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EDITOR'S LETTER

As late spring unfurls in full bloom, there's a distinct sense of momentum in the air—a time to refresh, to gather, and to live with intention. In this issue of VIVANT, we celebrate the beauty of that in-between moment: after the first bloom, just before the full rush of summer.

This edition, our Home Issue, is filled with inspiration for living gracefully. From the layered elegance of Anne Buresh to the modern charm of J Layton and the polished aesthetic of Lisa Sherry, our featured designers open the doors to spaces that are as livable as they are luxurious.



We're embracing a return to what matters most—connection, beauty, and self-care. Gracefully Gathered revives the art of the dinner party, while Editor's Picks lean into this season's texture and tone: think tactile crochet, striking power pinks, and that effortless spring glow.

Wellness takes center stage, too—with restorative rituals like castor oil therapy and the healing power of whole foods, guided by the wisdom of Marci. And of course, no issue would be complete without a touch of wanderlust: from the sun-soaked serenity of Mustique to city strolls in Charleston, Charlotte, and beyond.

Our exclusive interview with the ever-elegant Dee Ocleppo Hilfiger offers a peek into a life well-lived—and beautifully styled.

As the season ripens, may this issue inspire you to gather often, indulge thoughtfully, and create a home and life that reflects your truest self.

With love and light,

Colleen

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NOTES



01

THE HOTEL

The Veranda House Returns



Nantucket, with its misty harbors, salt-kissed breezes, and centuries-old charm, has always been a place where history whispers through every weathered shingle and cobblestone street. This spring, one of the island's most beloved landmarks, the Veranda House, will once again welcome guests, rising from the ashes of a devastating 2022 fire that necessitated a complete rebuild.

Set to reopen in spring 2025, the new Veranda House is a masterpiece of restoration and reinvention. Owned by Procaccianti Companies and managed by TPG Hotels & Resorts as part of the Nantucket Resort Collection, the rebuild was meticulously overseen in collaboration with the town and historic district commission to ensure that the property retained its original federal-style elegance while incorporating modern luxuries and state-of-the-art amenities.







First built in 1684, the Veranda House has stood as a symbol of Nantucket's rich maritime legacy, its wraparound porches offering a front-row seat to the island's ever-changing seascape. The new design remains true to its original size, scale, and architectural character, seamlessly blending historic integrity with contemporary comforts. Guests will find spa-like en-suite baths in every room, featuring Carrara marble, custom fixtures, and sleek walk-in showers—a nod to modern indulgence without sacrificing classic charm.

The 19 redesigned rooms, including the Grand Harborview King with its private balcony and fireplace, exude an intimate, serene luxury. Expanded outdoor gathering spaces now offer even more opportunities for guests to soak in the island's ambiance, whether sipping coffee at sunrise or toasting the golden hour over Nantucket Harbor.

"This reopening marks a significant milestone, not just for Veranda House, but for the entire Nantucket community. We are deeply thankful for the community's unwavering support in bringing this iconic property back to life," says Paul Hitselberger, EVP of Operations for TPG Hotels & Resorts.

The Veranda House is not just a reconstruction—it's a resurrection, a tribute to Nantucket's ability to endure, evolve, and enchant. Its doors reopen as a beacon of timeless hospitality, welcoming travelers to a place where history is honored, and every detail—from the breezy verandas to the handcrafted interiors—tells a story.

For those who love Nantucket, the Veranda House is a homecoming.

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The Veranda House.*





02

THE SCENT

Maison Psyché Unveils Éclat d'Ombre

Maison Psyché, the ultra-luxurious perfume house of the Rémy Cointreau Group, continues to push the boundaries of haute parfumerie with its latest olfactory creation, Éclat d'Ombre. This limited-edition masterpiece is a sensorial journey, infused with deep, woody contrasts that evoke the mystery and richness of time itself.

Since its groundbreaking debut, Maison Psyché has redefined the fragrance landscape by marrying the worlds of fine perfumery and exceptional spirits. Through its pioneering process of sublimating essences in Cognac cellars, the House has perfected the art of metamorphosis—blending, transforming, and elevating the rarest raw materials into olfactory treasures.

