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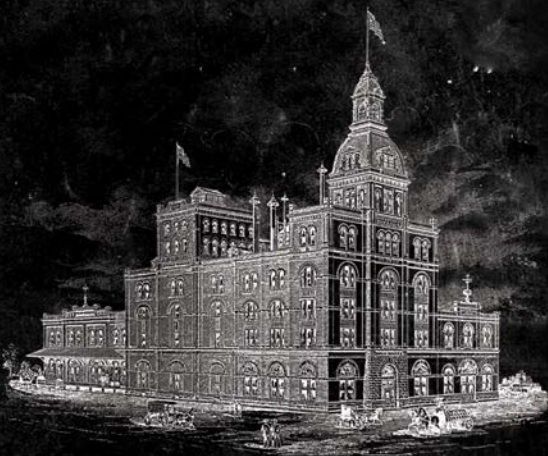
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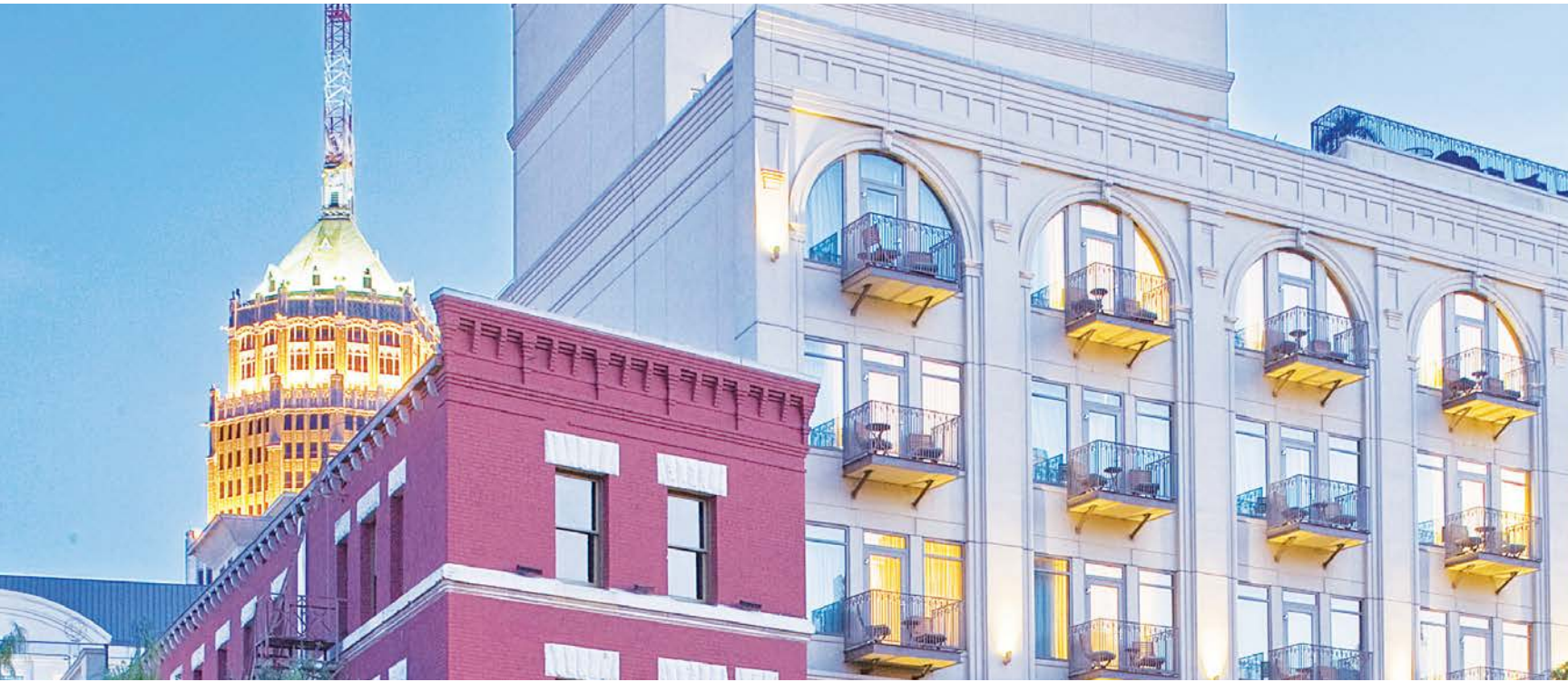
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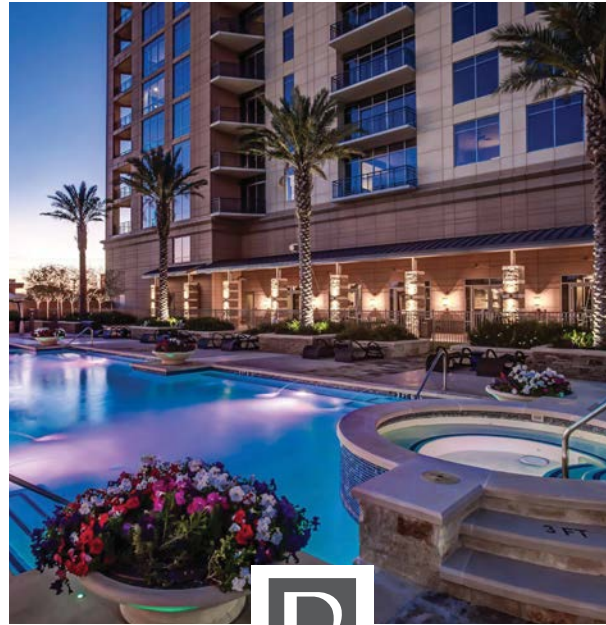
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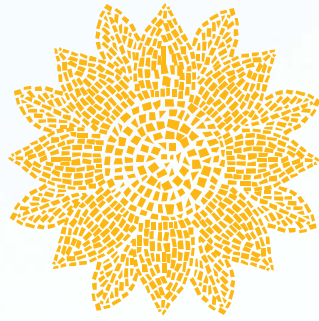
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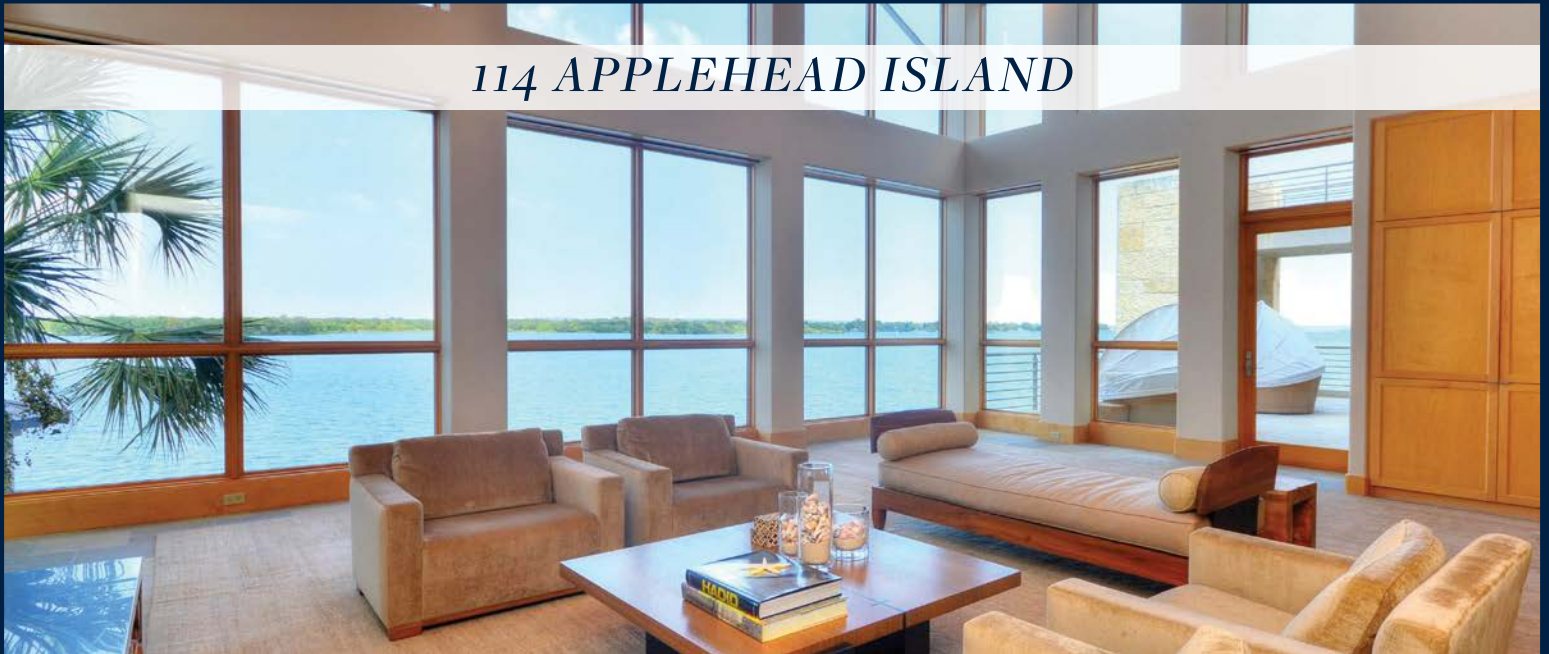
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102. A NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM

The legacy of the dinners at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, which became the Met Gala, lives on today with Diana Vreeland's inimitable spirit in this chic gathering at The University of Texas' Blanton Museum of Art.

By Jonathan Spindel
Photography by Romy Suskin

110. PORTRAIT OF A LADY

What makes an unforgettable woman? There are many things, yet jewelry is one way a woman defines herself beyond her heart, soul and style. For your future baubles, bangles and beads, we recommend you look to the past to the works of America's greatest portraitist, John Singer Sargent, to see how a lady became so.

By Erin Busbee

118. RISE TO THE OCCASION

'Tis the season to receive the best gift of all...giving the most incredible present for those very special boys and girls of all ages in your life. We make it so much easier this year for you, so get your list ready, since we've compiled the best of the best that you are sure to love.

By Molly Bayme, Alison Elberger, Kelsey Goldberg, and Jonathan Spindel

126. BY THE SEA

Carmel is always a favorite retreat for the rich and famous. Its pristine coastline, delectable cuisine and world-class accommodations are the place to be this winter. Leave it to us to do the driving.

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Bullets Over Broadway, Houston

40. CURATE

Want more culture? It's here, there and everywhere at some of our state's finest museums in the country, according to our active arts devotee Jonathan Spindel.



Alexandria Dieck of Lexicon of Style

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Austinite-turned-New Yorker Alexandria Dieck is a fashion star on the rise with her Lexicon of Style accessories. Here we get a glimpse into her glossy orbit.

24. CONTRIBUTE

It takes a village to create this magazine and our digital media platform. Here is a look at the many dynamos that help make it happen.

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A look at Mariachi Azteca de America and the Texas Ranger Museum.

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Dallas, dazzling as ever, is teeming with hip happenings, style and people as our style setter Cynthia Smoot reports.



46. BEHAVE

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The best advice for letting go of the past to make room for the New Year? According to our Austin-based Resonance Repatterning practitioner Mary Schneider it is something we can create now.

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We love all creatures great and small, and Suzanne Negley does, too, as she travels the state to find the poshest pooch owners.

60. RECALL

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A salute to Phyllis Browning Real Estate Co.'s ongoing community philanthropy in the region, as well as the Neiman Marcus San Antonio tenth anniversary event at the La Cantera Hotel.



'90s Supermodels by Megan Kyle Bennett

58. FIND

Vintage expert, personal shopper and stylist Megan Kyle Bennett heads to Los Angeles to spot vintage clothing resources with a provenance you simply can't live without.



52. EMERGE

The deception of perfection is an age-old issue with the Jet Set, as Jonathan Spindel learns from Dr. Jane Bluestein's new tome on the subject.



56. READ

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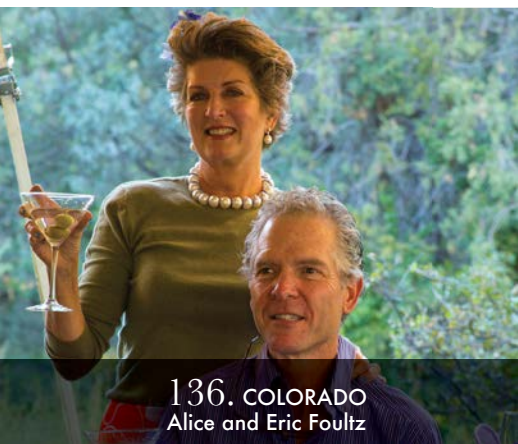
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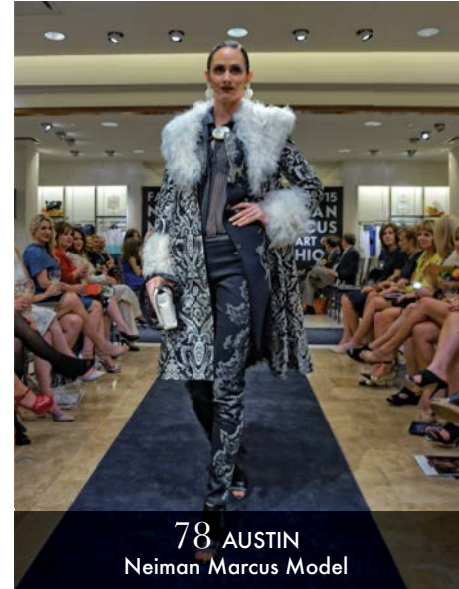
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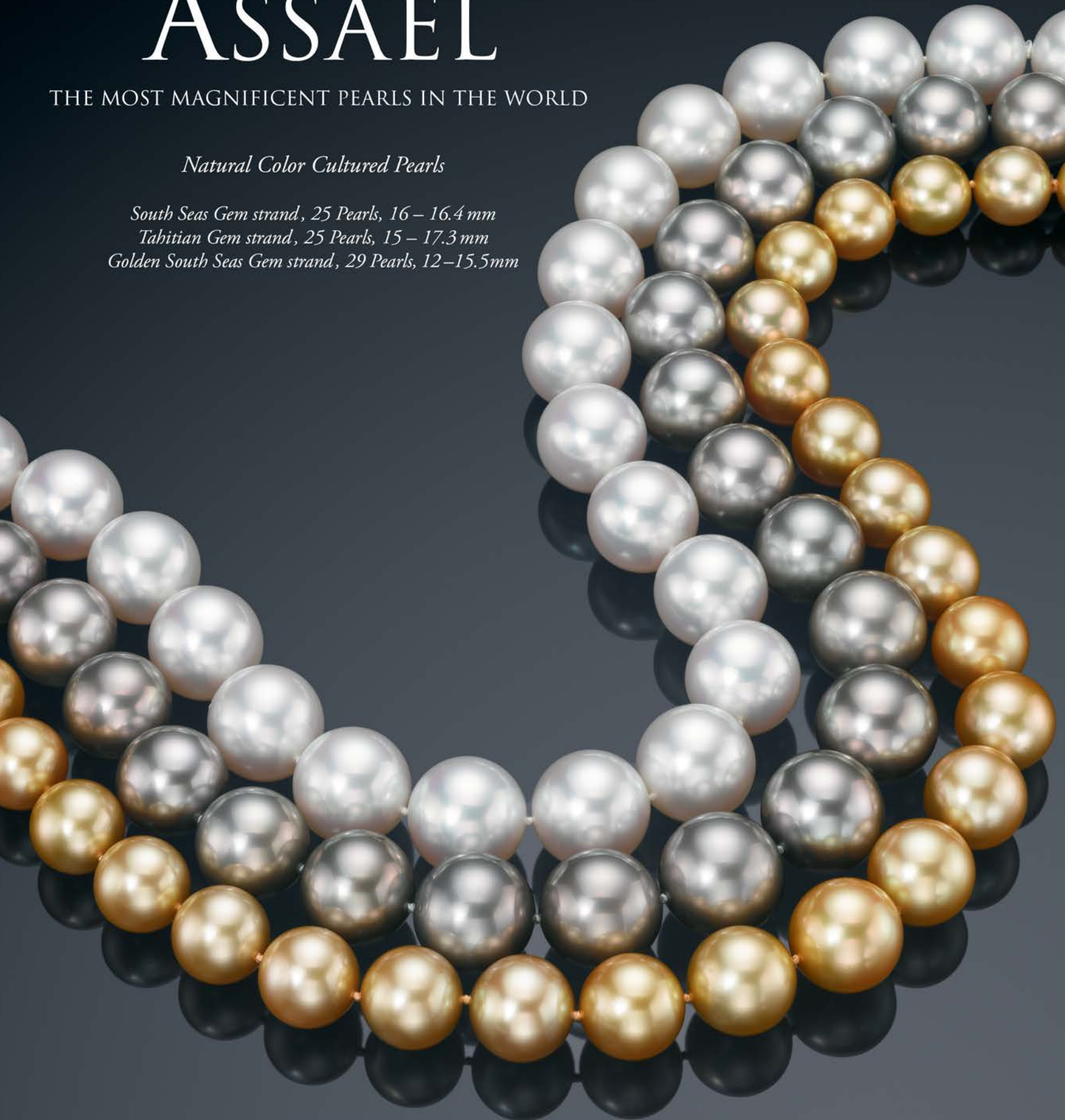
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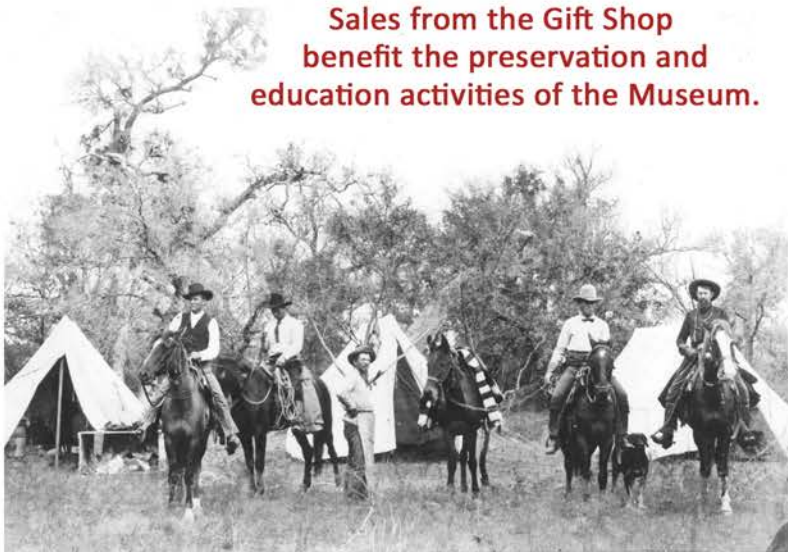
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THE MONEY SHOT

AS YOU KNOW, IN HOLLYWOOD, *THE MONEY SHOT* REFERS to the most important scene, or take, in a film. Indeed, the greenback's importance in telling a story can't be underestimated. Let's face it: most folks still don't love talking about money in polite conversation. Much like religion and sex, wealth represents a hotbed of opinions like a stick of dynamite, teetering on exploding while you didn't even know it was in your back pocket. With the prevalence of money everywhere and unprecedented wealth of so many, the conversation seems to arise again and again. Especially this time of year, as annual philanthropic decisions are made – 25% of all donations (\$358 billion total in 2014) are made in the last six weeks of the year, according to the National Philanthropic Trust.

