



## ***Moment of Luxury*** **Season Two Overview**

In today's economy, a "moment of luxury" can be difficult to find, and might seem impossible to experience. And that's where award-winning international designer Bill Stubbs comes to the rescue. Bill, recognized by *Architectural Digest* on its list of top 100 designers, specializes in "affordable luxury." The second season of his public television series, ***Moment of Luxury***, invites viewers to discover the beauty around them and find excellence in the everyday. Bill shares design secrets from top designers that can work within any budget. Filmed in high definition, the series brings Bill Stubbs' design philosophy to life in 13, half-hour episodes. Presented nationally by WLIW21 in association with WNET.ORG, ***Moment of Luxury*** season two premieres nationwide October 2009 (check local listings).

From stunning Show House rooms on New York City's Upper East Side, to the inspiring restoration of a family home in Galveston destroyed by Hurricane Ike, ***Moment of Luxury***'s second season takes a fresh look at attainable luxury and how to add a simple "moment of luxury" to your everyday life. Bill shows how anyone can create a unique room for next to nothing with imagination, some thrift shopping – even "dumpster diving!" Bill shows viewers how unusual collections can transform a house, how to create a one-of-a-kind room inspired by precious childhood memories, easy ways to enjoy a successful organic garden, and more.

This season, Bill finds luxury close to home in the United States and Canada. Stateside, viewers will enjoy trade secrets in the design capital of New York and join Bill in his home state of Texas to learn how to compost and harvest in the garden for easy, inexpensive outdoor entertaining and discover the origins of Mission design in San Antonio. Bill visits Connecticut for renovation and design tips from celebrated interior designer and best-selling author Bunny Williams at the magical 18<sup>th</sup>-century house and garden she restored as a labor of love and spends a weekend in Litchfield County, Connecticut that feels like a trip to the European countryside (for a much less luxurious budget). Across the border to the north, Bill finds inspiration in Montréal's French Quarter and Québec City.

Bill invites viewers for vicarious moments of luxury as he goes behind the scenes at Sotheby's with *Antiques Roadshow*'s Leslie Keno; visits Edith Wharton's renowned home, The Mount, in the Berkshires in Massachusetts for a wonderful dinner inspired by a meal in *The Age of Innocence*; joins legendary designer and author Gloria Vanderbilt in the beautiful room she created based on her favorite room from the 1940s for the Kips Bay Show House; and enjoys a "moment of luxury" with chocolate maker Jacques Torres.

The series website – [wliw.org/momentofluxury](http://wliw.org/momentofluxury) – features videos of all season one episodes, and access to Bill Stubbs' travel and design tips, ***Moment of Luxury*** blogs, and original Webisodes featuring bonus material not included in the broadcasts.

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One of the *Architectural Digest* “AD 100” list of the World’s Top Designers and Architects, Bill Stubbs has been president of William W. Stubbs and Associates, an international interior design firm, for more than 25 years. His award-winning designs include renovations of historical buildings, private homes and estates, vacation retreats, commercial multi-family properties, community housing projects for the elderly and the interior design of a large corporate jet. A popular lecturer, Bill is the author of *I Hate Red, You’re Fired! The Colorful Life of an Interior Designer* (Abrams, 2004).

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