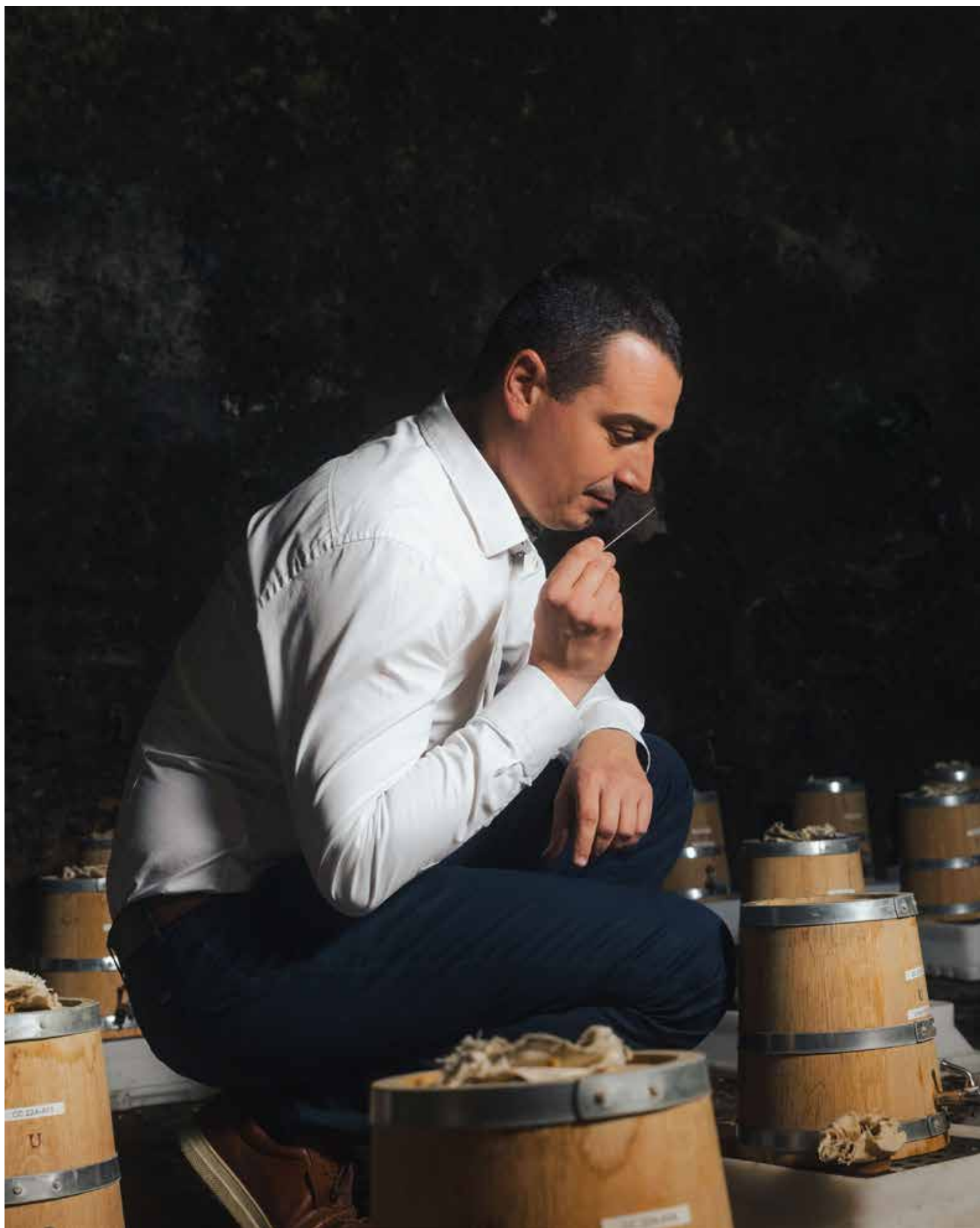
“Maison Psyché draws on its ancestral savoir-faire to create a new level of excellence in perfumery,” shares Catherine Sardin, Managing Director of Maison Psyché. “Our natural, artisanal approach achieves a veritable art of metamorphosis, delivering vibrant, richly aromatic fragrances.”

A tribute to the timeless expertise of Maison Rémy Martin, Éclat d'Ombre pays homage to those

who have imparted their wisdom to the House, enriching its craft. As with its predecessors—Alexanor, Belle-Dame, Alcyone, Nymphalis, and Hamadryas—this fragrance embarks on a journey to the heart of Cognac, where nature's bounty transforms in the depths of the Maison's revered cellars. A chypre composition of luminous and shadowy elements, Éclat d'Ombre conjures the sensory contrasts of Cognac's terroir. It oscillates between warm sunlight and cool shade, revealing luscious woody accords and intoxicating floral nuances. The scent is an invitation into a hidden world, where eaux-de-vie and perfume essences evolve in quiet harmony.