I'd wager that stick of pocket dynamite explodes into landmine proportions when we dive into it, yet in polite conversation during dinner parties, cocktail gatherings, weekend travel with friends and beyond, it seems to be *the* hot topic du jour. After all, no one wants a tombstone that says: *He Made Money, Then He Died*. Nope, it's about the grand experiences of how the money is energetically made and how it is stewarded well to make the most of this life. Fascinating and thought-provoking, eh?

Around here, the fact that moola is made and spent is of no consequence to us. *How* it is made and on *what* it is spent (which includes saving for the future) is what we find fascinating. From scions of car dealers who live as unassumingly as Warren Buffet in a three/two ranch built in the 1950s (yet regularly appointed with the chicest updates to remain current and vital with the world) to the wettest-behind-the-ears techie zillionaire whose taste has no bounds (ranging from exquisite to wretchedly bad) and beyond, we find that fascinatingly page-filling. Thoughts we ponder: How is philanthropy integrated into weddings, birthdays and other milestone moments, and how do parents help their children become great "allowance" and "tooth fairy" philanthropists? We also wonder: How are Millennials creating a strong and impactful philanthropic strategy... for life?

On the topic of giving, we have been assembling our annual holiday gift-giving guide, *Rising To The Occasion*, for months. From the most extreme experiences to the most delightful surprises to bestow on a loved one, we searched and scoured to find some of the very best to inspire you. In fact, you may use it as a guide throughout 2016 for those special somebodies in your life.

In this issue you'll find many stories that reflect giving. I remember as a kid reading about Diana Vreeland's legendary Metropolitan Museum dinners in Manhattan, way before they became the current media circus. That in mind, we have revived that original point of view, with a sublimely glam dinner party at the esteemed Blanton Museum, filled with sparkling elements and guests to

spark your own entertaining ideas in this issue. We also have mind-blowing interpretations and recommendations of portrait-worthy fine jewelry with a twist, and, as in every issue, our goal is to widen your world scope by sharing insight on how to live your best life.

Our bountifully talented special contributors are always on hand to share their perspective on pursuing a happier life in every issue, too. Our goal is to enhance your efforts of creating a rich life, however that manifests to you personally. How? By celebrating high performers in this world and reflecting and defining what it means to live a meaningful and stylish life: The cream rising to the top.

I, and our talented team, wish you the very warmest holiday cheer into the New Year and know we appreciate you more than ever. Now...get out there and be dazzling.

XO Lance Avery Morgan
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LET THERE BE MUSIC

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The renowned Mariachi Azteca de América was established in 2006 and is at the forefront of Mariachi music in San Antonio. Mariachi Azteca de América has shared the stage with the famous Mariachi Vargas de Tecalitlan, Mariachi Sol de Mexico, and has accompanied performers such as Plácido Domingo, Aida Cuevas, Paquita La Del Barrio, and many more. They recently performed in the Houston Stock Show and Rodeo professional Mariachi competition and won first place. As a result, they were awarded the honor of opening for La Arrolladora Banda El Limón and La Maquinaria Nortena for a record-breaking 76,000 people.

The group's most recent performances have been at the Long Center in Austin and the Lila Cockrell Theater in San Antonio. They also headlined the *Serenata para Las Madres* concert at the Charline McCombs Empire Theatre in San Antonio this past summer. In addition to their staged concerts, Mariachi Azteca de América offers a professional show group that delivers a high-energy traditional Mariachi show, and as luck would have it, they are also available for bookings for special events throughout Texas. For more information, visit Aztecadeamerica.weebly.com



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RANGER READY

The oldest state law enforcement agency in the United States, the Texas Rangers, was founded in 1823 and are iconic symbols of justice and perseverance known worldwide. The Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum in Waco over the decades has attracted four million visitors from around the world including Presidents, Heads of State, Governors, and other dignitaries.

The Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum relies on donations, admissions and store sales to meet its budgetary needs. In the 1990s museums began to realize that museums needed to get creative in how funds were raised. The Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum developed a licensing program. We give the "Good Housekeeping Seal of Approval" to manufacturers wanting Texas Ranger approved merchandise.

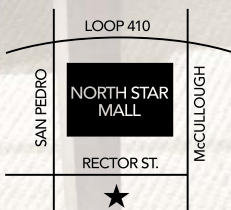
As a state law enforcement agency, the Texas Rangers cannot endorse commercial products. Through the museum, they work with the Texas Rangers and the companies to create merchandise that is genuine and in turn, benefits the museum financially. Since its inception, the Museum has licensed products with Resistol, Wrangler, Daisy, Texas Lottery Commission, America Remembers and created products such as salsa, queso, cowboy hats, apparel, motorcycles and more.

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By Molly Bayme, Alison Elberger, Kelsey Goldberg, and Jonathan Spindel

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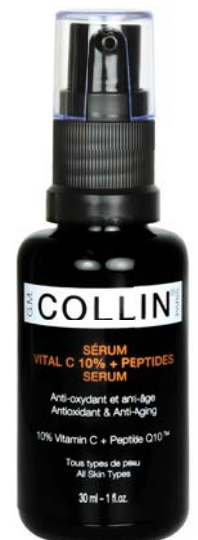


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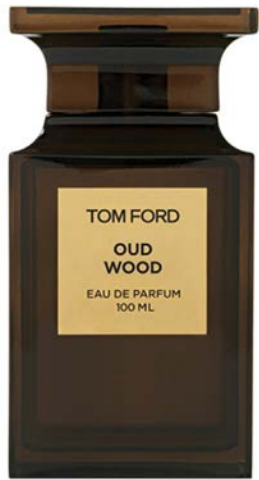
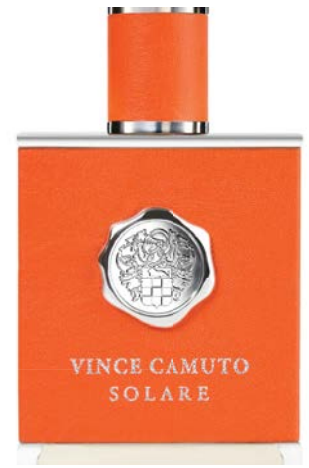


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AUSTIN



Malcolm Bucknall

AT YOUR WHIM

At turns whimsical, traditional and playfully absurd, Malcolm Bucknall's paintings have enjoyed global exposure in pop culture and galleries alike. Adorn your home with one of his unique pieces. November 7-28. At WallyWorkmanGallery.com



Natalie Frank

FAIRY TALE FANTASY

A far cry from your childhood fairy tales, Natalie Frank's interpretations of Grimm's stories take a powerful approach to the traditional stories. These vivid images will make quite an impression.

On view until November 15. At BlantonMuseum.org



Nutcracker

BOUNTIFUL BALLET

Ballet Austin presents its perennial favorite, featuring hundreds of dazzling dancers and scrumptious set pieces. Make a family event out of this holiday tradition. December 5-13. At TheLongCenter.org

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Jackson Pollock

ABSTRACT INSPIRATION

The Dallas Museum of Art presents a showcase of Jackson Pollock's early works in black and white. Full of energy and passion, these gestural pieces have left a visible

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Kehinde Wiley

PROGRESSIVE PORTRAITURE

Kehinde Wiley's lush, colorful portraits feature a broad range of subjects in unexpected settings. From street life in Harlem to classically inspired compositions, this 14-year retrospective

includes dozens of stunning portraits painted with masterful skill. On view until Jan 10, 2016. At The-Modern.org

SKETCHING STYLE

Vintage socialite Nancy Blackburn Hamon had a brief career as a dancer in Hollywood, then returned Dallas as an integral part of the philanthropic community. This precious collection of fashion sketches, which Mrs. Hamon created in her youth, illustrate her remarkable talent and lifelong passion for the arts and fashion. On view until December 13. At SMU.edu



Sketch by Nancy B. Hamon

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Featuring major works by 21 established artists across Latin America, this exhibition highlights artworks that employ seductive and engaging materials to convey their social, political, and environmental concerns. Full of tensions and dynamic energy, this collection will make a lasting impression. November 22 to February 28. At MFAH.org



Bullets Over Broadway

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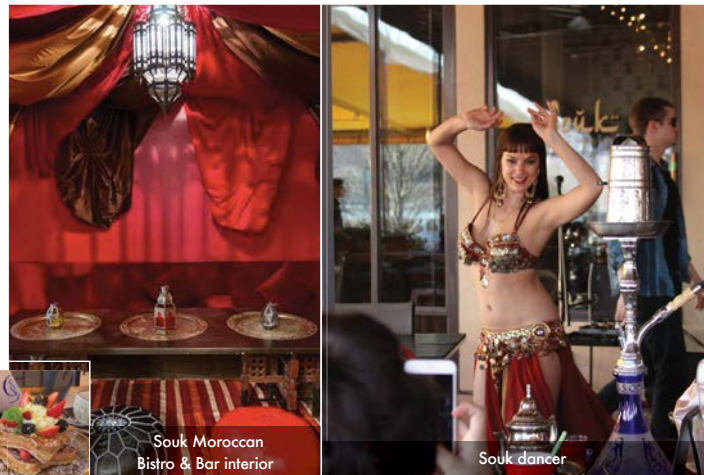
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This autumn the place to be is in Dallas, as *stylish girl-on-the-scene* Cynthia Smoot of *Ohsocynthia.com* shares the coolest events, shops and eateries in the city



Souk Moroccan Bistro & Bar interior

Souk dancer

Souk brunch sweets

MOROCCAN MAGIC

When I think of Morocco, I see bright colors swirling around the hips of sexy belly dancers and smell sensuous spices in my mind. *Souk* has done a great job of transporting the look of a Moroccan Bistro and Bazaar directly from the Atlas Mountains to Dallas' newest dining and entertainment destination, Trinity Groves. The restaurant features a delectable Mediterranean and Moroccan menu comprised of tagines (stews), spreads, kabobs, salads, and flatbreads. Want to kick date night up a notch? Stop by on a Friday or Saturday evening to find belly dancers gliding around the place and partake in a hookah. Brunch is served Saturday and Sunday. 3011 Gulden Lane in Dallas, 469.458.2233. At Soukdallas.com



(Back Row) Mike Holloway, Max Dawson, Tyler Fredrickson, Sierra Dawn Thomas and Joe Anglim, (Front Row) Carolyn "Mama C" Rivera, Natalie Anderson, Jenn Brown



Layne and Gavin Pitzer, Missy Payne, Mike Holloway & Michaela and Trey Duer



Missy Payne and Cynthia Smoot

IT'S A JUNGLE OUT THERE

Missy Payne, star of *Survivor San Juan del Sur*, Season 29, hosted the inaugural "It's A Jungle Out There" benefit recently at Lofty Spaces. Fans of competition reality TV had a chance to mix and mingle with former players from *Survivor*, *The Amazing Race*, *Big Brother*, *Dancing With The Stars*, *The Bachelor/Bachelorette* and more. Following the dinner, the party moved outside where celebrities competed in challenges (similar to those seen on *Survivor*) while party patrons placed bets on teams to win. Jodi Wincheski from the *Amazing Race* was the last woman standing and was named the night's Ultimate Survivor. Rising Nashville star Baylor Wilson, who also happens to be Payne's daughter and fellow *Survivor* contestant, capped the night with a live performance. Funds benefitted *Cheer For Your Life*, which empowers youth by providing supportive funding for athletic programs, performance based programs and service projects. For more information, visit C4yl.com. Photos by Thomas Garza Photography.



Clothes Circuit's Irene Mylan



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When in doubt with modern social puzzles, *our own culture aficionado Ms. Modern Manners Sharon Schweitzer, JD* shares her encouraging insight on how to make the best of any situation



Dear Noteworthy,

Children are keen observers and they learn what they live. I encourage you to invite them to design their own personalized stationery (within reason) in lieu of you selecting it for them, and then include them in your weekly or weekend thank-you note writing sessions. Have their favorite snacks as a reward afterwards. I also recommend sharing the thank-you notes you receive and make gratitude a theme in your home... and soon they will express their own gratitude with written eloquence.

Dear Ms. Modern Manners,

During all the festive parties happening now, there always seems to be a guest who, well, over imbibes. In fact, it may be a couple who has a few too many

Dear Ms. Modern Manners,

Approaching the holiday season has me thinking of gratuities for our extended team of those who help us on a regular basis. What's appropriate for lawn help, doormen, garage attendants, a consistent babysitter... and the like?

Gratuity Giving

Dear Giving Your Best,

'Tis indeed the season to express gratitude – within fiscal boundaries and the organizational policies of the service provider. Gift and tip with judgment for loyal service. You are not obligated to give cash, yet you'll want to include a handwritten note of gratitude. A short list of tipping includes:

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- Babysitter: a tip or gift-card equal to evening or day of service
- Doorman/Lobby Attendant: a cash gift of \$20-100 depending on location and service
- Lawn Help: a gift-card equal to a day of service
- Garage Attendant: \$15-50, depending on location and service
- Housekeeper: a tip equal to one day or week of service per person
- Pet Groomer: a gift-card/tip equal to one service and human treats
- Pet Walker: a tip/gift-card equal to one day or one week of service
- Personal Trainer: a tip of a gift-card equal to one service or a special gift
- Teacher and Teacher's Aid: a class gift or individual gift rather than tip

Dear Ms. Modern Manners,

During this time of year my children will receive gifts from family and friends. In this world of texting, how do I encourage them to form a lifelong habit of gratitude by writing thank-you notes?

Taking Notes

and gets sloppy in their decorum. How should I handle, so as not to offend them or our other guests too?

Hosts With The Most

Dear Hosting Habitués,

It has happened to the best of us all. It is incumbent upon all hosts to advise bartenders and servers, *before* the event begins, to discreetly (and immediately) alert the host or hostess to any guest who may be losing their personal decorum. The host can then assess how to handle the situation, as each one is usually unique. The best policy is to have a drink limit, and a reasonable ending time for the festivities stated on the invitation.

Dear Ms. Modern Manners,

We love hosting a holiday meal and as you know, it's tremendous work for even the most casual gathering for more than a dozen family members and friends. My brother just informed me he wants to propose to his girlfriend, whom he's only known for a few short months, at this gathering. What to do?

Decent Proposition

Dear Proposing Pensity,

Accept the idea with your usual grace and charm, naturally. Marriage proposals during the holidays are popular. Obviously your brother wants his entire family there when he pops the question. Your entertaining skills are legendary, so therefore your holiday dinner is one of the best setups, since most, if not all, of the family wouldn't miss a holiday dinner at your home. Everyone will be, or should be, in a festive mood, and the happy couple will share this memory for years to come. **S**

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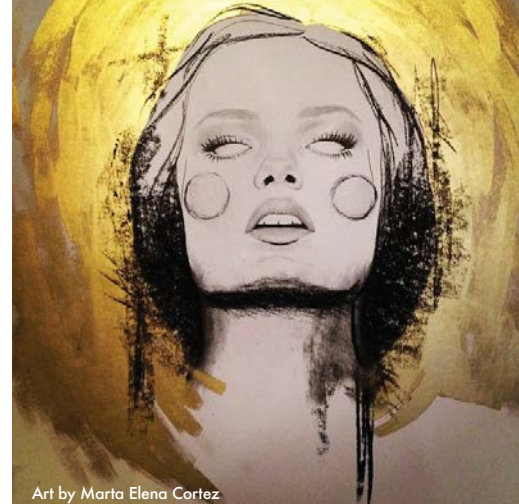
Twiggy, 1960s

Classic star style I most identify with is...
Twiggy since she's the most classic style
closest to my own.



Grease film fashion

Film I feel has a very fashionable point of view are: so many...
Grease, Wizard of Oz and *Blade Runner* are favorites.



Art by Marta Elena Cortez

Artist whose work I would collect is...my
best friend Marta Elena Cortez's art

DOWNTOWN WHIRL

Austinite-turned-New-Yorker Alexandra Dieck definitely knows her personal approach to fashion. Her accessories line, Lexicon of Style, is capturing the hearts of chic women everywhere. Here our *perpetual style seeker Lance Avery Morgan* learns more about this Texas beauty's already legendary style.



Favorite trend in jewelry
these days is ear jackets



Bond Street, London

My favorite street in the world is...Bond Street



Alexandra Dieck of Lexicon of Style

"An unforgettable place
I've traveled is...Australia"



The thing I am eyeing next is...
Maison Margiela daisy printed boots

"I design because...I love being able to express
myself and share my personal style with others."

Classic designer I feel is still designing today is...
I feel Coco Chanel is still designing for Chanel,
but in modern times.



"An object I would never part with is...my
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NEXT UP: YOUR SECOND ACT

As 2015 winds down, we can aim to resolve the past as we look toward to future, according to *Austin-based Resonance Repatterning Practitioner Mary Schneider*

THE PAST IS INCREDIBLY POWERFUL FROM MANY DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVES. It is an important part of determining how we respond to the future. It has been wisely said that if we do not understand the past we are destined to repeat it. When we look at the current situation in the world today, much of what I have seen in my lifetime is starting to recycle itself – from fashion to disease to political movements, yet looking forward remains essential.

PAST TO PRESENT

The past can be just as meaningful as the future, ie the history of society, culture and the world. We as *individuals* may be destined to repeat our past if we do not come to an understanding of it, and then resolve to let it go. Fundamentally, through the therapeutic process of understanding and letting go of the past, we become free. This *is* the process of liberation, and although not easy, it is worth it.

Freedom in any context is always hard won. Talk to any refugee. The freedom we take advantage of every day in this country is the result of decades of sacrifice and the loss of millions of lives. Having experimented with the concept of freedom in many different forms since the moment I could conceptualize, it is everything. freedom as money, as security, as relationship, and as individuality. After numerous attempts to define what Freedom actually is, I have come to the conclusion that it is only found within ourselves and it can only be found within by coming to terms with the past. But, how?

If we have not dealt with our past, our unresolved issues and feelings from our earlier lives are constantly triggering what we deal with in the present. Something seemingly innocuous can occur and we are mired in anger, resentment or fear without understanding why. Unfortunately, when this happens we generally respond as if this is an appropriate response to whatever current situation is occurring. If our anger is triggered, we are almost never present, because anger relates to the past.

