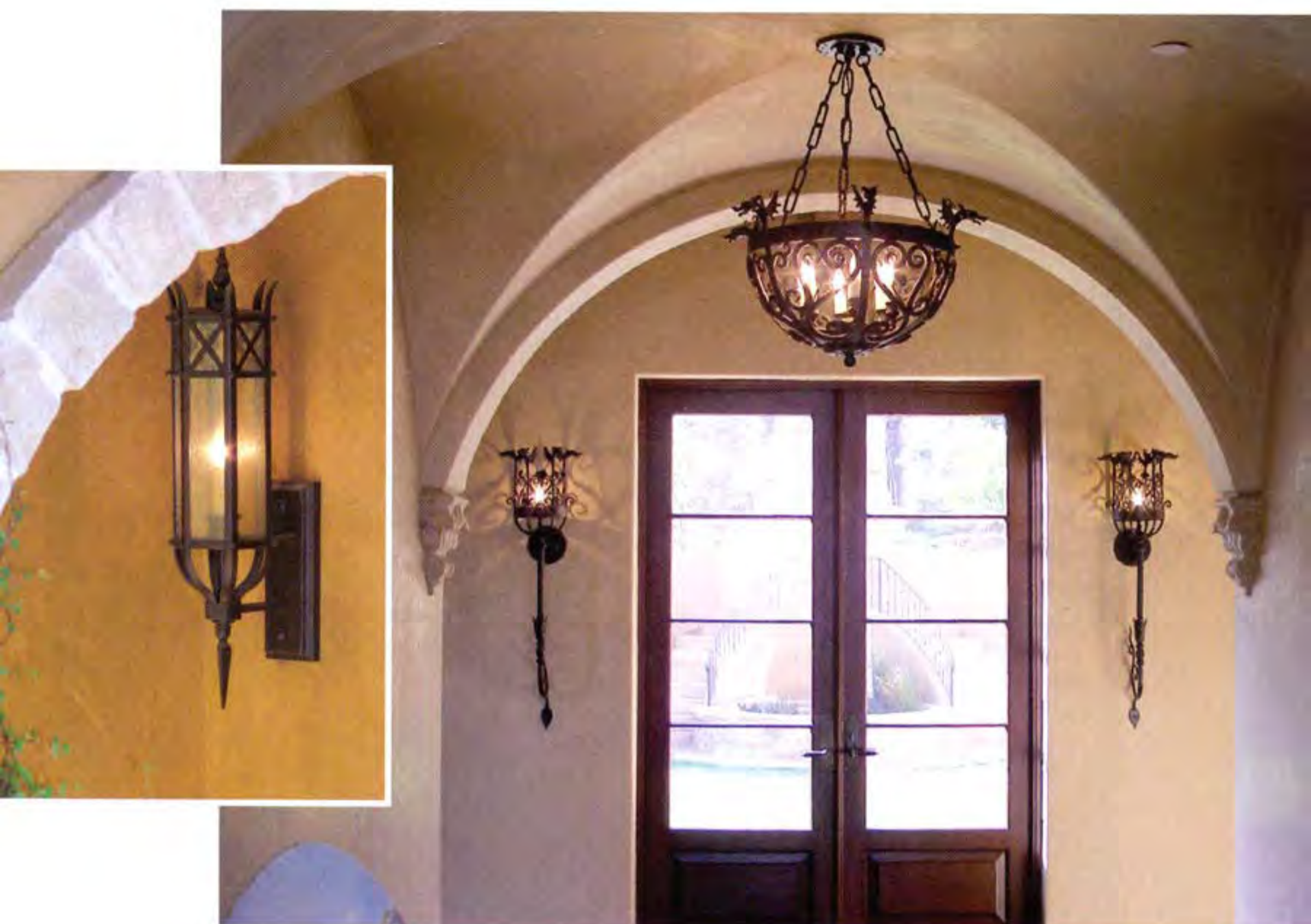


Lantern Masters

The Olesker Family Electrifies Clients
With Their Bright Ideas



Each hand crafted piece is an original creation sometimes fashioned after one of the over 700 samples displayed in their showroom and other times crafted from collaborative efforts between Lantern Masters, the interior designers, architects and homeowners themselves. **INSET** This beautiful exterior lantern has a warm glow that emanates from the gas element within the fixture. The chemically oxidized finish on the fixture was selected to set off the stucco and roof on the residence. **OPPOSITE** These magnificent fixtures are authentic cast reproductions of an antique lantern procured from a wonderful Southern California estate. The hanging basket pendant, inspired by these historical wall lanterns, is an original Lantern Masters creation. **OPPOSITE INSET** An elongated fixture framed by an arched wall was selected to complement the long narrow inner wall upon which it rests.




When the Olesker family walks into a meeting they don't plan on lighting up the room, they simply want to illuminate the whole house. Jackie, Stuart and their daughter Sharyn are the creative design and manufacturing team behind Lantern Masters. Their exquisite custom lighting designs grace countless tasteful homes primarily between Santa Barbara and San Diego, as well as a number of hotels, restaurants and amusement parks nationwide.

Married forty four years, Stuart, an electrical engineer by trade, and Jackie, whose studies focused on anthropology and accounting, joined business forces twenty nine years ago when they bought into a lighting factory. After a decade of selling to retailers, a decision to work directly with the design trade allowed them to explore their creativity and engage in specialty projects. Upon her 1996 college grad-

uation, Sharyn, who as a child enjoyed playing office, officially entered her parents' industry.

Interior and exterior lighting dramatically define a home's atmosphere and ambiance, inspiring the trio to take great pride in ensuring the fulfillment of every detail from inception to completion. In addition to the basics, they consider the aesthetics and structure of the architecture, the patterns cast by the fixture, and maintaining continuity throughout the home with repeated themes scattered among the different styles of fixtures. Collaborative efforts between the Oleskers and their clients have yielded such fantastic productions as single and triple torches for an underground cave, a chandelier composed of Cristal champagne bottles, and a sixteen foot marquee for a personal movie theater residing within the subterranean "outdoor" courtyard of a private residence.

Courtesy of the world wide web and other modern technologies, this family-run enterprise has extended its reach internationally. Web-surfing clients have been known to travel thousands of miles while others engage in web meetings during which full scale plans are printed out, and in one particular instance, a webcam was used for an all-encompassing view of the property.

Working closely with architects, interior designers and their clients, Jackie, Stuart and Sharyn Olesker enjoy both developing relationships and the collaborative bright ideas that evolve from them. Their shared passion as well as their mastery of this form of art and functionality have deservedly earned Lantern Masters niche-status among those in the know. 

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TOP This interpretation of a classical chandelier frame has been dressed with the finest European Rock Crystal. A pair of these chandeliers was used in an estate dining room with an antique mirror ceiling. Finish detail became even more crucial in this case as the tops of the fixtures were visible in the mirrored reflection. LEFT Proportion and scale fuse with substance and grace in this chandelier composed of materials both round and square as twisted metals are forged together. CENTER In an exciting change of pace, a pair of lanterns boasting tiny shades within the slumped glass frame presides over a dining room table. RIGHT An overlay of leaves echoing the inlaid tile design adorns this elegant glass pendant.