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## LAUNCH MÉDITERRANÉEN RÊVERIE

Interior designer Claire Staszak of Centered by Design can trace her affinity for wallpaper to childhood. “I have loved it since I was a little girl,” she says. “I grew up with a room covered in two Laura Ashley patterns separated by a border.” After working with Isidore Leroy on a design for the 2023 Lake Forest Showhouse, she partnered with the French brand to launch her debut collection, Méditerranéen Rêverie. Six patterns, including a mesmerizing print inspired by Venetian marbled paper and a charming boiserie, pay homage to European interiors. “The collection became a manifestation of my appreciation for European design, historical architecture and the fragile beauty that it exudes,” she explains. Staszak relished the opportunity to work with the storied brand, visiting their offices in Paris and printing facilities in Bordeaux, touring historical archives, and collaborating with Isidore Leroy artists and graphic designers. Coincidentally, as she was working on the collection, she and

her husband purchased a historical home on the North Shore with Mediterranean Revival details. “I guess without fully realizing it, the casual elegance, organic elements and connection to indoor-outdoor living from the Mediterranean lifestyle have truly influenced my own style,” Staszak says. “It will be a full circle moment to see Paradis Perdu, with its enchanting garden, in my living room.” [centeredbydesign.com](https://centeredbydesign.com); [isidoreleroy.com](https://isidoreleroy.com)



## RETAIL THERAPY MY MODERN OASIS

What started as a hobby reselling objects during the pandemic quickly grew into a business when Arthur Braud and Brysen Kawamura opened My Modern Oasis, a gallery and showroom specializing in antiques, vintage furniture, art and pottery. “We found a lot of joy in finding and staging items,” Braud says. Initially housed in the private studio of an old church, the shop recently moved to a 2,400-square-foot showroom in a historic building in East Humboldt Park that can not only hold more inventory but also serve as a hub for events. Featuring 13-foot ceilings adorned with original Art Deco tin tiles, the space is inspired by both traditional and modern elements of design. “Each area of the showroom is meant to offer a different experience so everyone can find a space that resonates with their style,” Braud describes. “In a time so focused on online consumerism, I wanted to encourage people to visit for the ambience.” [mymodernoasis.com](https://mymodernoasis.com)

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