Anger is often triggered by a similar past event. Sometimes this process is so opaque we are completely unaware that the current upsetting situation is even remotely related to a past situation. We are convinced that our


reaction in the present has to do with the present situation, which is almost always a fallacy. The trigger mechanism is in our sub-conscious; if we are unable to resolve it, then we need insight about it.

When we are not present, we are disempowered. Empowerment comes from responding to a situation in the present. The only way that we can consistently respond in the present is to heal, understand, and let go of the past. Thus, we end up repeating the same old patterns of behavior and relationships.

MAKE ROOM FOR THE FUTURE

We must transcend the cycle of repeating the same old relationships, the same old jobs, and the same old arguments over and over again. Like comfort food that may not be good for us. For Most of us, if we authentically look at our lives we can see that this is in some in our way own situation. The reason why this happens is so that we can eventually see that there is a pattern here that needs to be changed. As we move through the healing process, letting go of this trigger and that past painful situation, we begin to see all kinds of patterns in which we have been stuck. We realize we have been making many of our decisions about ourselves and our loved ones from this non-coherent perspective.

As this process unfolds, we really begin to connect the dots within our life. Everything that has ever occurred earlier in our lives begins to make sense and we can see why we took one road and not another. Why we got involved with this person and not that one, and beyond. As this occurs, we start to move to patterns of greater beauty and complexity and our lives loosen up. There is expansion. There is freedom. There is real choice. What I see continuously is that people's lives change in very simple *and* dramatic ways – new jobs, new careers, new homes, new relationships. Or, the old ones are improved for the better. It is extremely exciting.

So as we end another incredible year and move toward the finish of another decade, let's resolve to let go of the past and the uncomfortable hold it has on our families and us. In this new millennia, Let's resolve to live in expansion and freedom, the way we were meant to be, in 2016 ahead. 

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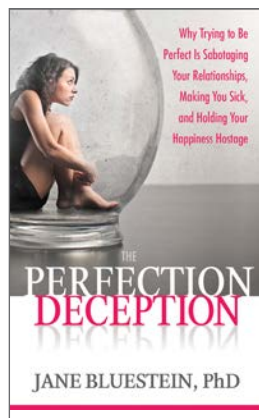
What's wrong with our quest for perfectionism? Do we have healthy ambitions or are they unreasonable expectations? An energetic drive for excellence is a healthy trait, yet sometimes our goals can take us too far, as *our culture purveyor Jonathan Spindel* learns in a new book

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WE FALL SHORT OF OUR GOALS? Striving for total excellence is a worthy endeavor, and yet we've all experienced that inner critic, the voice that sets the bar too high and screams "failure" even when we succeed. Have you ever held yourself to an impossibly high ideal?

Dr. Jane Bluestein, an internationally renowned counselor and author, presents *The Perfection Deception*, an enlightening investigation of how perfectionism can undermine hard work and success. Dr. Bluestein explains how perfectionism shapes our reality and defines our identity, and offers solutions to help find the balance between determination and acceptance. We caught up with Dr. Bluestein to discuss her latest book and shed some light on an issue with which so many of us can identify these days.

Where do we get the seemingly perfect ideals to which we compare ourselves? "The media may be the easiest to target," Dr. Bluestein asserts, "but it is also the hardest to ignore. We are barraged with messages about who we are supposed to be, how we're supposed to look, what our lives are supposed to look like." Naturally, the media portrays the most perfect version of reality. On television, for example, it seems everyone is impossibly beautiful, wears the latest fashion, and drives the newest car. But this idealistic portrayal is not itself responsible for perfectionism. As Dr. Bluestein articulates, "My main concern was about what makes us vulnerable to these messages; a feeling like we're inadequate if we don't drive a certain car, wear a certain brand—not to mention size, make a certain income, or live up to standards that really are not appropriate for who we really are."

A beneficial approach to amend the drive to perfectionism is to understand the difference between healthy ambition and unreasonable self-expectations. So, what's the difference? "Well, it actually took most of the book to answer that question," Dr. Bluestein says. "The shortest possible answer compares perfectionism (and the need to pull off a certain image) with the healthy pursuit of excellence. I'm actually quite a big fan of accuracy, precision, and doing the best we can do."



Striving for perfection may manifest in your professional identity as well as your personal. Let's examine how perfectionism affects professional ambition. A good place to begin is to look at your daily, weekly or monthly to-do lists. "I tend to cross the line when I'm over-committing or over-correcting, or when I actually think I can accomplish a to-do list that would reasonably take weeks to finish," Dr. Bluestein admits. We've all experienced that feeling of over-extension; we commit to more than we can reasonably accomplish. And yet we fulfill our commitments – but all too often, it's at the expense of our personal time, our families, our emotions and our health.

We've all experienced stress; it's a natural component of hard work, and in fact can serve to motivate us to fulfill our goals. But how can you tell if you're working toward your goals, or feeding the "perfection deception" within you? "Is it worth the stress to meet an unrealistic deadline, or say, choose a career based on pressure to get approval or acceptance?" Dr. Bluestein asks. We should ask ourselves: when we commit to more than we can accomplish, is it for our personal satisfaction, or for the sake of outside approval? Do we go out of our way to please others? A little selfless generosity is a great virtue, but remember we must also balance this with your own goals and priorities. "Healthy striving does not usually involve trying to prove ourselves or our worth," Dr. Bluestein advises. Can we forgive ourselves for imperfections? Yes we can. If we fail to meet our goals, that simply means we're still on the path of self-improvement.

"Am I doing something to satisfy curiosity or a particular passion, or am I doing it to look good, get approval, gain self-worth, or avoid negative reactions from others?" Dr. Bluestein asks. "If I'm interested in growth—learning, improving, or producing, trying to get ahead of where I was when I started, then I'm not quite so worried about getting it right." So when we push ourselves to meet high expectations, we ought to remember to take stock before we start suffering. "Is it worth the stress, pain, health risks to carve myself to fit into some random cultural ideal of beauty, meet an unrealistic deadline, or say, choose a career or mate based on pressure to get conditional approval or acceptance from some person or group that's important to me? I guess the bottom line is: are we having fun yet?" **S**

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FUR-EVER FLOURISHING

San Antonian Suzanne Negley traveled the state to find the most charming pet owners and their dogs whose tail wagging has them hypnotized. Here three Pet Set Texans weigh in



Fay Fitzsimons and Jake, Houston

FAY FITZSIMONS AND JAKE, HOUSTON

What is your dog's style these days and who is his celebrity twin? For sure *Urban Cowboy*. He reminds me of Owen Wilson...handsome but so goofy.

What is Jake's favorite Texas pasttime? Dove and quail hunting. He also loves to play polo and ride along with me sometimes fetching the polo ball and bringing it back to me. Plus, he knows where to set it down in front of the horse so I can hit it.

Does he have any funny quirks? If you ask him to sit he automatically lays down and rolls on his back, feet up in the air expressing "look at me."

Any irrational fears that motivate him? He is constantly afraid people don't like him and that he's in trouble. So, he always wants to please.

CORINNA RICHTER AND BEAUREGARD, SAN ANTONIO

What is your dog's love story? We were two naive newlyweds who met and fell for what we thought was a purebred French Bulldog puppy...and ended up with a lovable Pitbull mix.

How would you describe your dog's style? He is a hipster, but I think he is a little too stocky to pull off skinny dog jeans. So I picture him in an old school Adidas track suit with a big gold chain, instead, since the 80s were definitely his decade.

Does he have any irrational fears? Mostly all lawn maintenance equipment: rakes, shovels and leaf blowers. He is in an ongoing battle with the pool Polaris and the robot is winning.

If your pet had a voice, who/what would it sound like? He has a French accent, naturally.



Corinna Richter and Beauregard, San Antonio

MARGARET JONES AND GROVER & ELMO, AUSTIN

How would you describe your dogs' style? Elmo is pajamas on Christmas morning cozy, while Grover's style is more short-sleeved-button-down-with-a-pocket-protector.

What is your favorite Texas activity together? We love to spend afternoons at the Greenbelt. Grover chases dogs, people, and, most importantly to him, squirrels. Elmo chases Grover and I pretend like they're not mine when they don't behave.

If your furry pal was a movie star or pop icon who would they be? Grover is *Paul Blart, Mall Cop* of the dog park – he has very little authority in actuality, but he takes his self-appointed duty of policing any mischief quite seriously. Elmo is the chubby little boy from the original *Haters Gonna Hate* meme.



Margaret Jones with Grover and Elmo, Austin

Do your dogs have any favorite foods? Elmo loves Ben & Jerry's ice cream, meanwhile Grover will eat anything and everything. **S**

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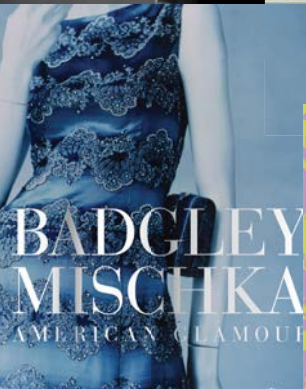
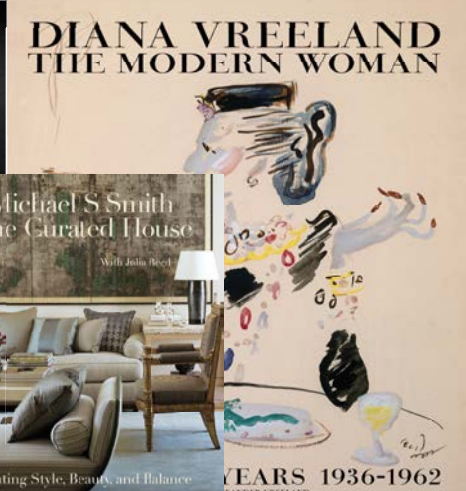
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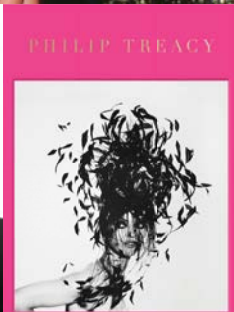
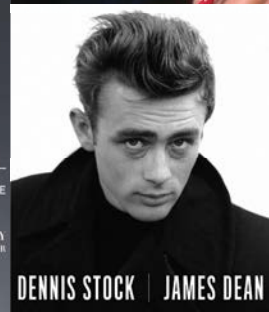
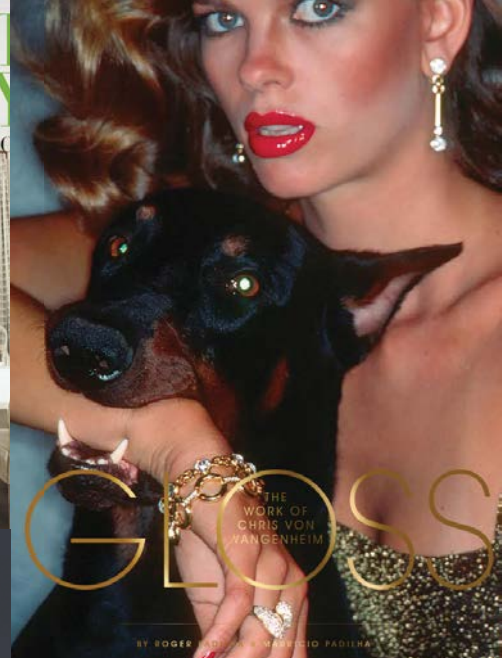
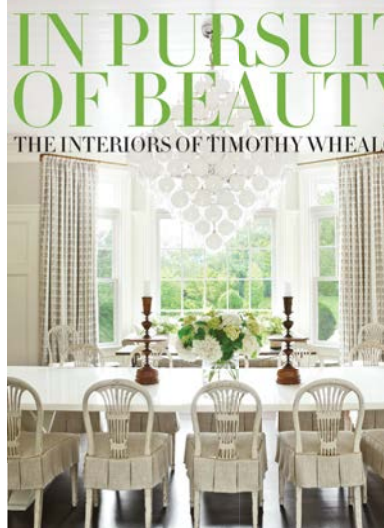
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WHEN ERAS MEET

The newest nostalgia craze? The 90s. Yes, the decade of The Supermodel and all its champagne-filled dreams of grungy grandeur are back in a big way. On another vintage adventure, this time in Los Angeles, *Austin-based personal shopper and stylist Megan Kyle Bennett* seeks and finds the best of the best

“WHOEVER SAID THAT MONEY CAN’T BUY HAPPINESS, simply didn’t know where to go shopping,” once enthused actress Bo Derek. As long as I can remember I have loved fashion, yet no other era will resonate more with me than the early 1990s. While the last “new” silhouettes from the end of the Big 80s were exiting stage right; fashion and designers like Tom Ford, Calvin Klein and Todd Oldham were ready to reinvent the wheel with high glam-meets-grunge entering stage left. It was such an exciting mash-up of contradictions, and since Hollywood was dim with movie star style wattage then, it was a window of opportunity in a pre-YouTube era of pop culture for fashion to take center stage, and create their own celebrities: The Supermodels, and the designers who adorned them.

Decades

Founder Cameron Silver and co-owner Christos Garkinos started ahead of the pack, ushering in vintage couture on the red carpet as early as 1997. They have housed iconic pieces in pristine condition that often land the proverbial movie star wearing them on the best dressed list. Rachel Zoe has been a die-hard fan for years, and Nicole Richie has called it a favorite. For stylists, stars, the gyp-set and the fashion obsessed, Decades is a sure thing. At Decadesinc.com 8214 Melrose Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90046. 323.655.1960

Luxe de Ville

Luxe de Ville is a vintage & consignment operation, yet don’t be fooled by its 90s rockabilly exterior. This bubbly boutique, tucked away in trendy east-side Echo Park has a designer for everyone from every decade... and it won’t break the bank. Additionally, it has some great finds from my teen years like oversized earrings and short skirts that take me back to a time that now seems forever ago. At Luxedeville.com 2157 W Sunset Blvd Los Angeles, CA, 90026. 213.353.0135

Resurrection Vintage

Another bi-coastal mainstay is Resurrection Vintage and its stores in Los Angeles and New York also have websites with a substantial stock of vintage wares. The outfit is the brainchild of designer Katy Rodriguez and all of the merchandise brings a fresh edge to any outfit. It is worth noting that they have a robust inventory of vintage 1990s Chanel accessories (the best era of Chanel, in my opinion) that never ceases to

amaze. Additionally, I always come across a one-off runway piece from the designer’s designer Thierry Mugler. It is a style goldmine with many shiny nuggets from the supermodel era that have been brought back to life lovingly and beautifully. At Resurrectionvintage.com 8006 Melrose Avenue Los Angeles, CA 90046 323.651.5516



Shareen

In recent award seasons, Shareen is a name that has been on many a starlet’s lips. This downtown LA, customized vintage dress shop also specializes in custom vintage bridal that is a breath of fresh air from regular wedding fare. Owner Shareen Mitchell started her venture into retail by selling small wares at the Rose Bowl flea market on Sundays; now she has storefronts in both Los Angeles and Manhattan. At Shareen.com, 1721 North Spring Street Los Angeles, CA 90012 323. 276.6626.

Sielian’s Vintage

While at Sielian’s Vintage, pursuing a ball gown for a client, I struck a gold mine. A quiet buzz about the store was building amongst stylemakers, and deemed as a best kept secret in LA. Dialing in my stylist pal Noelle Palm, she reported back with delightful, one-of-a-kind creations from Gianfranco Ferré and Christian Dior, among many other treasures. Owner Sielian Lie and partner Tsutomu Carton have a penchant for acquiring anything from a red carpet statement to a standout outfit

at a garden party. When they shared obscure, grainy runway footage of Stephanie Seymour in an early 90s Chanel cocktail dress they had just acquired, I knew I had found my tribe. At Sielianvintage.com, 8629 1/2 Melrose Avenue West Hollywood, CA 90069. 310.246.9595 1721 N

The Way We Wore

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We wondered what a dream dinner party full of fashion folklore might look like. Here, join vintage fashion follower *Lance Avery Morgan* as he shares that vision....

1 Oleg Cassini: He dressed Jackie O during her White House years, married movie stars and set the pace for style that placed America on the international fashion map in the 1950s and 1960s.

2 Cristóbal Balenciaga: His Sack Dress and avant-garde constructed designs freed women from conventionality in the 1950s and remains fresh today.

3 Christian Dior: His 1947 New Look high glamour gave women back their femininity from a World War and into the Cold War and resuscitated the fashion business back to life.



4 Elsa Schiaparelli: Her art-as-canvas proved that fashion should be whimsical all the time. Her evening gowns were sculptured folly and were worn by free spirits across the globe in the 1930s and beyond.

5 Lilly Daché: With chapeaus that launched a thousand ships, she designed for a generation in the 1940s and 1950s where a hatless head was an unfashionable one and brought real creativity to the headdress.

6 Estée Lauder: Her cosmetic prowess showed women that if they tried harder to look and be more appealing, that they could land anything they wanted, and then some. From the 1940s until way beyond the Women's Movement in the 1970s, to now, feeling beautiful always triumphs.



7 Mary Quant: The mini-skirt revolution was started by this one woman and as hemlines went from high to higher, from 0-to-60 MPH, in the mid-1960s, her designs dared to show more leg when the protest-torn planet needed a boost.

8 Halston: With Ultrasuede for work and halter dresses for night, a woman could easily go from day to evening feeling sleek and sexy in the feminist 70s while they were bringing home the bacon, as well as frying it up in the pan.

9 Ralph Lauren: His strictly American glam ushered the world back from the Hippy Dippy 1960s into a chicer last quarter century-plus and he still sets the upper crust tone for better dressing.

10 Oscar de la Renta: Swathed in yards of fabric, both a deb and her mother felt right at home in his Big Dress of the 1980s that he took from runway to red carpets across the country, and his clothes are still revered.

11 Hubert de Givenchy: With Audrey Hepburn as a muse, need we say more about his pure genius perfection from the 1950s well into the 1990s?

The great designer of the 20th century defined and refined fashion, and yet their styles remain ever-so-relevant. Here are a few of our favorites:

12 Valentino: Red, red, red is his signature color of soignée. This Italian dynamo who took lace to another level beyond imagination and loved the female form brought back a true elegance in the 70s.

13 Gianni Versace: Known for dressing mistresses first and movie stars later, he created the flash for those with cash. His bright colors showed the Go-Go 80s how to turn up the volume.

14 Pauline Trigère: Now often forgotten, her suits and impeccably cut coats with a matching lining still inspire today. She designed for Babe Paley, Gloria Guinness and the rest of her era's 1950s Jet-Set.

15 Coco Chanel: Her bouclé tweed suit has lasted from the 1920s to this very moment. Her masterful approach paved the way for comfortable clothing that defied post-WWI convention, along with making costume jewelry oh, so fashionable.



