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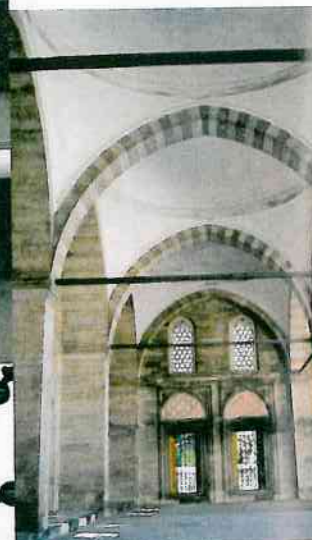
HOLIDAY ISSUE

Sunny paint colours for a bright new year
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HOLIDAY SPECIAL



ABOVE & BELOW
Devenport's holiday
snaps from Istanbul.
"It's hyper-sensory
breathtaking stimulation,"
says Devenport.



LEFT Opal drop necklace
by Brisbane-based Barbara
Heath. BELOW Devenport's
reading choices for summer.

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The director of New Plymouth's Govett-Brewster Gallery is going to Sydney this summer, bearing T-shirts and tea towels

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What are you wishing for this Christmas?

On the precious 'to be worn' side, Barbara Heath's sautoir lace opal drop necklace, or anything carved by Warwick Freeman or cast by Karl Fritsch. On the practical side, a couple of hundred purple flaxes for our empty field would be terrific.

Any Christmas gift-giving tips?

I have to blatantly spruik the wondrous Govett-Brewster Art and Design Shop, especially our new bespoke Len Lye T-shirts and tea towels - truly!

Where are you going on holiday?

Sydney, but I'd rather be going to Goa.

What books are you taking with you?

Christopher Kremmer's *Bamboo Palace* (the intricate unravelling of Laos), Orhan Pamuk's *My Name is Red* (a fiendish mystery set in 16th-century Istanbul), David Deutsch's *The Fabric of Reality* (a kind of rampant theory of everything from quantum mechanics to time travel... for those quiet moments) and Aravind Adiga's Booker Prize-winning *The White Tiger* (the reviews say "utterly amoral, brilliantly irreverent, deeply endearing" - sounds good to me!).

Do you have any New Year's resolutions?

Plant more trees.

What's your dream summer destination?

If I could travel anywhere it would be to Antarctica before it melts - artists like Anne Noble and Phil Dadson have conjured such evocative glimpses of this otherworldly white-scape.

What's your most memorable summer holiday?

For hyper-sensory-breathtaking-stimulation it would have to be Istanbul. For sheer floppiness it would be lazy weeks on Stradbroke Island - the dreamy treasure off the coast of Brisbane.

Which of the baches we've published in the past would you most like to spend your summer holidays in?

Something simple and minimal like Fearon Hay's wooden bach on Waiheke Island from our Dec/Jan 2007 issue.



ABOVE Fearon Hay's Waiheke Island bach perches above two bays and is blessed with pohutukawa, silence and views.



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