True to the House's philosophy, Éclat d'Ombre is the creation of an exceptional duo: Master Perfumer Sophie Labbé and Maison Rémy Martin's Cellar Master Baptiste Loiseau. “It is a delicate balance of bright citrus, the captivating power of rose enhanced by osmanthus, and the shadowy, earthy freshness of patchouli,” Labbé describes. Loiseau adds, “The time spent in barrels and the metamorphosis in contact with wood imparts a rounder, more elegant character—apricot, creamy textures, and a deep, balsamic intensity.”







More than a fragrance, Éclat d'Ombre is an objet d'art. Limited to just 30 numbered crystal flacons, each bottle is adorned with an 18-carat gold cameo—an exquisite symbol of rarity and refinement. This collector's edition is available exclusively by appointment at Maison Psyché's Salon at Place Vendôme in Paris and in Cognac, as well as through the House's private advisors worldwide.

For connoisseurs who seek the extraordinary, Éclat d'Ombre is an invitation to experience the alchemy of nature and time—an ephemeral jewel that lingers on the skin, radiant and untamed. Founded in 2021, Maison Psyché stands at the crossroads of nature and luxury, reviving the grand traditions of perfumery with a visionary approach. Rooted in the legacy of Rémy Cointreau, the House is the first to craft its fragrances within Cognac cellars, embracing the transformative magic of oak wood and time itself. Each scent is a living masterpiece—an exquisite fusion of craftsmanship, intuition, and the relentless pursuit of perfection. For those who understand that true luxury is an experience, Maison Psyché is the pinnacle of olfactory artistry.

03

THE CAR

A Statement of Power and Prestige

If there's one automotive trend that never goes out of style, it's the art of personalization—especially when it comes to Range Rovers. Whether it's vintage resto-mods dripping in nostalgia or rugged, off-road builds designed for adventure, luxury SUV enthusiasts are always seeking something extraordinary. But when it comes to the most lucrative niche of all—modifying brand-new Range Rovers—one name stands above the rest: Overfinch.

For nearly five decades, Overfinch has been elevating the iconic SUV with unmatched craftsmanship, cutting-edge styling, and performance enhancements. Now,

with the unveiling of the Velocity Edition, the brand once again redefines what it means to drive in ultimate luxury.

The Overfinch Velocity Edition is more than just a Range Rover—it's a statement. With its sculpted body, bold carbon fiber accents, and widened stance, this SUV exudes confidence from every angle. The exclusive 24" Helix wheels amplify its commanding presence, ensuring it turns heads wherever it roams. Dressed in a sleek Borasco Grey finish, complemented by signature black chrome badging and an illuminated tailgate emblem, this is no ordinary Range Rover—it's a masterpiece in motion.





Step inside, and the experience is just as breathtaking. Hand-stitched Arancia Orange leather envelops the seats, dashboard, and steering wheel, creating a striking contrast that's both sophisticated and dynamic. Of course, Overfinch offers an endless array of color and material combinations, allowing owners to tailor their interiors to their exact desires. Every inch of the cabin is meticulously crafted, blending contemporary luxury with a performance-driven edge.

Luxury is nothing without performance, and the Velocity Edition delivers in spades. Every model comes equipped with an Overfinch sports exhaust system, but for those craving even more power, the brand's Performance Upgrade for the P530

V8 unleashes an exhilarating 620 horsepower and 656 lb-ft of torque—a substantial boost from the standard 530hp. This is an SUV that doesn't just glide down the road—it dominates it.

The Velocity Edition made its grand entrance at the 8th annual Miami Concours, where it captivated automotive enthusiasts and luxury connoisseurs alike. As one of Overfinch's most anticipated releases, it's already generating significant buzz among collectors and discerning drivers.

"The Velocity Edition is one of the most highly anticipated Overfinch releases to date," says Kevin Sloane, Chairman of Overfinch. "It doesn't just stand out—it commands attention." And that, after all, is what Overfinch has always been about.

Available as a complete vehicle or as a customized overhaul for existing 2023-2025 Range Rover V8 Autobiography or SV models, the Velocity Edition is crafted with meticulous attention to detail by Overfinch's factory-trained technicians. For those who demand more than the ordinary, the Overfinch Velocity Edition is the ultimate expression of power, prestige, and personalization.