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 (RIGHT)

Landa Gardens Conservancy is a nonprofit organization dedicated to beautifying and maintaining the grounds at Landa Library, a branch of the San Antonio Public Library. The grounds include the Valero Pavilion, a concrete sculpture designed and created by nationally renowned Carlos Cortés, beautiful landscaping, walking paths, and playground improvements, as well as over 7,000 new plants and a community garden. It is the goal of the Landa Gardens Conservancy to maintain the vision of preserving the Landa Library's grounds for the entire community to enjoy.



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A PERFECT GEM

Neiman Marcus San Antonio Celebrates Italian Jewelry Festival With Diamonds And Cars Galore

By *Shannon Miller Turner* Photography by *Candace Schaddelee*

A precious bit of bejeweled Italian perfection could be found on a recent fall evening in the lush Texas Hill Country. An elegant candlelit evening co-hosted by Neiman Marcus San Antonio and the La Cantera Hill Country Resort brought together an intimate-yet-notable gathering of guests to mark the store's collaboration with the Italian Trade Commission, a partnership that resulted in the iconic store's Italian Jewelry Festival celebrating luxury jewelry designed and handcrafted in Italy. Special guest for the evening was Eli Zybert, President of the premier Italian jewelry collection, Zydo.

Guests were welcomed with cocktails and hors d'ouvres on the Sweet Fire Patio of the La Cantera Hill Country Resort. Beautiful designs by Zydo were showcased on stunning, statuesque models as guests gathered and mingled before moving inside to the La Sierra room for a beautiful candlelight dinner accented with white roses masterfully designed by Neiman Marcus and Danny Cuellar of Trinity Flowers, along with exquisite jewelry pieces that were artfully placed under glass.

Tom Wensinger, Vice President and General Manager for Neiman Marcus San Antonio, which is also celebrating its 10th anniversary this year, welcomed guests to this elegantly joy-filled event. Chef John Zaner, Director of Culinary Operations for the hotel, provided a sumptuous 5-course meal, each perfectly paired with Italian wines graciously provided by Late European that features Rolls Royce, Bentley, Aston Martin and Lotus, all of which were parked for guests to enjoy visiting.



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Brent Johnson & Darren and Stacey Harding



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Carla Kozad and Theresa DeMayo

SPECTATE

FAB, FUN & FORTUNATE

Annual Fashion Show Event Honors Five Stylish, Philanthropic Women

By Rob Giardinelli | Photography by Stacey Harrell



THE SCENE:

A fashionably fun evening at Neiman Marcus Austin was the scene of fun, fashion and philanthropy. The second annual Fab Five event, celebrating fashionable women who give back to the community, was a collaboration between The Society Diaries magazine and Neiman Marcus...with the proceeds benefitting some of the city's top charitable organizations.

Guests were greeted by Neiman Marcus Austin Vice-President and General Manager Chris Hendel and The Society Diaries' Lance Avery Morgan, as the attendees enjoyed bites from Capital Grille, as well as an assortment of signature cocktails. After honoring the illustrious group and their outstanding achievements, the event was capped off with an extravagant fashion show featuring 40 stunning fall looks, featuring the fall season's hottest fashions – all chic, all fabulous, all fun.

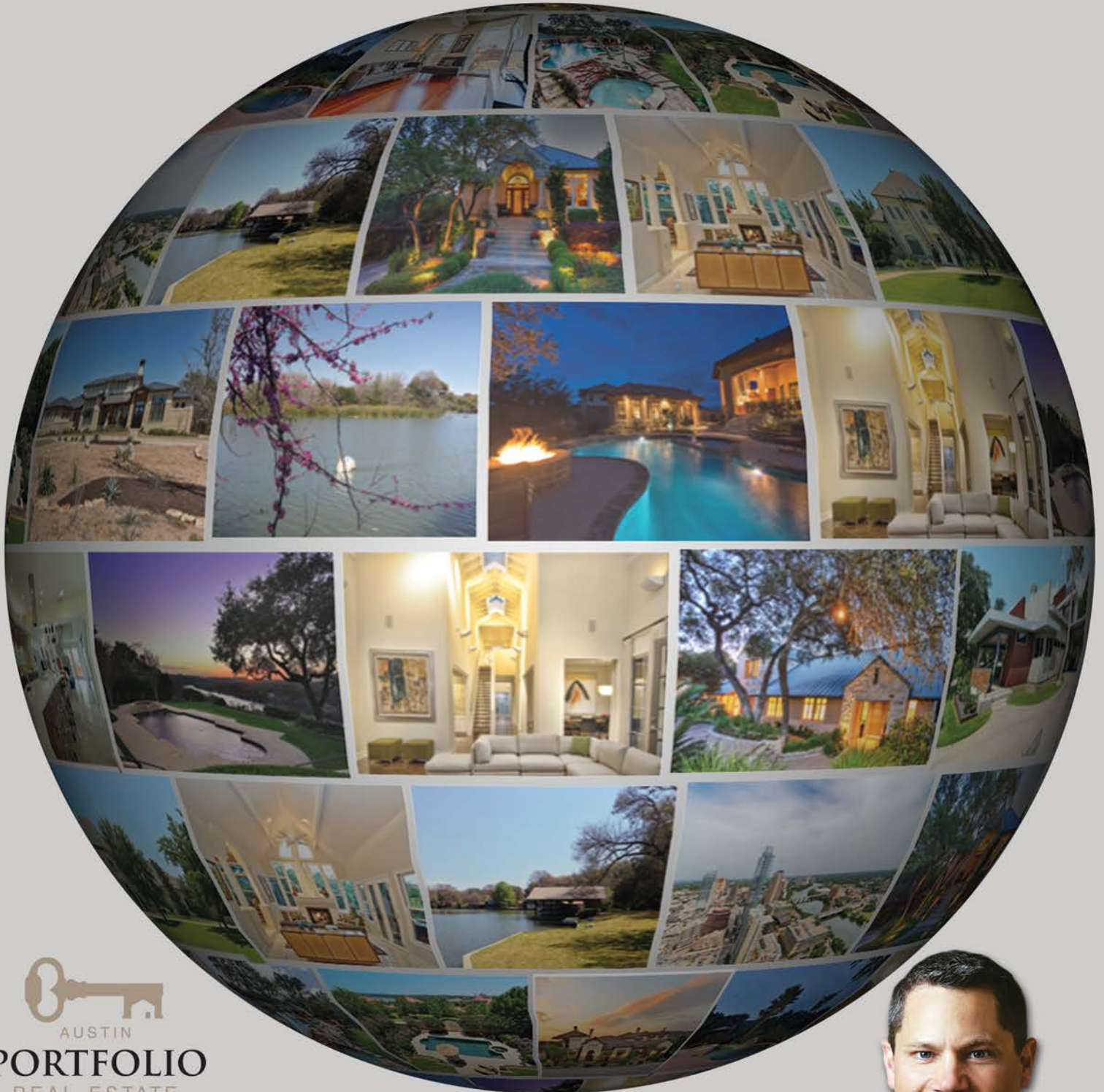


Laura Craddick, Susan Lubin and Jennifer Carnes

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THE VIBE:

The honorees, dressed to the nines in with their personal style, as well as the stylish crowd that overflowed with a diverse range of hip and sophisticated attire elevated the energy of the event. The five dynamos and the organizations they supported were: JK Baxter Hunt, (ZACH Scott Theatre), Dawn Crouch (The Rise School, Austin) Andra Liemandt (The Center for Child Protection), Susan Lubin (Seton Breast Care Center), and Carla McDonald, (ZACH Scott Theatre Education and Outreach).



Chris Hendel

THE CAUSE:

The proceeds from the fashion show event benefitted these fine Austin philanthropic organizations. With the city's ever expanding presence on the fashion and giving map, we are excited to see who next year's lucky recipients will be.



Christine Ouellet, JK Baxter Hunt and Margaret Walker



Lisa Parrish and Jason Nichol



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BLACK, WHITE & LYNN

Museum Of Fine Arts Ball Celebrates Lynn Wyatt

By *Jennifer Roosth* | Photography by *Jenny Antill and Wilson Parish*



Windi and David Grimes



Lynn Wyatt, Shirley MacLaine and Sarah Ferguson, Duchess of York



Berdon and Rolanett Lawrence & Frank and Michelle Hevrdejs

THE SCENE:

The Museum of Fine Art's *Black & White* ball drew more than 440 guests for a glamorous evening of dinner and dancing. The Museum's Cullinan Hall was transformed by the evening's theme, with art deco-inspired, black and white striped walls, chandeliers, and floors. Tables were set with similarly striped linens and white orchid arrangements by Richard Flowers of The Events Company. After dinner, a three-tier, black and white striped coconut birthday cake was presented to Super Sociable Lynn Wyatt as party-goers serenaded the evening's host with a rousing rendition of *Happy Birthday*.



Rich and Nancy Kinder



Terry Wayne Jones and Sara Paschall Dodd



Jerry Ann and Victor Costa



Lynn Wyatt



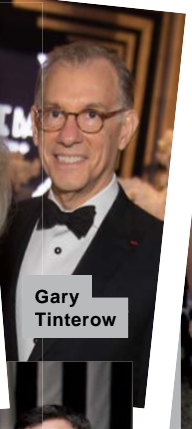
Mark Sullivan and Diane Lokey

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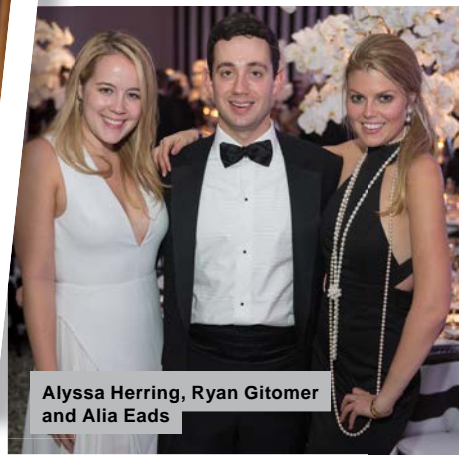
Guests enjoyed the sounds of dinner music by the David Caceres Orchestra, followed by dancing to New York-based DJ Mad Marj (Marjorie Gubelmann in from New York). City Kitchen wowed with a menu that included seared diver sea scallops with stone-ground mustard mousseline, saddle of lamb with heirloom baby carrots and broccolini, and wine pairings. For dessert, guests indulged in a chocolate biscuit with butterscotch toffee mousse, bittersweet chocolate sauce, and crème fraiche gelato.



Phoebe Tudor



Gary Tinterow



Alyssa Herring, Ryan Gitomer and Alia Eads



Cal and Hannah McNair & Joanna and Brad Marks



Sima Ladjevardian and Shahla Ansary

THE CAUSE:

Museum director Gary Tinterow reported the museum recorded its highest-netting and highest-grossing ball in history, exceeding its goal with \$2,010,000 raised. The final dollar amount received a last-minute boost thanks to Elton John, who donated a pair of signed sunglasses to be auctioned off at the Ball in Lynn's honor. Funds directly benefit the operating budget of the MFAH. Underwriters included Lynn and Oscar Wyatt; River Oaks District; the Honorable and Mrs. Hushang Ansary Cherie and Jim Flores; Hildebrand Foundation; Nancy and Rich Kinder; Palmetto Partners, Ltd.; Susan and Fayez Sarofim; Apache Corporation; Mrs. Diane Lokey Farb; Rolanette and Berdon Lawrence; Cornelia and Meredith Long; Beth Madison; Nidhika and Pershant Mehta; Charles Butt/H-E-B; Alfred C. Glassell, III; Lynn and Peter Coneway/Michelle and Frank Hevrdejs.



Beth Madison and Beau Miller



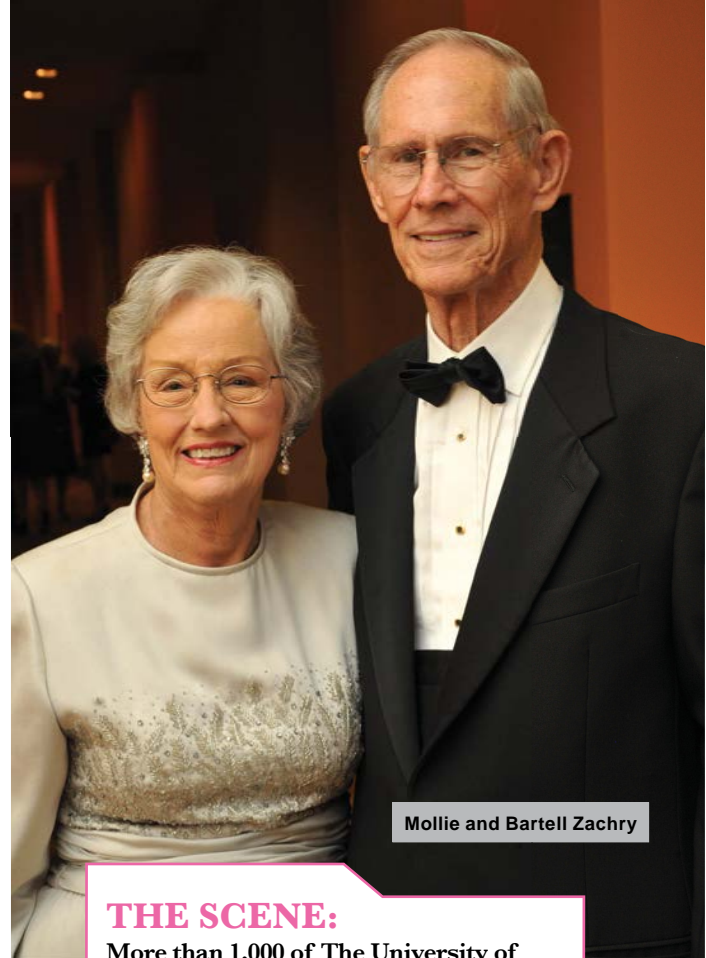
Margaret Alkek Williams, Jane DiPaolo; Cellina Hellmund and Pat Breen



TREASURED MEMORIES

U.T. Health Science Center San Antonio
President's Gala Honors Community Leaders

By *Shannon Miller Turner* | Photography by *Greg Harrison*



Mollie and Bartell Zachry

THE SCENE:

More than 1,000 of The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio supporters recently gathered at the Grand Hyatt San Antonio to celebrate the 2015 President's Gala honoring Bartell and Mollie Zachry. The theme for the event was "An Evening of Service," a fitting tribute to the couple and to the mission of the university, as well. In accepting the role as gala honorees, the Zachrys expressed their desire for the event to benefit a cause that reflected their commitment to serving the community. In keeping with this wish, Health Science Center President William L. Henrich, M.D., MACP, announced at the gala the establishment of South Texas' first Institute for Alzheimer and Neurodegenerative Disease supported by \$35 million in funds raised primarily from the community.



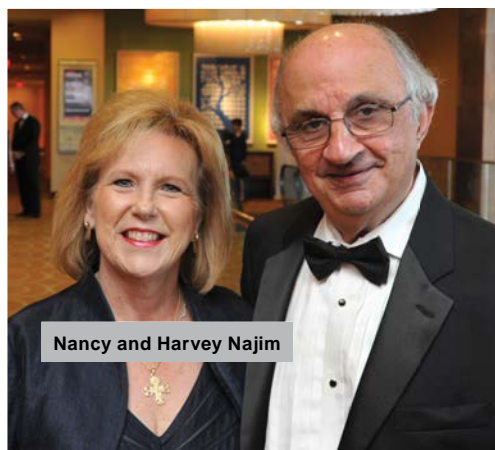
Jennifer and Kevin Moriarty



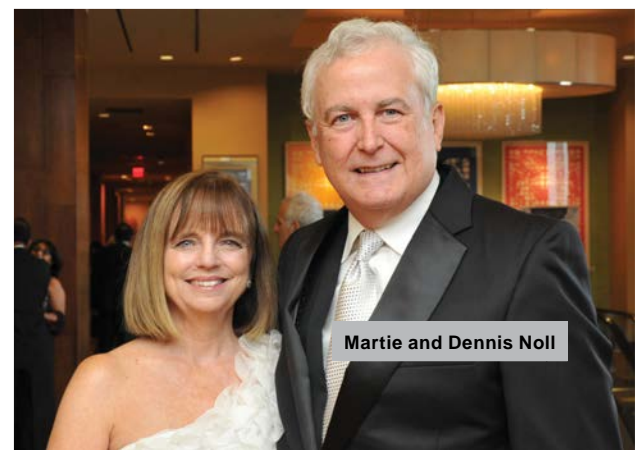
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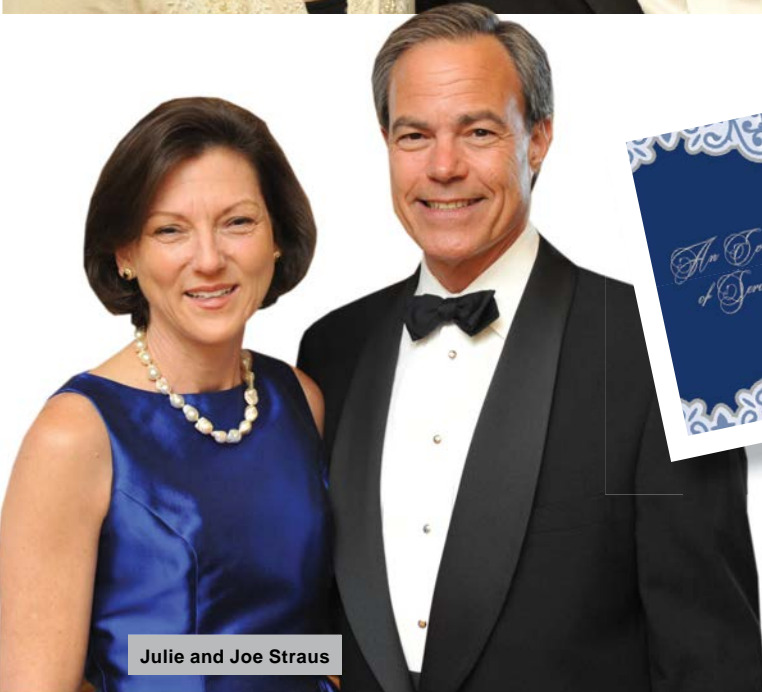
Martie and Dennis Noll



Graciela & Dr. Francisco Cigarroa



Brian and Melinda Biggs & Dr. William Henrich



Julie and Joe Straus



THE VIBE:

The Institute, set to open in 2016, will be located at the Medical Arts & Research Center of UT Medicine San Antonio. It will offer hope to patients and families by providing comprehensive clinical care and leading medical research to advance new therapies in the fight against Alzheimer's. Proceeds of the gala totaling \$600,000 will establish the Zachry endowment.



