! Griffiths Woods & the Rockies can be seen from nearly every room of this stunning new 4 bdrm home situated atop the ridge in Discovery. Granite counters, stainless steel appliances, hardwood floors, huge master & walk-out basement!

#### Elbow Valley Estates, \$1,499,000 OPEN HOUSE Saturday 1-5

8 Snowberry Gate - Over 5400 SF of luxurious living space in this 4 bedroom home with 60' indoor lap pool! Finishes include slate tile, exposed timber beams, river stone accents, granite & wood stove in kitchen, riverstone fireplace in family room & 5 pc jet tub ensuite in master!

#### Pump Hill, \$1,750,000

159 Pumpmeadow Place, SW - Exceptional, renovated home on 80' x 148' lot backing treed greenbelt! 6,174 SF of executive living in this 5 bed, 6 bath home. Extensive reno, master w/ fireplace, private study, ensuite w/ jetted steam shower, hydro-therapy tub & his & her walk-in's!

#### Springbank - \$3,200,000

53 Uplands Ridge - Perched on the ridge w/ fabulous Rocky Mountain views from nearly every room! 6 car heated garage, 6,800+ SF of luxury incl.: 3 bedrooms, 2 level office w/ 33' fieldstone fireplace, state-of-the-art media room, gym complete w/ shower & stunning wine cellar.