

O contributors



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1 Sheila Bridges

"There's always something new to explore—a new resource, a new antiques shop, or a new color," says interior designer Bridges, who juggles running her own decorating firm, creating furniture and accessories, and hosting *Sheila Bridges: Designer Living* on the Fine Living Network. In "What Is Quality?" on page 98, Bridges appreciates her worn dining table.

2 Eva Zeisel

"Life at 100 is exactly like that at 50," says Zeisel, who reached the century mark in November 2006. The Hungarian-born designer hasn't slowed down since: Recent projects include two dinnerware sets, a teakettle, brass candlesticks, a candelabra, earthenware for Crate & Barrel, rugs for the Rug

Company, and a coffee table for Design Within Reach. For "What Is Quality?" on page 98, she remembers her favorite commission.

3 Emily Listfield

In her first assignment for *O at Home*, Listfield visits fashion designer Kay Unger's downtown Manhattan loft ("Conquering Space," page 106). Listfield's forthcoming book, *Waiting to Surface: a Novel* (Atria/Simon & Schuster, October 2007), fictionalizes the real-life disappearance of her sculptor husband, George Dudding, in 1999. "If you're a novelist and this kind of thing happens to you, then you have to write about it," she says.

4 Simon Upton

"It was difficult to know which way to turn because

there were so many things going on," London-based photographer Upton says of his visit to the Oprah Winfrey Leadership Academy for Girls in South Africa ("Live and Learn," page 84). "What really stood out were the girls themselves—they were so charming, polite, funny, and outgoing."

5 Christian L. Wright

"I've interviewed everyone from Elvis Costello to a microbiologist who studies organisms all day," Wright says. In her first assignment for *O at Home*, she spoke with Mariska Hargitay, star of *Law & Order: Special Victims Unit* ("Her Life in Pictures," page 124).

6 Douglas Friedman

"Colin Cowie's a true professional," says Friedman, who

photographed the renowned event planner for "Day and Night, He's the One," page 134. "He knows how to deliver in front of the camera."

7 Erica Reid

A contributor to this issue's story on quality ("What Is Quality?" page 98), Reid doesn't deny her appreciation of the finer things in life but emphasizes that she values good people the most. "The quality in the human heart is what I'm all about," says the mother of two and wife of Island Def Jam Music Group chairman L.A. Reid.

8 Tord Boontje

The Dutch designer, who is currently working on plans for a spa in Shanghai, writes about his home in rural Bourg-Argental,

France, for "What Is Quality?" on page 98. *Tord Boontje*, by Martina Margetts (Rizzoli, 2007), chronicles more than a decade's worth of his work.

9 Robin Wilson

"When I was a girl, I went with my great-grandfather to collect rent checks for his properties," says Wilson, a renovation and design expert and the fourth generation of her family to enter the real-estate business. She helps residential clients complete their renovations on time and on budget. "The best part of my job is when people walk into a new space and their eyes light up because they know they're home," she says. Her answer to the question "What Is Quality?" is on page 98.