Steven Pliszka, Ph.D., Alice Narvaez, Ph.D., Alan Frazer, Ph.D. and Gail Frazer





Liz Conklin & Ann and Art Burdick



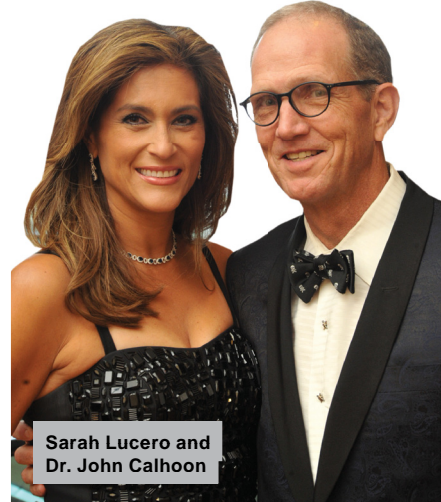
Richard Gallaway, Dr. Barbara Turner, Andrea Giuffrida, Ph.D., and Dr. Francisco González-Scarano

THE CAUSE:

Honorary chairs of the gala were Ann Biggs and, in memoriam, her late husband, Glenn. Hope for patients like Glenn Biggs and for families traveling the same road as his is on the horizon, as Dr. Henrich also announced the establishment of the Bartell and Mollie Zachry Endowment for Alzheimer Research and Patient Care. This endowment will benefit the Institute for Alzheimer and Neurodegenerative Disease in perpetuity.



Lori Wright, Ann Biggs and Mark Wright



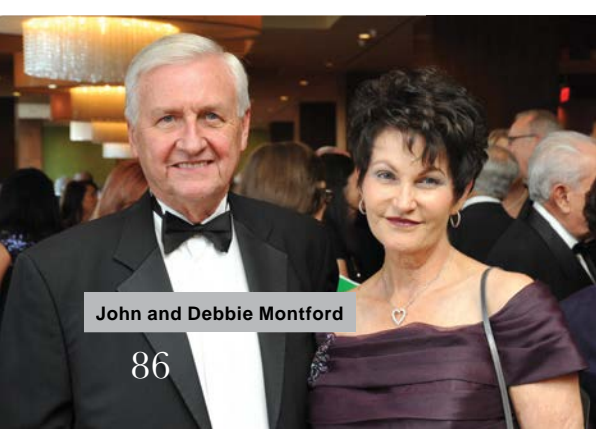
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Dallas Symphony Orchestra

I HEAR A SYMPHONY

Dallas Symphony Orchestra AT&T Gala Celebrates New Season

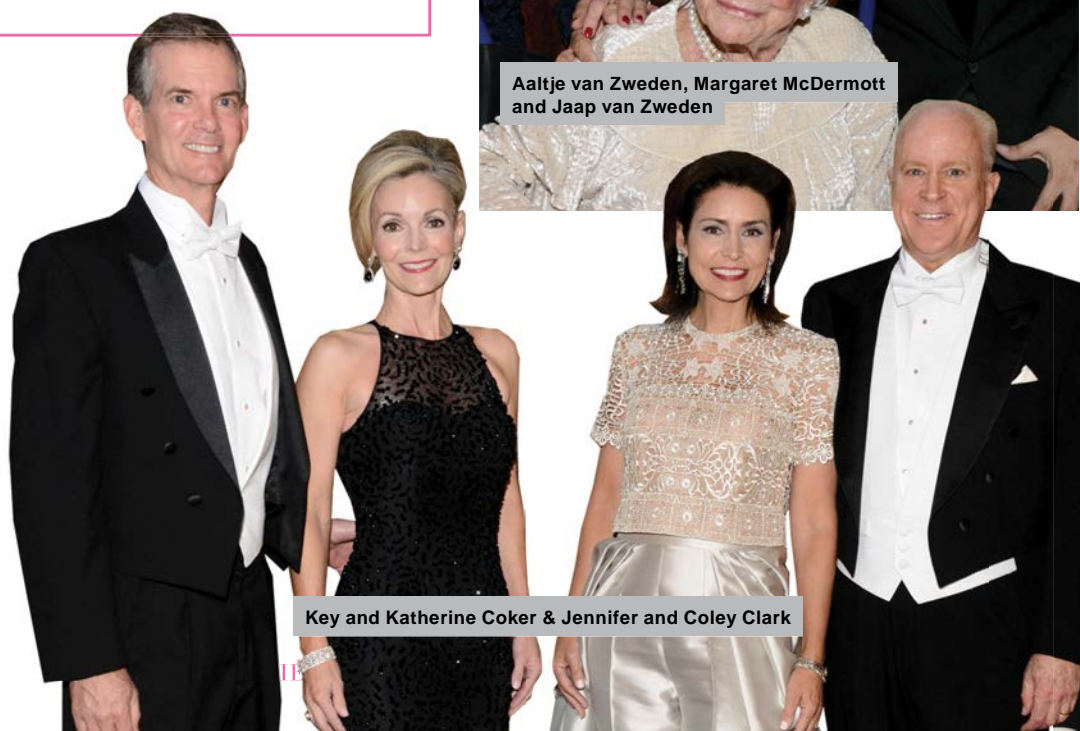
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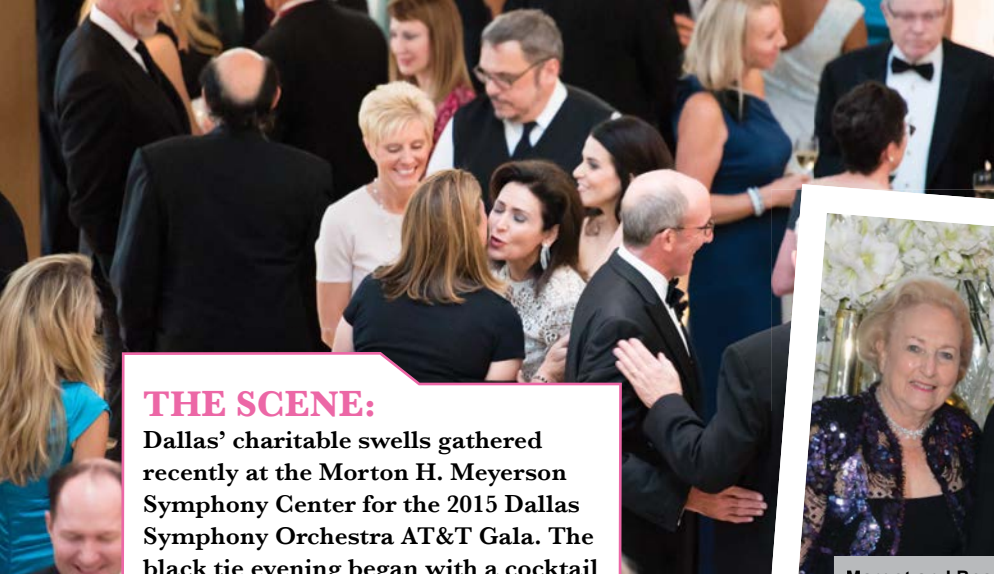
Aaltje van Zweden, Margaret McDermott and Jaap van Zweden



Christina Geyer and Alex Bolton



Key and Katherine Coker & Jennifer and Coley Clark



DJ Lucy Wrubel

THE SCENE:

Dallas' charitable swells gathered recently at the Morton H. Meyerson Symphony Center for the 2015 Dallas Symphony Orchestra AT&T Gala. The black tie evening began with a cocktail reception followed by an extravagant dinner in the all white chic-transformed Meyerson lobby. Following the seated dinner, guests made their way into the concert hall to listen to a rare performance by world-renowned violinist, Pinchas Zukerman, conducted by DSO Music Director Jaap van Zweden.



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Amanda Forsyth Zukerman and DSO Young Strings



Oliva Lawery and Abe Hashami



Allan and Lynn McBee

THE VIBE:

The after-party was hosted by the Vivaldi Patron Circle, with Anna-Sophia van Zweden serving as the honorary after-party chair. During the after-party, guests socialized in the Opus lounge as they enjoyed cocktails, savories and desserts. Party-goers relaxed in the Ritz-Carlton Dallas Lounge as massage therapists went to work on dance-tired feet. The late-night entertainment featured DJ Lucy Wrubel spinning tunes for the packed dance floor.



Jack and Doris Jacobs

THE CAUSE:

The 2015 gala co-chairs were Jennifer and Coley Clark and Katherine and Key Coker. As the largest performing arts organization in the Southwest, the Dallas Symphony Orchestra is committed to inspiring the broadest possible audience with distinctive classical programs, inventive pops concerts and innovative multi-media presentations. Sponsors of the event included AT&T, The Ritz-Carlton Dallas and NorthPark Center.



Nancy Nasher and David Haemisegger



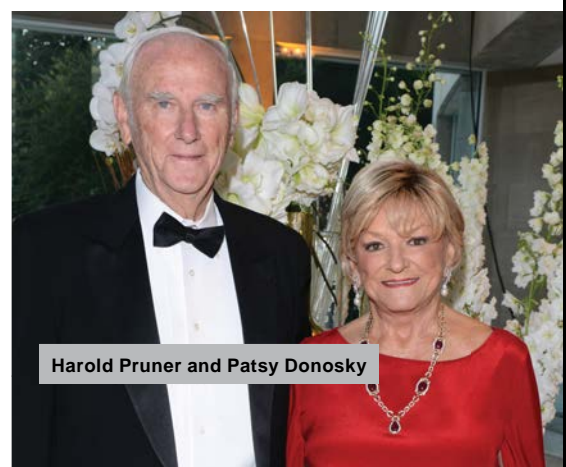
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A SHAKESPEREAN TRIUMPH

Ballet Austin's *Fête* And *fête*ish* Create Storybook Social Season Launch

By Rob Giardinelli | Photography by Merrick Ales and Brian Fitzsimmons

THE SCENE:

The city's new JW Marriott Hotel was the setting for an evening that went to Shakespearian proportions as the Ballet Austin *Fête* and *fête*ish* events kicked off the fall social scene in classic storybook fashion. From escalating the stairs, greeted by a server dressed in Elizabethan-era costume of champagne flutes attached to her dress, to the red Ferrari parked adjacent to the ballroom, guests knew they were in for a special evening.

During the program, guests dined on a delicious four-course meal that had special gothic, Shakespearian touches, while the program and live auction featured speakers as Mayor Steve Adler and Police Chief Art Acevedo. After the conclusion of the live auction where a Mother Ginger appearance was an item, the fun continued well into the evening at the *fête*ish* after party where its *To Be Seen or Not Be Seen* theme perfectly captured the evening's spirit.



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Alejandro and Ana Ruelas



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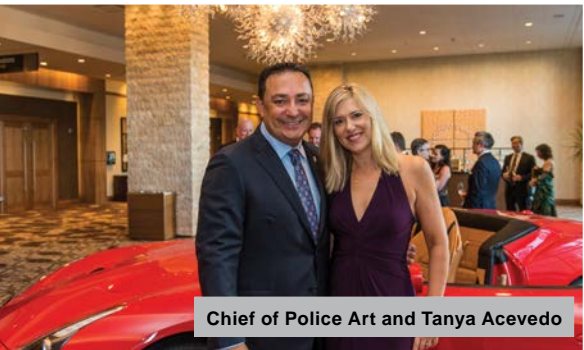
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Mark Harmon, Chris Hosek, Teddy Carter, Greg Macksood and Caleb Troxclair



THE VIBE:
The “artistic” black-tie crowd allowed for high fashion to be presented in an innovative way, many featuring the best-known Shakespeare colors of red, white and black, perfectly mirrored the many facets and depths of the playwrights work. This could be seen in the many accessories worn by the fashionable crowd ranging from skull and cross bone scarves and cufflinks to elaborate jewels and necklaces, highlighting the energy guests give their attire for the event.



Abby Hendel

Jennene Mashburn and Kathy Taylor



Caleb Campaigne, Jean Prentice Manning and Laura Villagran Johnson



Adam Kirby, Bryan Azar, Roger Gordon and Kevin Smothers



David and Paula Preston



Jeremy Rathke, Orlando Canvova, Megan Shaw and Kate Matthews

THE CAUSE:

The majestic-al evening of Ballet Austin Fête chaired by Ana and Alejandro Ruelas and fête*ish chaired by Austin Social Planner and *The Society Dairies* contributors Laura Villagran Johnson and Kevin Smothers, raised over \$400,000 for Ballet Austin Programs, providing exceptional artistic programming, arts education and access to the Central Texas community.



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CHAMPIONING THE ARTS

Texas Women For The Arts Celebrates 10th Annual Gathering

By *Shannon Miller Turner* | Photography by *Greg Harrison*



Beth Smith, Janis Brous, Kristi Newton, Julie Mussleman and Charlotte Tripplehorn



Karen Oswald



Jan McKee, Astrid VanDyke and Sandra Chunn

THE SCENE:

The Texas Cultural Trust's giving circle, Texas Women for the Arts, celebrated its 10th year at the annual meeting held recently in San Antonio. Southerleigh Fine Food and Brewery provided the perfect venue to welcome the weekend's earliest arrivals before cocktails and conversation flowed at the party sponsored by Hotel Emma, the historic San Antonio Pearl District Boutique hotel.



Gretchen Lahourcade and Paula Johnson



Kathy Pipkin, Ruthie Porterfield and Suzanne Galtney



Lisa Swann, Emory Hamilton and Vicki McLaughlin



Sharon Oechger and Margaret Hodge

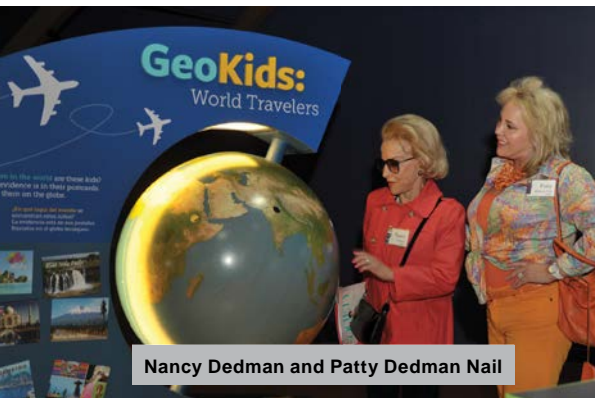


Mary Lynn Painton, Julie Musselman, Jean Glesey



THE VIBE:

The following day began with coffee and mimosas in the home of Christi Moorman and progressed from there. San Antonio's new children's museum, the DoSeum, was the first stop of a weekend on the go. There, guests enjoyed an exclusive sneak peek of the city's newest sparkling gem. Following the tour, the group enjoyed the "Young at Art" welcome lunch and a private, curator-led tour of the McNay Art Museum. Evening brought this special group of Texas stars to a reception and dinner at the Southwest School of Art. The exclusive Champion of the Arts reception, held in the lush garden setting of the school's historic campus, included luxe jewelry displays by Duncan & Boyd of Amarillo. Dinner followed in the Coates Chapel where Joci Straus received the 2015 Texas Women for the Arts Champion of the Arts Award for her significant contributions to the arts statewide.



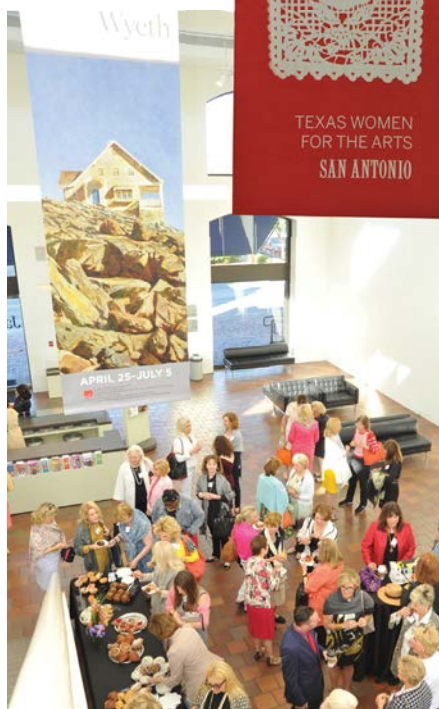
Nancy Dedman and Patty Dedman Nail



Janell Kleberg



Nancy Bass, Norah Adams and Sondra Lomax



San Antonio Museum of Art



Nancy Moorman and Jennifer Ransom Rice



Patricia Ruiz Healy, Mary Lamar Leyendecker and Laura Johnson



Alice Carrington Foults, Joci Straus and Christi Moorman



Touring the McNay Art Museum



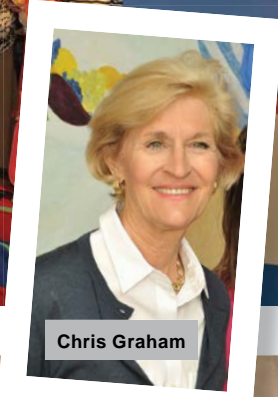
Touring The DoSeum

THE CAUSE:

Co-chairs Nancy Moorman and Alice Carrington Foulz created the itinerary filled with the artfully-planned festivities. Bonding this very special group of women is their dedication to creating a legacy that impacts the arts for Texas' future generations. This year, 24 arts programs across the state received \$260,014 in grants. The annual grant initiative provides designated funds to arts-related programs across Texas. Since its inception in 2005, Texas Women for The Arts has awarded nearly \$1.6 million in grants to 99 arts organizations, with more than one million children benefitting from the generosity of this stellar group of Texas women.



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Chris Graham



Judy Robison and Toby Shore



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Coates Chapel, Southwest School of Art



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Tinsley Radix runway

THE SCENE:

A mix of many of America's top and emerging designers descended upon Dallas to showcase fabulous fashion and innovative accessories in the second annual Fashion X Dallas happening. The three-day fashion event showcased well-known designers, local DFW talent and emerging designers. The STARS kick-off night, presented by Bernina, showcased eight notable designers from Lifetime's hit television series Project Runway. The following evening, emerging designers from around the country showcased their talent at DISCOVER. Fashion X concluded with the FINALE, a celebration of the region's design talent.

The multiple evenings of high fashion revelry was a fashion lover's dream, featuring a mix of pop-up boutiques by various fashion and accessory designers. The Gallery, an assortment of pop-up shops featured over forty stunning jewelry and accessories lines, included Vintage Martini's "Formals and Furs," Blaine Bowen, BonBon, and Charlotte Max, opened pre- and post-show each night. The Dallas Fashion Fund was awarded to one emerging designer of the city.