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PINK POWER

By Colleen Guilfoile Richmond

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THE CHLOÉ PASSEMENTERIE CROCHET TOP-HANDLE BAG combines intricate crochet fabric with elegant passementerie details, offering a refined yet effortless touch. chloe.com



BOTTEGA VENETA'S NECKLACE features an intricate knit-like design, reflecting the experimental textures of the Spring '24 collection. Made from polished gold-tone silver, its chunky shape sits just above the collarbones. MATCHING HOOP EARRINGS. bottegaveneta.com



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WELLNESS





The Timeless Power of CASTOR OIL

A Health and Beauty Elixir for Modern Times

By Colleen Guilfoile Richmond

In a world obsessed with the latest beauty trends and wellness hacks, it's surprising to find a centuries-old remedy making a major comeback. Enter castor oil — a golden elixir that's been revered for its health and beauty benefits for millennia, yet remains incredibly relevant today.

Castor oil has a fascinating history that dates back to ancient civilizations. Its origins trace back to Egypt, where Cleopatra and her contemporaries utilized it for both cosmetic and medicinal purposes. In fact, ancient Egyptians believed castor oil to be sacred and used it in rituals to protect the eyes and skin. The oil is derived from the seeds of the *Ricinus communis* plant, commonly known as the castor bean plant, which grows in tropical and subtropical regions.

Historically, castor oil wasn't just a beauty secret. It played an important role in ancient medicine. Hippocrates, often referred to as the father of modern medicine, is said to have used castor oil for its purging effects, believing it could detoxify the body. Even the Romans valued its versatility, using it to

treat everything from skin infections to hair loss.

Fast forward to the 20th century, and castor oil was a common household item in many homes, prescribed for everything from constipation to sore muscles. Its rich history only adds to the mystique of this humble, yet powerful oil.

With the rise of clean beauty and natural remedies, people are increasingly seeking alternatives to synthetic ingredients in their skincare and wellness products. Castor oil, known for its purity and effectiveness, fits seamlessly into this movement.

Today, it's experiencing a renaissance as a multi-purpose remedy for everything from moisturizing the skin to promoting hair growth. But why exactly is castor oil so effective?

Packed with fatty acids, particularly ricinoleic acid, castor oil is deeply moisturizing and helps lock in hydration. It's a miracle for dry, flaky skin, and can also be used to reduce the appearance of stretch marks, scars, and fine lines. A gentle application of castor oil before bedtime can leave your skin feeling soft, supple, and rejuvenated by morning.

Perhaps one of the most popular modern-day uses of castor oil is for enhancing eyelashes and eyebrows. The oil's high concentration of ricinoleic acid boosts blood circulation to the hair follicles, promoting healthier, fuller lashes and brows. Whether you're looking to grow back over-plucked brows or add a little more volume to your lashes, castor oil might just be the natural solution.

When massaged into the scalp, castor oil's anti-inflammatory properties can help to reduce dandruff and soothe irritation. The oil's nutrients penetrate deep into the hair follicle, encouraging hair growth and improving the strength of the hair shaft. Whether you have dry, thinning, or frizzy hair, castor oil can be a game-changer in restoring shine and vitality.

Thanks to its antibacterial and anti-inflammatory properties, castor oil can help fight acne-causing bacteria and soothe the skin. It's gentle enough for sensitive skin but potent enough to reduce acne breakouts. Its ability to promote cell turnover and heal skin helps fade acne scars over time, making it a fantastic all-in-one skincare solution.

Castor oil isn't just for beauty; it's also known for its therapeutic properties. The oil is a natural laxative, commonly used for relieving constipation. But its health benefits extend far beyond digestion.

Due to its anti-inflammatory properties, castor oil is often used in massages for sore muscles and aching joints. It's believed that castor oil can reduce inflammation and provide relief from conditions like arthritis. Applying it as part of a warm compress or as a massage oil can help ease pain and promote healing.

When ingested in small doses (under medical supervision), castor oil has been shown to support the immune system. Its rich antioxidant properties help fight oxidative stress, which can damage cells and tissues over time.

As a powerful detoxifier, castor oil is sometimes used in cleansing routines. It's thought to stimulate the liver and help with the elimination of toxins from the body. Many holistic health advocates recommend castor oil packs applied to the liver area to enhance detoxification.

Using castor oil is simple, but there are a few things to keep in mind.

For skin: Use castor oil as a night-time moisturizer or mix it with your favorite body lotion. A few drops are all you need. For hair: Massage it into your scalp once a week and leave it on for at least 30 minutes before washing it out. You can also apply it to your eyelashes and eyebrows using a clean mascara wand. For digestion: If you're using castor oil as a laxative, it's crucial to use it sparingly and under the guidance of a healthcare professional.

