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Lake Martin Getaway
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Resources: Design by Sandra Lynn of Lynn Allen Design 2910 Linden Ave Birmingham, AL 35209 205.877-9411 • Architectural Designer, John J. Loglisci Sherlock, Smith & Adams, Inc. architects/engineers, 2101 Magnolia Avenue South, Suite 100 Birmingham, Alabama 35205, 205.254.9100 www.ssainc.com Backsplash Tile: Walker Zanger 4x8 Lagos Azul tiles: Clay, Metal & Stone, 100 Commerce Ct. Pelham, AL 35124 205 . 987. 3617 205 . 987. 3618 Cabinet Maker: David Higgins of D&H Custom Cabinetry, Helena, AL Construction: Twin Construction, project manager: Brad Kelley

owner: Tracey and John Gardner, Mountain Brook
design: Sandra Lynn; John Loglisci

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timeless design Before, this award winning kitchen was “cramped, and dimly lit, with a lay-in ceiling, black and white vinyl flooring, and wood paneling on the walls,” recalls architectural designer John Loglisci who aided with the renovation before he joined his current firm. John, along with Sandra Lynn of Lynn Allen Design helped shape the space into a lighter, brighter kitchen that easily accommodates this busy family of four.

John notes that Tracey and John Gardner wanted to enlarge the kitchen so it could serve its main function better with modern appliances, fixtures, marble countertops, and a computer station. “Tracey stressed to me that she wanted the modern conveniences, but wanted the kitchen to blend in and be an attractive part of the home,” he says. Sandra was



THIS PAGE, TOP: This deep window ledge nestled above the sink is perfect for Tracey’s collection of potted herbs. THIS PAGE, MIDDLE RIGHT: Arched spice cabinets that match original arched windows were incorporated into the kitchen design. THIS PAGE, BOTTOM RIGHT: A new built-in cabinet is perfect for buffet-style serving and displaying Tracey’s fine china collection.



THIS PAGE TOP: Homeowner Tracey Gardner along with 14-year old daughter, Taylor, and friend Claudia Styslinger, enjoy hanging out in the new kitchen space. Tracey’s 15-year old son Lucien, not pictured, also enjoys the space.



an important part of that process. She helped choose a new backsplash, chocolate leather barstools, and glass knobs that match the original doors. And since Tracey wanted to use Alabama white marble, Sandra says she brought in grey colors. “The island color picks up the grey and blue-greens in the tile backsplash—it has a glazed finish with an extra thick limestone slab for more wow factor,” Sandra says.

“You will also notice the existing kitchen cabinet and the arched top window which Tracey had us refurbish and incorporate into the renovation,” John says. Another neat feature? The deep window ledge above the sink which Sandra notes is filled with a potted herb garden. Sandra says that, “Tracey loves gardening and cooking with fresh ingredients. Also, a bird habitat has been created right outside the sink window.” ●