DISCOVERING FASHION STARS

Fashion X Dallas Saunters And Sways On Runway

By Rob Giardinelli | Photography by Allendorf & Company



Anna-Sophia Van Zweden and Valerie Chey



Jackson and Chaunie Gay



Allison Mitchell and Ken Weber



Vintage Martini 100 Years of Fashion runway



Kara and Matt Swinney



Rhonda Sargent Chambers and Lynn McBee



Ernesto Herrera, Jeremy Michael Calhoun and Alex Oger



Steve Kemble, Heidi Dillon, Cynthia Smoot and LeeAnne Locken



Smith II runway



Edo Popken runway



Lauren Vandiver

THE VIBE:

Each night the stylishly clad crowd arrived in fashion forward cocktail attire, ready to be inspired by the latest fashions and accessories. The scene was aglow with fashion trends as shoppers showed off their newest duds immediately upon purchase. The event VIP's enjoyed celebrity treatment as they rubbed elbows with a milieu of top local and nationally known designers, allowing ideas to flow as freely as the high fashion on display by both the models and attendees.

THE CAUSE:

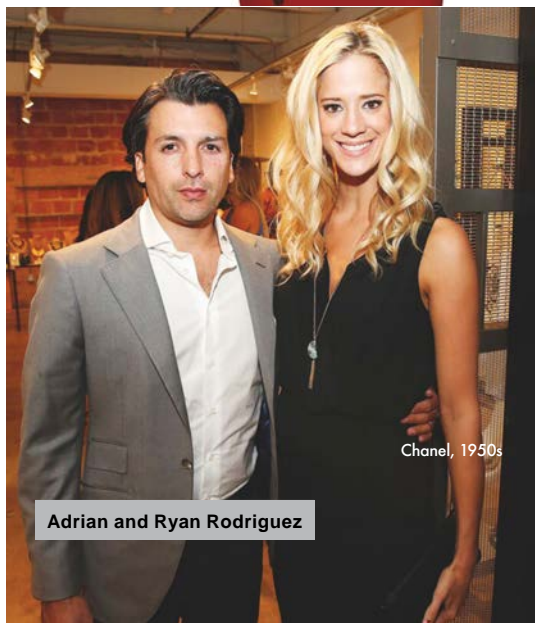
Dallas has always been known for its style, southern charm, and high fashion. Fashion X Dallas highlights the up-and-coming designers as well as the established fashion houses that are transforming Dallas into a global fashion center. Fashion X Dallas is the result of the collaboration between Matt Swinney, founder of Austin Fashion Week, and Fashion Industry Gallery (FIG) Chief Executive Officer, Matt Roth.



Fabio Costa and Melissa Fleis

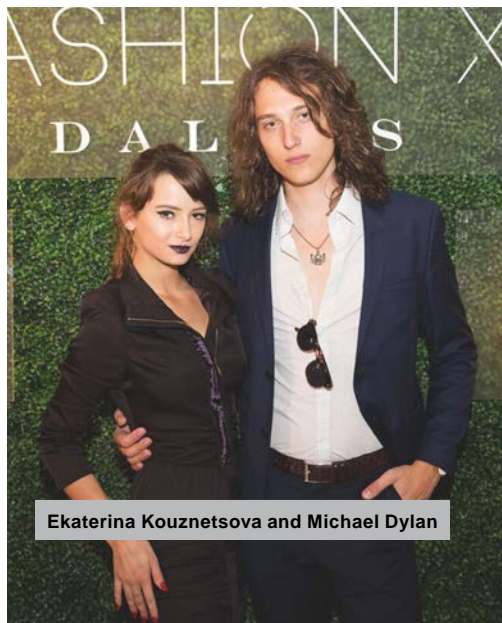


Robyn Stevens and Carmen Miller



Chanel, 1950s

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The Museum

If you want to host the perfect party to remember, start with a perfect location. Inspired by the Blanton Museum of Art exhibition, *Moderno*, we curated an evening of delights for the wit and senses, and no detail was spared

By Jonathan Spindel • Photography by Romy Suskin

Secondary Camera: John Almeraz and Britton Orrange

Producer: Kelly Sanchez Sitings Editor: Lance Avery Morgan





Simone Wicha, Director,
Blanton Museum of Art



Cuisine by Rosemary's Catering



Manuel and Cassandra Polidori



HOW DO YOU CREATE A PERFECTLY MEMORABLE dinner party for a few dozen of your favorite guests? Start with a dynamic venue, choose unique décor, and invite a charismatic group, then watch the fun unfold. Inspired by the Blanton Museum of Art's newest exhibition *Moderno: Design for Living in Brazil, Mexico, and Venezuela, 1940-1978*, we planned a private dinner party and exhibition preview, complete with a five-course meal, music, and revelry with a curated group of Austin's stylish set. It promised to be a museum-quality evening full of chic couture, witty banter and of course, delectable dining.

LET THE MUSIC PLAY

On what everyone hoped would be the last balmy weekend of an endless summer that stretched into fall, our dapper men and dashing

dames appeared on the verdant courtyard of the Blanton Museum of Art. From the moment they approached the museum's tall stone archways, the sound of David Young's South American Ensemble set the tone for the evening. The sultry sounds of conga drums and guitars transported guests to the classy midcentury vibe of Latin America, an aesthetic that resonated with the art inside the museum.

The Blanton's soaring Rapoport Atrium was the perfect canvas for catering and event production experts Rosemary's Catering and Illusions Rentals and Designs, signature brands, to create a masterpiece event space. The main area, with high skylight ceilings and bedecked with the iconic, iridescent blue installation *Stacked Waters* by Teresita Fernández, set the tone. To create a dynamic color scheme, we accentuated the blue with vivid fuchsia spotlights, aimed upward to



David Young



Jim Long and Dee Covey



The Society Cinco-Politan



Matt and Kara Swinney



Mallory Culbert and Eric Copper

create a striking interplay of colors. The dining table stood grandly in the middle, an enticing stage for the evening's enchanting activities that lay ahead.

Guests arrived and streamed into the dining area and began to mingle, but instead of sitting at the table, they were invited to climb the regal staircase to the balcony. There, they enjoyed champagne cocktails and specialty mixed drinks courtesy of Cinco Vodka. One of the musicians filled the space with the sound of his Paraguayan harp, whose melodies bounced around the atrium in a sonic cascade. "The mixing of guests from various backgrounds, different ages, and different generations led to a memorable evening of fascinating conversation and laughter that enriched the group dynamic," said philanthropist Aida Dieck.

EASE, DRINK & BE MERRY

"I will always, always appreciate a champagne offering upon entry," confessed actress Mallory Culbert. "A beautiful setting, and time to mingle, meander, and absorb the space before being asked to sit down." The crowd was as effervescent as the bubbly drinks they sipped, and soon it was like chatting with old friends. "Not small-talk really but instead more of what people are passionate about and what brought them under this roof," Culbert continued. Elegant servers passed out hors d'oeuvres and more bubbly, which whetted our appetite for conversation and the dinner that lay ahead. "Being new to Austin, Manuel and I weren't sure if we would know anyone at the event," said jewelry designer Cassandra King Polidori. "However, we felt so welcomed as soon as we walked in. The ambiance and the company were unbeatable ... though the private tour of the



“The most important thing in hosting an event is the perfect guest list; full of dynamic, high energy individuals with diverse, yet interesting experiences,” attests social chronicler Rob Giardinelli. “The energy they create automatically makes any venue or environment you host your event in that much more beautiful and memorable.”



Chris and Kathleen Loughlin



Oze Paya, Chris Hendel and Rob Giardinelli

BE OUR GUEST

- Samantha Bernstein
- Stuart Bernstein
- Eric Copper
- Dee Covey
- Mallory Culbert
- Aida Dieck
- Dr. John Dieck
- Rob Giardinelli
- Chris Hendel
- Jim Long
- Oze Paya
- Kathleen Irvin Loughlin
- Chris Loughlin
- Lance Avery Morgan
- Kate Perez
- Hector Perez
- Cassandra King Polidori
- Manuel Polidori
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Kate and Hector Perez



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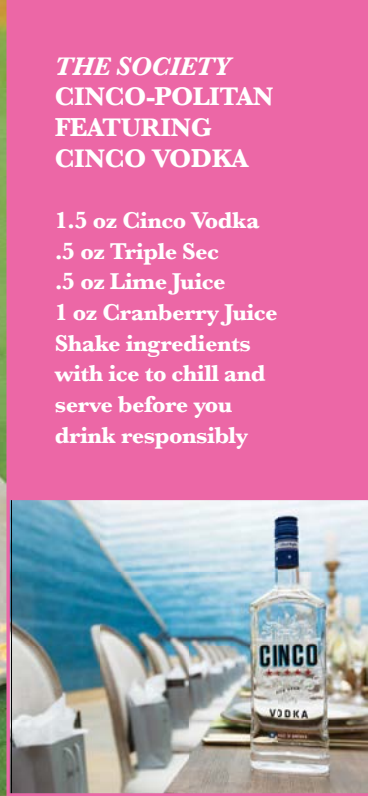
Leanne Raesener and Stuart & Samantha Bernstein

Blanton’s exhibition came close.” Chris Hendel, General Manager of Neiman Marcus, agreed. “The most important thing to remember when hosting an event its to make everyone feel welcome and like they are part of the party.” While the energy was still high, the time came to descend to the feast that awaited below.

Downstairs, components of Moreland Young Chamber Quintet, were set within arm’s reach of the guest, playing romantic bossa nova favorites, perfectly evoking the modern Brazilian artwork in the galleries. Bandleader David Young brought a selected group of musicians and vocalists to provide the soundtrack for the evening. “Lighting and music are the finishing touches that make all the difference in creating a magical ambiance,” guest and author Dee Covey said. “The band was spectacular – Bravo, Maestro!”

In the center of the room, the dining table stretched across the neutral stone floor. A long, premium teak table set with white King Louis chairs accommodated all the guests with plenty of room for lively banter. The color theme chosen for the event by the evening’s event producer and the magazine’s Lance Avery Morgan was “winter white elegance.” It was exemplified by the bursts of cream-colored roses, orchids and hydrangeas playing throughout long green garlands that lay woven down the center of the table. Votive candles flickered throughout the centerpiece, and cascading candelabras cast warm light upon the table and heightened – literally – the drama on the table. The effect was artfully completed by luxuriously gilded plates and gold silverware that gave an added spark of charm to the affair.

“The inspiration for this design was simple elegance,” said John



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Wheeler of Catering by Rosemary's, a division of The RK Group. "Different elements to create a luxurious, formal vibe for a large king table is one of my favorite things to create." Inspired by the Blanton Museum of Art, the RK Group drew from the overall aesthetic of the venue and created food and décor that was equally as stunning. "The Blanton provides its guests with thought-provoking and visually arresting experiences and we are so proud to help contribute to their legacy," attested Rachel Sommer of Catering by Rosemary's, who was instrumental in the night's success that took months of planning. "The Blanton's staff are some of the most professional in the industry."

DINNER DELIGHTS

"Seeing the gorgeously decorated table for the first time was a breathtaking moment," Dee Covey testified. "To guarantee an

elegant and entertaining dinner party," she continues, "success always starts with a lively mix of people on the guest list." "When it comes to dinner, a great caterer is important, of course, but attention to seating is always essential," Kara Swinney, of The Rise School, remarked. "My favorite part of the evening, which is also a great tip for your own dinner party at home, was that the couples were not seated together so that we got to know more people."

Sharing an indulgent dinner with new acquaintances is a favorite way to make a lasting connection. "I love meeting people that I've heard about or only met in passing," Matt Swinney, founder of Austin Fashion Week and Fashion X Dallas, agreed, "Getting to sit down to have dinner, that conversation always goes so much deeper than it would in any other first-time-meeting setting."

MODERNO EXHIBITION



Moderno: Design for Living in Brazil, Mexico, and Venezuela, 1940-1978

The exhibition examines how design transformed the domestic world in Latin America in the mid-20th century. Over 130 pieces of furniture, ceramics, metalwork, textiles, and graphic design highlight the history of Latin American modernism. This special exhibition also includes additional pieces from the Blanton's own holdings and private collections. On display through January 17, 2016.



Cassandra Polidori



As guests raised their glasses to toast the occasion, cheers rose from the table and the coursed meal began. Red, white, and sparkling wine was poured all around. Each course was a work of art in its own right. First, a salad of greens and frisée with grapefruit, beet, and tangy goat cheese. Next, grilled salmon atop a champagne poblano risotto, with roasted sweet potato and coriander. Then a sweet surprise wowed the crowd: sweet and spicy sorbeto, served in individual ice sculptures with the *Moderno's* exhibition logo. No detail was spared. "Of the many beautiful touches throughout elegant evening, the intermezzo was a particularly lavish touch with individual ice sculptures with a dollop of sorbet with a hint of Latin heat," mused real estate professional Eric Copper. A word to the wise party planner – it's the little details like this that linger long after the meal. A twist, a surprise, an unexpected flair to add playful punctuation to your dinner story.

A succulent ash-crusted beef tenderloin with plantains rounded out the meal, and before dessert arrived, the host Lance Avery Morgan surprised guests with another twist. He asked that all the male guests stand up and find a new seat, giving everyone a chance to make new friends as they enjoyed a delectable dessert of dulce de leche banana splits, tres leches cake and pots de crème.

"In this fast paced world, it is a beautiful thing to be able to step back into an elegant dinner party, surrounded by exquisite beauty and art," said the Blanton's Major Gifts Officer Leanne Raesener. "Dressed in one's splendor to enjoy a scrumptious dinner, engaging in meaningful, light hearted, genuine conversations with lovely, entertaining guests... Rare moments indeed, sublime memories to be savored and recollected for a long time to come."



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by Astrud Gilberto

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by Celia Cruz

Quizás, Quizás, Quizás

by Gaby Moreno

Amor, Amor, Amor by Jorge

Cárdenas

Bésame Mucho

by Consuelo Velasquez

Manhã de Carnaval by Frank

Sinatra

El Cuarto de Tula

by Buena Vista Social Club

Noche Azul by Ernesto Lecuona

The Shadow of Your Smile

by Astrud Gilberto

Perfidia by Julie London



Jonathan Spindel and Mallory Culbert



Aida and Dr. John Dieck

After dinner, guests enjoyed one more finishing course – a final chance to stroll among the artwork in the galleries. Attendees shared one more round of stories and laughter. “I’ve always thought the key ingredients to a successful event are good food, good wine, and an extraordinary mix of guests,” remarked Simone Wicha, Director of the Blanton Museum of Art. “With a setting as elegant and stimulating as the Blanton, this dinner saw many lively conversations, much laughter, and was truly a celebration of the museum and the community it serves.” Kathleen Brady Stimpert, the Blanton’s Director of PR and Marketing, beamed as she and fellow guests marveled at the beautiful artwork. “We’re all about creating exceptional experiences for people to interact with the art in new and interesting ways,” she said. The seamlessly professional venue, event designers, caterers, and musicians came together

to create a unique and new experience. Samantha Bernstein, a Blanton supporter mused, “All these individual pieces wove together in a thoughtful manner while making it look effortless.”

On the way out, the dinner party attendees took turns on a step-and-repeat, where photographer Romy Suskin and her team captured spirited portraits and candid photobombs. Neiman Marcus generously donated goodie bags with an Agraria candle in vintage glass. Cinco Vodka donated spirits for the evening and 750 ml. bottles of vodka for guests to take home with them, ensuring seamless holiday entertaining in the weeks ahead. **S**

Portrait of



To celebrate the luster of holiday gems, we look to the past to create the future with our favorite present-day jewelers. American portraitist John Singer Sargent captures women like no other...and his paintings are worth a thousand words, according to our savvy style editor Erin Busbee

a Lady

This page: Tourmaline, diamond and gold cuff bracelet by Penaloza and Sons, \$4,410. At Penalozaandsons.com. 2) Gold, silver, aquamarine and white diamond earrings by Nak Armstrong, \$9,900. At Bygeorgeaustin.com and Barneys.com. 3) Gold and diamond bracelet by Gurhan, \$11,500. At Duncan & Boyd Jewelers. 4) Assael pearl and diamond necklace. Price upon request. At Neiman Marcus.

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Mrs. Cecil Wade by John Singer Sargent, 1886



Mrs. Carl Meyer and her children by John Singer Sargent, 1896



This page: 1) Pearl, diamond, gold and kunzite choker necklace, \$28,500. At Penaloza and Sons. 2) Gold, diamond and pearl ring by David Yurman, \$4,500. At Saks Fifth Avenue. 3) Crystal and pearl military bracelet by Alexander McQueen, \$995. At Neiman Marcus. 4) One-of-a-kind tourmaline, sapphire, gold, and diamond earrings by Nak Armstrong, \$25,400. At Bygeorgeaustin.com and Barneys.com

Opposite page: 1) Crystal necklace by Oscar de la Renta, \$1,495. At Neiman Marcus. 2) Platinum diamond brooch with detachable aqua drops, Price upon request. By Peter Martino/Facebook. 3) Gold, Emerald and diamond earrings, \$59,500. At Lee Michaels Fine Jewelry. 4) Gold, black opal and diamond ring, \$29,500. At Lee Michaels Fine Jewelry

Millicent, Duchess of Sutherland by John Singer Sargent, 1904



This page: 1) Rose gold, pink tourmaline and diamond earrings by Bavna, \$9,900. At Neiman Marcus. 2) Pink tourmaline, diamond and gold ring, \$2895. At Julian Gold. 3) Platinum and diamond octopus brooch, price upon request. Peter Martino/Facebook

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Mrs. Hugh Hammersley by John Singer Sargent, 1892



Elizabeth Winthrop Chanler by John Singer Sargent, 1893



This page: 1) Gold and citrine earrings, price upon request. At Julian Gold. 2) Gold and diamond octagon cuff by Penny Preville, \$11,000. At Neiman Marcus. 3) Colombian emerald three stone diamond Ring in 14 Kt. white gold, \$12,000. Fancy yellow light diamond three stone ring in platinum and 18 Kt. Yellow Gold, \$35,000. Both at The Menagerie Gold, amazonite and tsavorite fringe ring by Phillips House, \$4,900. At Saks Fifth Avenue. 4). 18K gold diamond pave large Chain bracelet, at \$29,000 and \$19,500 with diamond clasp. By John Hardy. Available at Neiman Marcus

Opposite page: 1) White gold and diamond snake necklace by Roberto Coin, \$59,500. At Neiman Marcus. 2) Multi-stone chandelier earrings by Marco Bicego, \$16,420. At Neiman Marcus. 3) Gold, pearl and green topez "Trillion" ring by Delfina Delettrez, \$2,500. At Saks Fifth Avenue. 4) Gold and diamond "Butterfly" brooch. Price upon request. By Peter Martino/Facebook

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Cartier refines its powerful expression and exquisite luxury with its iconic Panthere line. \$229,000. At *cartier.us*





WET AND WILD

Surprise and entertain your pool party guests with a weatherproof billiard table. Floaties not included. Price upon request. At opulentItems.com



ECO-CONSCIOUS CRUISER

Engineered for precision power and steering, this electric watercraft slices the surface, gliding at up to 20 knots. Price upon request. At quadrofoil.com

SATTIATE

IT'S YOUR MOVE NOW

As much a treat for the strategist as the art collector, this chess game by Jonathan Adler is perfect in a living room, study, or art gallery. \$795. At jonathanadler.com



I'M WITH THE BAND

Know the ultimate Beatle's fan? So do we. Items from Ringo Starr and Barbara Bach are being auctioned off, so why not get a piece of pop history for a loved one? Dec. 4-5. Priceless. At jubienlive.com



PACK YOUR BAGS

The original aluminum luggage, these durable, stylish suitcases feature fully finished interiors with compartments for all your essentials. From \$595. At rimowa.com



VIVA VACACIONES

Escape from the harsh winter weather at the premier Hacienda Beach Club and Residencies located on the private shoreline of the Medano Beach. Indulge in fine dining, shopping, sight seeing, relaxation at the hotel spa. Price upon request. At haciendacaboresort.com



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Throw the party of the season with a personal robotic mixologist. With fabulous cocktails made to order, you'll be free to mingle. Price upon request. At monsieur.co



VINTAGE VINO

Seek the holy grail of wine at a Sotheby's rare wine auction, where you can find cases the rarest and most celebrated vintages. Price upon request.

