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ONE-OF-A-KIND HOUSE IN AMERICA OPENS IN RESTON

Reston, VA--June 28--The Classic Country Cottage, HOUSE BEAUTIFUL Magazine's "Best Small House '84" opened on Thursday, June 28 in Reston's North Point Village.

Subject of a feature article in the October, 1984 issue of HOUSE BEAUTIFUL Magazine, the Classic Country Cottage is the winning design of a Countrywide competition for the most liveable, innovative 1,500 square feet in America jointly sponsored by the American Wood Council and HOUSE BEAUTIFUL Magazine.

In mounting the competition, the Wood Council also tasked all competing architects to employ as many creative uses for wood products and building systems as possible, including a preservative, treated lumber and plywood foundation.

Award-winning architect Lester Walker of Woodstock, NY, designed a garden cottage modeled after houses popular in the mid-twenties when America's first suburbs were born. His Classic Country Cottage draws life from the early ex-urban pioneers who looked to the past and created nostalgic, cozy cottages with details pirated from English and French country cottages. At that time, American homebuyers favored an eclectic look combining nostalgia with modern design.

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Lester Walker, the Classic Country Cottage, HOUSE BEAUTIFUL and Reston all share a common heritage. In the early sixties, Reston received international attention because its imaginative master plan offered a practical solution to the suburban sprawl which followed World War II. Lester Walker was then part of the creative planning team of Conklin & Rossant (NYC) responsible for Reston's innovative master plan which helped alter the way Americans looked at zoning in exurbia two decades ago.

1984 is Reston's twentieth birthday. Twenty years ago, HOUSE BEAUTIFUL ran its first color spread of decorated townhouses clustered around the (then) newly-formed Lake Anne. With the 1984 October issue, HOUSE BEAUTIFUL returns to Reston with a house of its own that celebrates this Country's first timid steps out into the suburbs.

To further document this unique history, the editors of this magazine have added another feature article to complement the Country Cottage. Researched and written by a respected editor, author, and authority on American architecture and urban land development, this article will focus on the history of American post-war planned communities with a special emphasis on Reston's leadership role.

Located in Reston's North Point Village on Bennington Woods Road, the Classic Country Cottage features the very latest thinking in

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American interior design. Esteemed by the HOUSE BEAUTIFUL editorial staff, Long Island interior designer Carolyn Guttilla has mirrored the feeling of light and spaciousness created by Lester Walker by using a minimum of large-scale pieces, staining white floors and ceilings, mixing country-style wood furnishings with contemporary upholstery and has chosen serene colors throughout.

The very latest thinking in American interior and building design, real estate financing, insurance, home improvement, landscaping and everything one needs to know about buying or designing one's first home, will be subjects addressed by visiting dignitaries and real estate experts over a twenty week period starting June 30 in the Classic Country Cottage Theatre next to the House. A special Calendar of Events has been published highlighting these dates and subjects.

Located at 11670 Bennington Woods Road in Reston's Model Home Village, the Country Cottage is open seven days a week (10:00 am to 6:00 pm) from Thursday, June 28 through Sunday, November 25. Phone number at the House is (703) 478-0217.

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