

William Haines
designs

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Billy Haines is back

Interest in the late interior designer William Haines, architect of the midcentury Hollywood deluxe look, continues to soar. Last week Christie's realized \$750,000 at an auction of items from a late 1950s Haines interior done for film producer Armand Deutsch. Now comes a handsome informational website, www.williamhaines.com, featuring lavish illustrations of Haines' commissions and photos of his designs used in the recently refurbished Beverly Hilton. Though vintage Haines pieces command record prices — a set of four Brentwood chairs Haines created for Deutsch sold for \$28,800 at the Christie's sale — reissues are now available. The 2006 edition Brentwood chair shown here, still handmade by the same California furniture builders that Haines used, is available for \$5,310 (fabric not included) through Lindley Associates in Los Angeles, (310) 289-0280.



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INNER LIFE

A lyrical Silver Lake garden lies at the heart of the indie film 'Chinacatown.' But it's in the musings and history of its green thumb folk artist — full of pain and renewal — that the story takes wing.

Grace in leaf and stone

By Ann Hirschman

A Labyrinthine garden in Los Angeles is not just a place to stroll. It is a living museum of a man's life and work. In the heart of Silver Lake, a lush garden filled with tropical plants and stone paths leads to a small, white, two-story house. The garden is the work of a man who has spent his life in the arts, from painting to film. The garden is a reflection of his life, a place where he has found peace and renewal. The garden is a work of art in itself, a place where nature and man have come together in a perfect harmony.

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