At sothebys.com

FEAST YOUR EYES

These miniature truffles are a treat for the eyes, and scrumptious too. These would make great party favors. \$56. At mariebelle.com



POOLSIDE CHIC

Embrace Mid-century modern entertainment in your very own playground with this luxe cocktail cart. Price upon request. At horchoze.com



HYDRATION'S STATION

At the yoga studio or during a shopping marathon, reach for this chic, colorful bottle, which keeps your beverages hot or cold with vacuum technology. From

\$35. At swellbottle.com

THE ARTIST'S WAY

With this Tom Ford limited edition set of nail polish and lipstick, you'll be ready for any occasion. \$656. At Neiman Marcus.



DELIGHT



HIGH TECH ROCK STAR

Just like the legendary guitar amps that inspired it, this Bluetooth speaker is built to rock. \$600. At marshallheadphones.com



TO ROAM, WITH LOVE

Why walk when you can cruise on this new, personal mobility device? Glide to your destination in futuristic fashion on this IO Hawk. \$947. At Brookstone.



COAST WITH THE MOST

Channel a classic 50s vibe with these playful coasters by Jonathan Adler. They make a great hostess gift, too. \$68. At Neiman Marcus.



CHIC, MEET SLEEK

For a polished, yet edgy feel, this burnished brass console with glass accents will make a big impression in your foyer or dining room. Price upon request. At johnpomp.com

HUMOR



WE'VE GOT YOUR BACK

The classic board game of chance and skill takes on modern sophistication in this sleek shagreen and burlwood backgammon set. \$2,500. At Neiman Marcus.



RIGHT ON CUE

Add a personal touch to your family game room with personalized billiard balls. Or, surprise your favorite pool player with this unique gift. \$290. At Neiman Marcus.



DOG GONE IT

The best-dressed pet award goes to the pooch sporting the Amour Dog Collar, complete with 16,000 diamonds split into a stunning three-tiered design. Price upon request. At raymondleejewelers.com

PET'S PAD

Your pet will sleep like royalty with this handcrafted, alder wood framed, jewel studded bed. Upholstered with tufts and pleated details, this pet bed is one chic resting spot. \$1499. At Neiman Marcus.



BESTOW



RESORTING TO GREAT LENGTHS

Begin your holiday escape stylishly with the Cavalcadour Hermès printed beach towel in 100% cotton printed terrycloth. \$630.00. At Hermès.



GET CARRIED AWAY

Add flair to your canine's style with this beautifully crafted dog carrier. Equipped with the classic LV print, scratch resistant material, and a porous mesh window, you and your pup will adore this piece. Price upon request. At Louis Vuitton.

IT STARTS YOUNG

Embrace your child's luxury car craze with this sleek battery powered mini Ferrari. With its uncanny resemblance to the real deal, your child will definitely be cruising into the cool zone. \$449. At Toys R Us.





IDEEP SEA FLYER

The pinnacle of personal submarines, the Super Falcon lets you see the ocean like never before. Thrill seekers will love its underwater aerobatics, too. Price upon request. At deepflight.com

AERIAL ADVENTURE

Sure, you've seen Hawaii – but have you experienced it from 12 thousand feet? Take a jump off the wild side. Price upon request. At skydivehawaii.com



QUINTESSENTIALLY COVETABLE

Does skincare get any more iconic than La Mer? This limited edition includes two luxurious sizes of the classic Creme de le Mer; perfect for home or travel. \$310. At Saks Fifth Avenue.



SIGNATURE SCENTED

Hotel operator Valencia Group and Soular Therapy debut a chic new signature scent line consisting of premium room sprays and candles, all reflecting their hipster properties. \$32-38. At valenciaathome.com

GRATIFY





MAGNIFICENT MINERALS
Carved from striking natural crystal, these museum-quality bowls are beautifully functional objects d'art. From \$100 to \$2000. At creelandgo.co.uk



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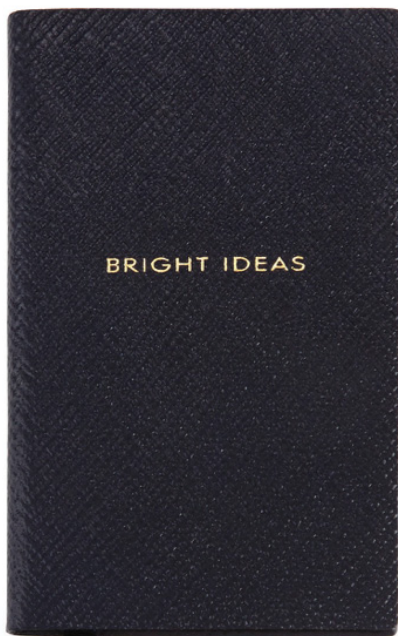


A LITTLE BIRDIE TOLD ME
This luminous, iron and crystal sconce will make a striking addition to your home. Price upon request. At bagues-paris.com



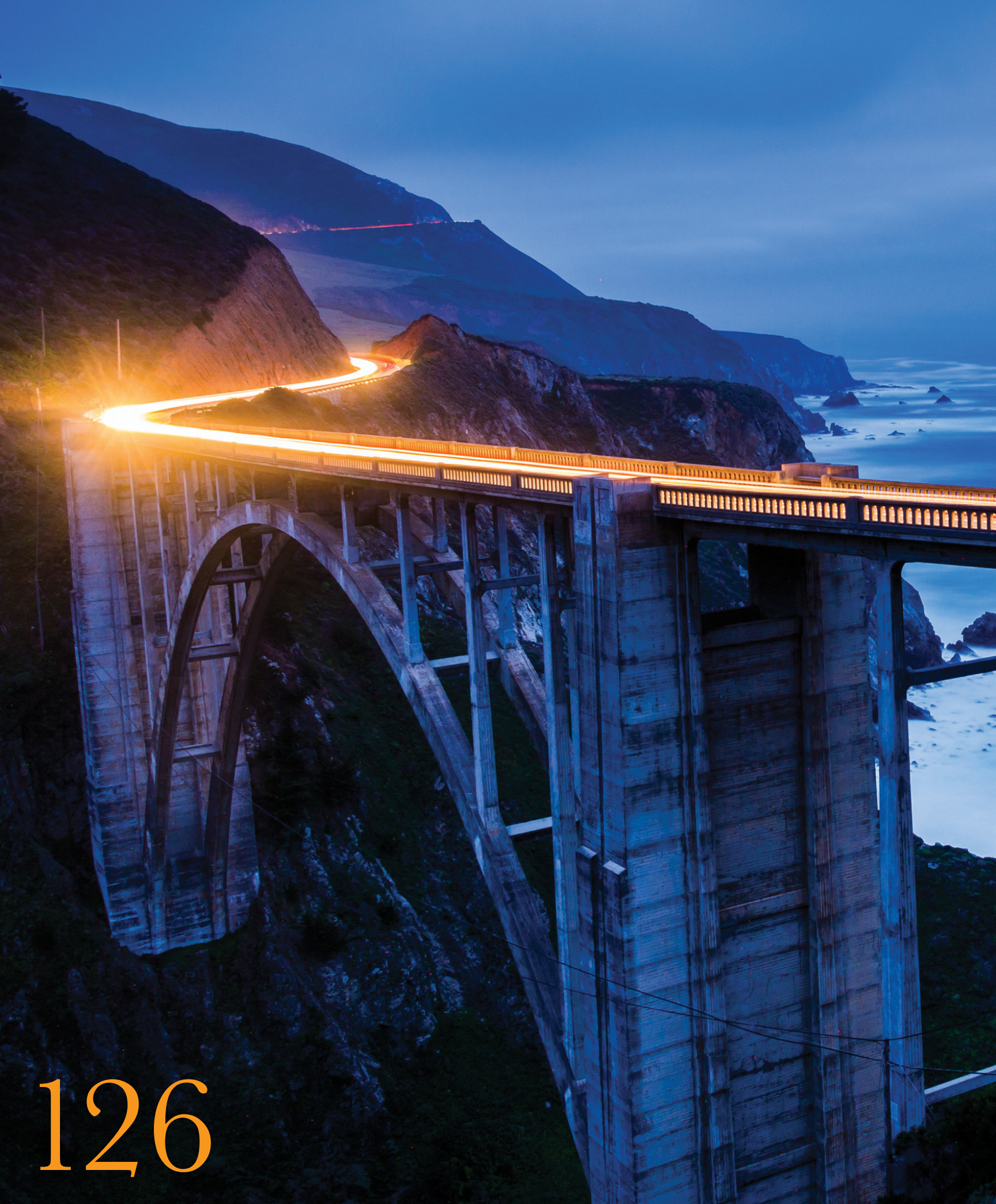
BUNDLE OF JOY
Let your child snuggle up this winter with the with this adorable Burberry sleeping bag. This trendy find is lined with natural sheep shearing to ensure your child stays warm once the weather starts to get cold. \$495. At Neiman Marcus.

FAMOUS FACE TIME
Bid on personal experiences with your favorite celebrities from film, TV, music and more, with every bid benefiting a charitable cause. Priceless. At charitybuzz.com
Right: Daniel Craig in *Spectre*



NOW THAT'S NOTEWORTHY
This cheeky notebook is so well crafted and stylish, you'll want to take it with you everywhere you go. \$60. At smythson.com, Neiman Marcus.





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BY THE SEA

Why not spend **72** hours in **Northern California** this holiday season? After all, it's just a quick flight away and **five-star R&R** was never so **glamorous** as a long weekend here. Pack your bags and join us as we venture into some old territory for some **new experiences**

By Pamela Lillquist • Vignette photography by Ariella Levitan



Post Ranch cuisine



Steinbeck House



Camel, CA



Hwy 1



Post Ranch Inn

THEN RETIRE TO YOUR LUXURIOUS OCEAN VIEW PAVILION OR TREE HOUSE AMONGST THE GIANT REDWOODS.

Just like the old Sinatra song goes, *It Happened In Monterey.*

The romance of a bygone era can be captured with a new sense of ease and a nod to the past. This journey highlights some of the less traveled areas of Northern California – hidden spots to soak in the breathtaking Pacific Coast, extraordinary cuisine, classic film locations and of course, being at one with some of the state’s most breathtaking twisty roads. Not only is this trip a fun itinerary, it has been tested multiple times. It’s taken over a decade of exploring the region to find these little gems, so now we invite our readers into our insider destinations.

This trip never disappoints no matter what the season. It is busiest in the summer, in mid-August when classic car lovers descend on the region for one of several exclusive historic car showcase events, including the Pebble Beach Concours d’Elegance and The Quail. If you want to escape the crowds like we do, take this first tip: Time this trip around the New Year holiday. Due to the temperate climate in the area, you will experience romantic fog in the morning, California sunshine in the afternoon and still get to bundle up during the crisp nights.

Puddle jump it from San Francisco, San Jose or Los Angeles to get right to the heart of scenic Northern California via Monterey. This is truly the place to rent a killer ride... A drive like this is one of a kind and deserves a car that makes it even more unforgettable. For a splurge on a dream car see Laluxurycarrental.com

DAY 1
MORNING

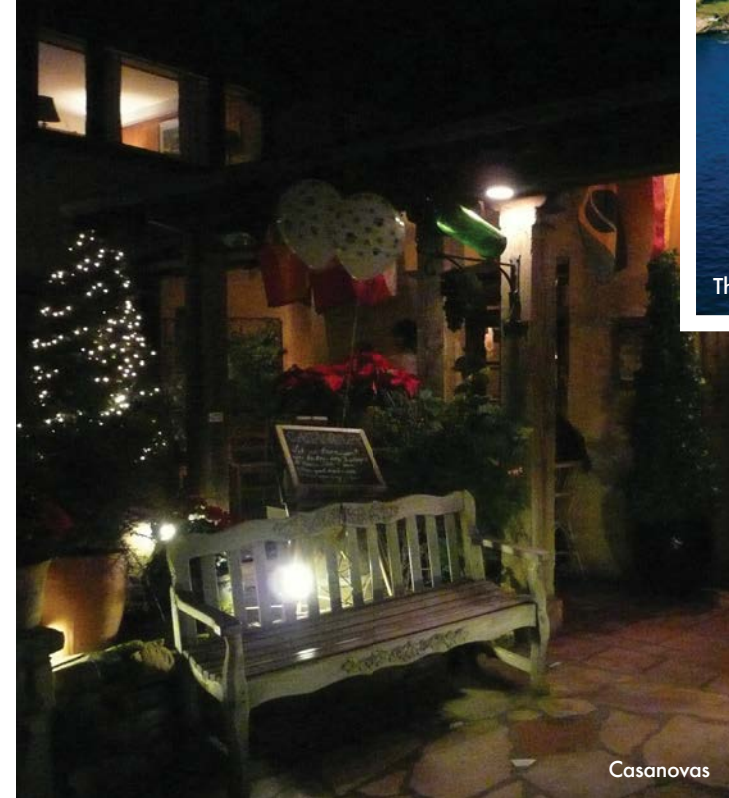
A short drive from Monterey Airport to Salinas takes you to the birthplace and boyhood home of author John Steinbeck. After a tour of the Steinbeck Center and this historic Victorian home, enjoy lunch in the Queen Anne style dining room. SteinbeckHouse.com

AFTERNOON

The twisty roads continue through Monterey, over the famous Bixby Bridge and into Big Sur. Check into the most spectacular, award-winning hotel on the West Coast, the Post Ranch Inn. Relax from your exhilarating drive by whale watching out over the Pacific Ocean from a heated infinity pool.

EVENING

Enjoy an unconventional dining experience at the Post Ranch Inn’s Sierra Mar restaurant. Then retire to your luxurious ocean view pavilion or tree house amongst the giant redwoods. PostRanchInn.com



DAY 2

MORNING

Awake to the serenity of the Ranch and start your day with some restorative yoga in a Mongolian-style yurt. Then, gourmet complimentary breakfast waits for you at the Sierra Mar restaurant.

AFTERNOON

Relaxed and ready to drive, experience the Pacific Coast Highway, with the ocean to the driver's side, while heading back North towards Carmel-by-the-Sea. Check into the Cypress Inn, a Carmel classic, just like the films made by its movie star owner, Doris Day. Cypress-inn.com

Park your sporty ride and stretch your legs exploring the charming streets of charming Carmel. After getting retail therapy, grab a picnic and stroll to the Cypress-lined Carmel Bay Beach, at the end of Ocean Avenue. Once on the beach, look to the South, and you will see a Frank Lloyd Wright home-perched on the cliff, one that was featured in the 1959 film, *A Summer Place*.

EVENING

Back at the Cypress Inn, start your night with a cocktail at Terry's lounge. Here jazz singers belt out standards, setting the tone for a relaxing and enjoyable evening.

Take in the twilight charm of Carmel as you walk a few blocks for dinner at Casanova. If you are in the area over New Year's, this is the place to make the last meal of the year, the best. Their wine cellar is one of the most diverse and will be appreciated by any wine connoisseur. Book the special room and sit at "Van Gogh's table." Yes, it was *his* table... The restaurant staff will tell you the interesting story of how it came to be in Carmel at Casanova. CasanovaCarmel.com

After walking off a little bit of dinner, return to Terry's Bar and music room by the fire. Again, for New Year's, this is the spot to be to sing Auld Lang's Syne with friends of Doris Day (many of whom will have four legs).

DAY 3

MORNING

An inspired start to New Year's resolutions (or any day of the year) begins with a Point Lobos hike. Walk beneath the evergreens and all the way down the main trail to experience the closest and most dramatic vista of the deep blue ocean crashing against the pointed amber coastline. Overlook the spectacular film locations, as seen in the 1965 film, *The Sandpiper*, starring Elizabeth Taylor and Richard Burton. Parks.ca.gov

AFTERNOON

After checking out of Cypress Inn, be sure to lunch at La Bicyclette. The charcuterie and cheese board make the perfect pre-drive lunch. LaBicycletteRestaurant.com

One of the best drives on this journey is next. Take a 17-mile drive and enjoy some of the scenic stops such as The Lone Cypress, as you make your way to the exclusive Lodge at Pebble Beach. Enjoy High Tea, a spa treatment or a round of golf by the surf "on par" with The Old Course overlooking the North Sea in St. Andrews, Scotland. PebbleBeach.com

EVENING

After a refreshment in The Lodge's Terrace Lounge overlooking the links and the Pacific, enjoy your last little bit of the winding roads back to Monterey; that is, if you can resist the temptation to indulge in a night's stay at the Lodge... what's another 12 hours of luxury?

Once you have become familiar with Northern California, a perennial favorite among the jet set, you'll want to come back season after season. As well you should; you're guaranteed to discover a fabulous new experience every time. Join the ranks of history's great artists, poets and bon vivants who found their inspiration here. With so many splendors to discover and enjoy, Northern California is one of our favorite destinations, too. **S**

STEELING THE SCENE

By Shannon Miller Turner Photography by Greg Harrison



Dennis and Jill McDaniel with Art by David Anthony Garcia



Holly Topper and Kim Blohm



Estela Avery and Roger Flores



Ana Montoya, Laura Mijangos Rapp, Melody McMahon and Claire McMahon



Artwork by Laura Mijangos Rapp

Cocktails, conversation and artfully accented condos created the perfect trio as San Antonio's Steel House Lofts were opened for exclusive review during the *Art Meets Architecture* event sponsored by Ann Van Pelt, Lisa Grove and Lisa Shackelford of the Phyllis Browning Company.

Guests were treated to tours of the condominium development which is located in the bustling San Antonio enclave known as South Town, a place where the historically-rich past of the city meets and journeys forward with the progressive thinking that has, in recent years, brightened the city's landscape. Housed in the former Peden Iron and Steel Company building, which was notably designed by renowned architect Atlee B. Ayres, the Steel House Lofts has a distinctive South Town style.

Several of the lofts included in this showing were accented by artwork from Anarte Gallery and Studio. Participating artists included Brook Rosser, Kathy Sosa, Laura Mijangos Rapp, Amada Miller, David Anthony Garcia and Lisa Shackelford. **S**



Artwork at the Steel House Lofts



David Anthony Garcia Lisa Grove and Lisa Shackelford



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GILDED GLORY

Southwest School of Art Ushers In Its Next Half Century
By Shannon Miller Turner | Photography by Greg Harrison



Laura Gill and Richard Gill



Kristin and Dick Tips

THE SCENE:
The Southwest School of Art recently marked its 50th anniversary with a fabulous night under the stars at the Golden Gala in the Garden. The grand evening took a cue from the legends and lore of James Bond, complete with the *Goldfinger* cinematic touch of an Aston Martin on display for this very special night.



Cathy and Jack Spector & Paula Owen



Miquel and Gloria Dilley



Corinna Holt Richter, Blake Cavender, Christina Otero Ketabchi and Lauren Newton



Pete Selig



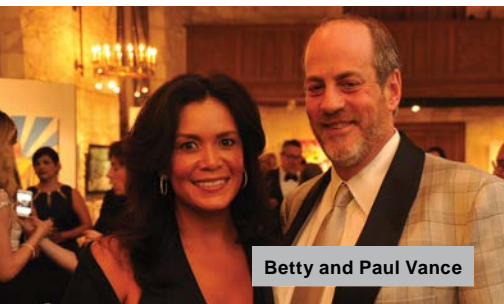
Neiman Marcus Models



Natalie Dechellis, Courtney Smith and Laurel Rittenhouse

THE VIBE:

The high energy was palpable as guests arrived for the event. Enjoying the continuation of the previous night's Gala Art Sale Preview, guests sipped cocktails -shaken, not stirred for some – while strolling through the stunning Coates chapel to view the various works of art available for purchase. Fabulous décor, lighting, music and, of course: a sumptuous meal provided by Club Giraud all set the tone for a perfect al fresco evening. Following the limited edition raffle and brief auction, the festivities continued late into the night as the after party sponsored by Neiman Marcus San Antonio put the finishing Midas touch on an already-stellar gala.



Betty and Paul Vance



Amit and Sonali Mehta

THE CAUSE:

The event's co-chairs were Gloria and Miguel Dille and Kristin and Dick Tips. The mission of The Southwest School of Art (SSA) is to teach, preserve and advance the visual arts. [The school expands] the creative potential of its community and connects cultures of the world through participatory learning experience. [The school preserves] the former Ursuline Convent and Academy as a place of historic significance.



Jennifer and Bob Shemwell



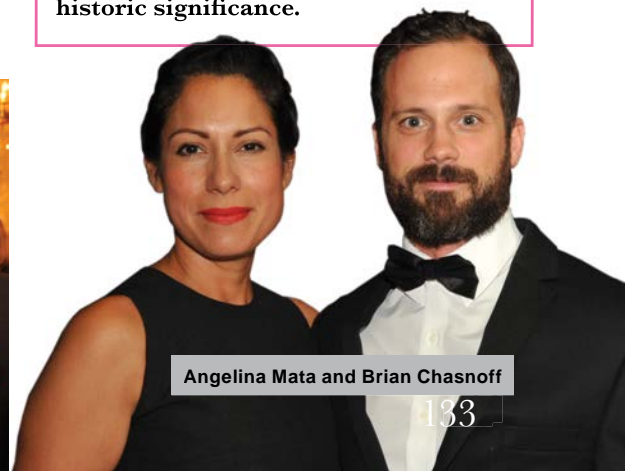
Don Frost, Dennis Martinez, Sandy East and Lou Celia Frost



Roxana McAllister Richardson, Taddy McAllister and Edith McAllister



Tracee and J.J. Feik



Angelina Mata and Brian Chasnoff



HOWDY, PARTNER

Greater Houston Partnership's Soirée Meets Goals

By *Jennifer Roosth* | Photography by *David Brown*



Chester Pitts, Dominique Sachse and Nick Florescu



Karen and Roland Garcia

THE SCENE:

A mix of many of America's top and Over 600 of Houston's dignitaries, consular corps and community-minded business leaders gathered at Hotel Zaza for a night of entertainment, culinary delights, and world-class silent auction to celebrate the Greater Houston Partnership. This annual gala showcases the Houston region as a center of commerce, influence, arts and culture. This year's theme, *Treasure Houston: Illuminating our Hidden Gems*, highlighted the many gems of Houston including the region's renowned arts and culture scene, excellent quality of life, dynamic industry and innovative spirit.



Jamey and Melissa Rootes & Bob and Ericka Pertierra



Dennis Werner and Karen Love



Bob Harvey and Mario Diaz



Annette Monks, Leisa Holland Nelson and Marie Guillot

THE VIBE:
Guests experienced a culinary journey and discovered the many cultures of Houston through music, entertainment and dancing. Specialty cuisine by Executive Chef Jeff Axline was paired with beverages from around the world, including a flavored vodka bar, sushi display and wide variety of desserts. Guests even tried their hand in the casino and enjoyed sketch artists and fortune tellers as interactive entertainment.

THE CAUSE:
The evening shed light on an issue that greatly impacts our region: workforce development. Designed to address this issue, the Partnership's UpSkill Houston initiative is an innovative blueprint for leaders to build a quality middle-skills workforce to remain competitive across the globe.



Hallie Vanderhinder and Barbara Vilutis



Gina and Carl Luna



ROCKY MOUNTAIN CHIC

Pop Up Art Exhibit And Moonlit Al Fresco Dinner In Colorado

By Shannon Miller Turner | Photography by Debra Parmenter



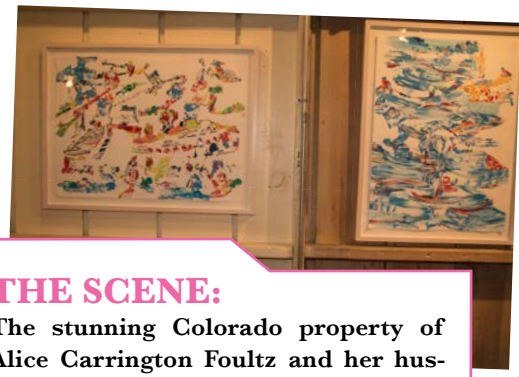
Alice and Eric Foultz



Jay and Pam Bryan



Duff Thompson and Quinlan Quiros



THE SCENE:

The stunning Colorado property of Alice Carrington Foulz and her husband, Eric, served as the picture-perfect setting for a very special fundraising evening along the banks of Hermosa Creek in Colorado's Animas Valley supporting the Durango Art Center. A one day pop up art exhibit curated by the Alice Carrington Foulz Art Advisory included art works from Louisiana, Texas, New Mexico and Colorado. Paintings and sculptures were installed not only in the recently-renovated historic cabin (circa 1937) but also in the property's vintage Honey House.



THE VIBE:

The crystal-clear clink of champagne glasses and soft music filled the crisp autumn air as guests of Alice and Eric Foulz and the evening's co-sponsor, New Face Productions, made their way to the newly-restored Joshua cabin on the west end of the Foulz property known to all as the Roberta Barr. The perfect backdrop for an evening dedicated to the arts, a casually elegant gourmet dinner served al fresco and set beautifully along the bunks of Hermosa Creek concluded the evening in grand fashion. Picnic tables set with fresh purple sage, rose hips and red Queen Anne's Lace softly lit by wrought iron chandeliers and twinkle lights created a warm ambiance on the banks of the babbling brook amidst breathtakingly beautiful Spruce and Cottonwood trees. The finishing touch was majestically provided by Mother Nature herself, as the Harvest Super Moon, much like this gathering, was a rare and beautiful bit of art all its own.

THE CAUSE:

The Durango Art Center was the beneficiary of the event and the sponsoring not for profit was New Face Productions, an all volunteer organization who raises money for the Durango Art Center through various creative events.



Dave and Kay James



Jon and Devon Wayne



Honey House



Chris Haskell and Don McDonald

ARRIVAL: HOUSTON



Penny Wright and Paula Mott



Jan Duncan



Neal Hamil, Debbie Festari and Fred Smith

FIERCE AND FABULOUS

ANNUAL PETSET GALA HARKENS TO GATSBY-ERA CHIC

By *Jennifer Roosth* | Photography by *Fulton Davenport*



Dan and Susan Boggio

THE SCENE:
Over 400 animal loving guests attended the 11th Annual Houston PetSet Fierce and Fabulous soirée's dinner and auction at Houston's newest venue, The Astorian. The industrial chic and Art Deco event space was decorated with black and white 1920's flapper glamour, creating quite a social scene.



Bob Nowak and Carolyn Farb



Tena and Tyson Faust



Gary Evans and Tama Lundquist



Katherine Cabaniss, Alex Martinez, Cindi Rose and Devon Anderson



Kevin Black, Bruce Padilla, Tony Bradfield and Shelby Kibodeaux

THE VIBE:

Bertagne Corliss, a 9/11 rescue dog, was the celebrity guest of honor. Honoree Jan Duncan movingly spoke about finding her dog as a stray after her husband Dan Duncan's death in 2010, too. The guests, dressed in glittering frocks and jewels, helped further illuminate the occasion and the cause.

THE CAUSE:

The event was chaired by Tena Lundquist Faust, Tama Lundquist and Patti Murphy. Houston PetSet is an umbrella non-profit organization dedicated to making a difference by providing grants to animal welfare related nonprofits in the Greater Houston area. This year's event raised a record breaking \$275,000.



Becky Cooke and Rebecca Thomas



Roland Maldonado, Mauney Mafrige and Rob Rutherford

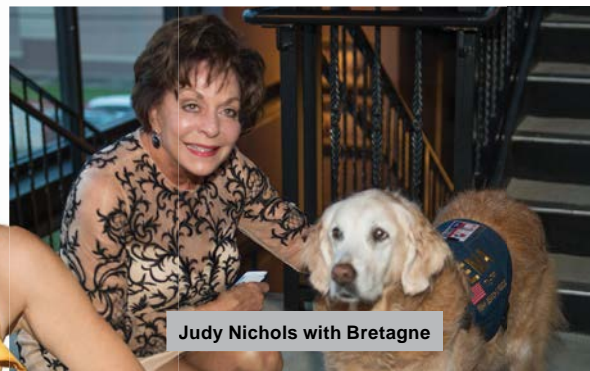


Gina and Devinder Bhatia



Lori Feese

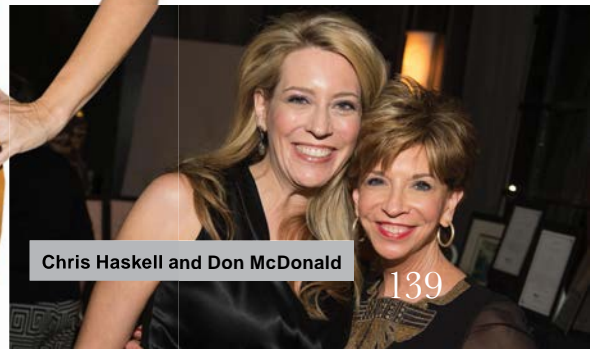
Carmina Zamorano



Judy Nichols with Bertagne



Sidney Faust and Elsie Eckert



Chris Haskell and Don McDonald



Janelle and Bill Sykes, Jamie Wesolowski, Renee Silber and Ryan Berg

LEADING THE CHARGE

The American Cancer Society Honors Two Heroes

By Shannon Miller Turner | Photography by Greg Harrison

THE SCENE:

The American Cancer Society recently presented the inaugural Cattle Baron's gala "Baron's Award" to two deserving recipients in the San Antonio community. The award, given to both a medical professional and a corporate citizen for their contributions in the fight against cancer, was presented at the patron's party, a private event held at the IBC Medical Center Ballroom.

THE VIBE:

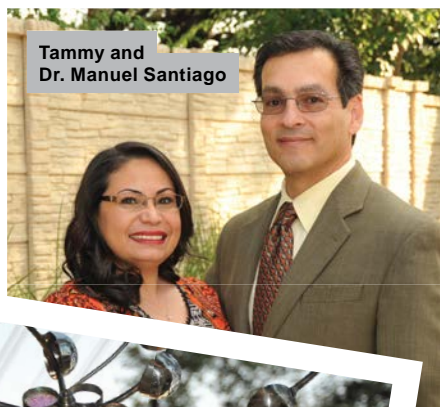
The 2015 Baron's Award presentation honored Roger M. Lyons, M.D., F.A.C.P. and C.H. Guenther & Son, Inc. Dr. Lyons is a hematologic oncologist and a founding physician with Cancer Care Centers of South Texas (CCCST). He is also Medical Director of Hematology for the U.S. Oncology Network. He has been published extensively in the area of blood cancers and has been listed repeatedly as one of the "Best Doctors in America." C.H. Guenther & Son, Inc., founded in 1851, has partnered with the American Cancer Society as a proud sponsor of the Cattle Baron's Gala for over 15 years and has under-written many projects involving pediatric cancer patients. Each recipient was also recognized at the Cattle Baron's gala at Rio Cibolo Ranch.

THE CAUSE:

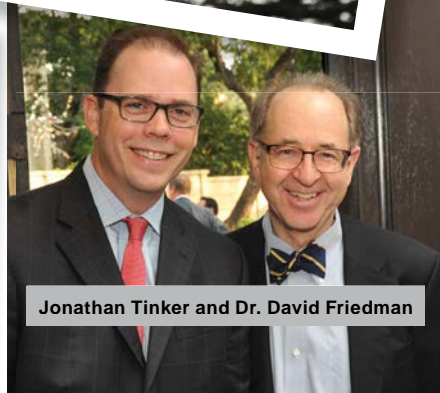
The American Cancer Society's efforts have contributed to a 22% decline in cancer death rates over the past 20 years. It is the nation's largest private non-profit investing in cancer research.



Dr. Roger Lyons and Jaime Wesolowski



Tammy and Dr. Manuel Santiago



Jonathan Tinker and Dr. David Friedman

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EDITH ROYAL

BIRTHDAY BASH

Benefiting



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November 7

ARTBASH
Art Alliance Austin
artallianceaustin.org

November 8

EPIC Evening
Texas Freedom Network
tfn.org

November 12

Help Clifford Help Kids
The Clifford Antone Foundation
helpcliffordhelpkids.com

November 13

Beauty of Life
Hospice Austin
hospiceaustin.org

November 14

Austin Children's Shelter
Reach for the Stars Gala
austinchildrensservices.org

November 15

Masquerade Party
Andy Roddick Foundation
arfoundation.org

November 15

Beauty Unveiled
Hospice Austin
hospiceaustin.org

November 17

Party for Good
Greenlights
greenlights.org

November 18 - 22

A Christmas Affair
Junior League of Austin
jlaustin.org

November 19

Big Reds & Bubbles
The Wine & Food Foundation of Texas
winefoodfoundation.org

November 21

Rags to Wags Gala
Austin Human Society
austinhumanesociety.org

December 6

Dancing With The Stars
Austin Center for Child Protection
centerforchildprotection.org

DALLAS

November 3

Great Futures Luncheon
Boys & Girls Club of Greater Dallas
bgcdallas.org

November 5

Flora Award Gala
Texas Discovery Gardens
texasdiscoverygardens.org

November 7

Big Black Tie Ball
Big Brothers Big Sisters
bbbstx.org

November 7

ART for ADVOCACY
Dallas Children's Advocacy Center
dcac.org

November 7

An Evening of Hope Gala A
Night in Morocco
Hope's Door
hopesdoorinc.org

November 8

Deals & Dreams Casino Night
Heart of a Warrior
Charitable Foundation
hoawdallas.org

November 12

The Milestones Luncheon
Junior League of Dallas
jld.net

November 12

DIFFA/Dallas
Holiday Wreath Collection
diffadallas.org

November 14

Night at the Museum:
Illuminate
Perot Museum of Nature and Science
perotmuseum.org

November 19

Awards for Excellence in
Community Service Luncheon
Dallas Historical Society
dallashistory.org

December 1

A Conversation with a Living
Legend
M.D. Anderson Cancer Center
mdanderson.org

December 3

Hope for Humanity Dinner
Dallas Holocaust Museum Center
dallasholocaustmuseum.org

December 5

The Crystal Charity Ball
Children's Charities
crystalcharityball.org

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November 2

Art of Conversation
City ArtWorks
cityartworks.org

November 3

Wild Things
Alley Theatre
alleytheatre.org

November 5

Casino Night
Texas Children's Cancer Center
texaschildrens.org

November 5

Catwalk for a Cure
Amschwand Sarcoma Cancer Foundation
sarcomacancer.org

November 6

10th Annual Feast with the
Beast
Houston Zoo
houstonzoo.org

November 6

Audrey Hepburn® Society
Ball
UNICEF
unicefahsb.org

November 7

Best Buddies with Kevin
Spacey
bestbuddiestexas.org

November 8

2Annual Vine & Dine Charity
Wine Dinner
Theatre Under The Stars
tuts.com

November 11

One Great Night in November
The Museum of Fine Arts,
Houston
mfah.org

November 14

Under the Boardwalk
Children's Memorial
Hermann Hospital
memorialhermann.org

November 15

Houston Corks and Forks
The American Cancer Society
gala.acsevents.org

November 21

Celebrity Paws Gala
Citizens for Animal
Protection
cap4pets.org

December 8

Angels of Hope Luncheon and
Fashion Presentation Friends
of Child Advocates
childadvocates.org

SAN ANTONIO

November 1 - 8

Fashion Week San Antonio
2015
fashionsa.org

November 5

Black Tie & Boots Gala
Transplants for Children
transplantsforchildren.org

November 6

3rd Annual Tango of the
Vines
AFE Foundation
afesupport.org

November 8

12th Annual Party in the
Pasture
Meals on Wheels San Antonio
christianseniorservices.org

November 12

Zoobilation Ball
San Antonio Zoological
Society
sazoo.org

November 14

Noche de los Reyes Gala
El Rey Feo Consejo
Educational Foundation
reyfeconsejo.org

November 21

13th Annual HRC San Antonio
Gala and Silent Auction
hrc.org

November 27

Ford Holiday River Parade &
Lighting Ceremony
thesanantonioriverwalk.com

December 4

Ford Fiesta de las Luminarias
thesanantonioriverwalk.com

December 5

Annual Gala & Silent Auction
Greater San Antonio
Chamber of Commerce
sachamber.org

December 10

Poinsettia Ball
Friends of Hospice
friendsofhospicesa.org

December 12

Tannenbaum Ball
Gillespie County Historical
Society
pioneer museum.net

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