Castor oil's journey from ancient Egypt to modern beauty shelves is a testament to its timeless appeal and effectiveness. Whether you're using it to enhance your beauty routine or for its health benefits, it's clear that castor oil is more than just a fleeting trend. It's a versatile and natural powerhouse that stands the test of time.

With all the benefits it offers, it's no surprise that castor oil is once again trending in the health and beauty world.

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SPRING CLEANING FOR YOUR BODY:

A Refresh for Mind, Body, and Spirit

By Vivian Ashcroft

Spring is the perfect time to refresh, renew, and rejuvenate. Much like your home, your body can benefit from a seasonal cleanse — not just physically but mentally as well. Spring cleaning for your body is about clearing away the clutter, reestablishing healthy habits, and creating space for clarity, energy, and balance. Below, we explore ways to detox, restore, and invigorate your body and mind as you enter this revitalizing season.

1. DETOXING YOUR BODY: A FRESH START FOR SPRING

After the long winter months, it's common to feel sluggish or weighed down. Spring is the ideal time to reset your system. A detox is not only about eliminating toxins from the body but also about cleansing your digestive system, boosting your immune system, and bringing back that radiant glow.

HYDRATION FIRST

The foundation of any detox begins with water. Spring-clean your body by ensuring you're hydrating adequately. Water flushes out toxins, improves skin elasticity, and enhances digestion. Start each day with a glass of lemon water, which not only hydrates but supports your liver in detoxifying the body.

Dr. Joshua Zeichner, Director of Cosmetic and Clinical Research in Dermatology at Mount Sinai Hospital, says, "Drinking plenty of water helps flush toxins from the body, which can lead to clearer skin and more energy. It's the first step toward better overall health."

EAT SEASONAL, FRESH FOODS

Embrace the bounty of fresh spring produce. Incorporate leafy greens, citrus fruits, avocados, and berries into your meals. These nutrient-dense foods are rich in vitamins, antioxidants, and fiber that help detoxify the body naturally. Green smoothies packed with spinach, kale, and fruits like pineapple or apple can offer a refreshing and cleansing start to your day.

Nutritionist Keri Gans, author of *The Small Change Diet*, advises, "Eating seasonal produce not only supports your body's natural detox processes, but it also offers the best flavor and nutrients available. Your body craves these fresh, antioxidant-rich foods after the long winter months."

GENTLE DETOX WITH HERBAL TEAS

Herbal teas like dandelion root, ginger, and peppermint can help with digestion, soothe inflammation, and promote overall detoxification. Sipping on these throughout the day can not only help rid your body of toxins but also bring a sense of calm and balance.

2. MENTAL CLARITY: CLEARING THE MIND FOR FRESH ENERGY

Just as your body can become bogged down with toxins, your mind can become cluttered and overloaded. Spring is the perfect time to embark on a mental cleanse, clearing away stress, worries, and negative thoughts. Achieving mental clarity allows you to approach the season with fresh eyes, an open mind, and renewed energy.

PRACTICE MINDFUL MEDITATION

Carve out time in your day for meditation. Even just five to ten minutes of mindful breathing or guided meditation can help clear mental fog and reduce anxiety. Meditation allows you to disconnect from the noise and focus on the present moment, promoting clarity and emotional well-being.



Dr. Deepak Chopra, a leading expert in mind-body medicine, suggests, “Meditation allows us to let go of mental clutter and reconnect with our inner peace. Even a few minutes each day can have profound effects on your overall health and mental clarity.”

DECLUTTER YOUR DIGITAL LIFE

Just as you might declutter your physical space, spring cleaning your digital life can work wonders for your mental health. Unsubscribe from emails, clear out your desktop, or unfollow social media accounts that drain your energy. Simplifying your digital environment can create more mental space for creativity, relaxation, and focus.

JOURNALING FOR MENTAL CLARITY

Writing down your thoughts is a powerful way to clear your mind and achieve a sense of mental order. Use this spring as an opportunity to keep a journal where you can write freely, whether it's reflecting on your emotions, setting intentions, or simply expressing gratitude.

3. RESTORATIVE FITNESS: REVITALIZING YOUR BODY AND SPIRIT

Spring is synonymous with renewal, making it the perfect time to kick-start your fitness journey. But instead of pushing yourself to the limit, this season invites you to restore your body with gentle and restorative movements that align your physical health with mental clarity.

GENTLE YOGA AND STRETCHING

Yoga is an excellent way to rejuvenate both your body and mind. This spring, focus on restorative yoga to promote flexibility, reduce stress, and increase circulation. Poses like child's pose, downward dog, and cat-cow stretch can help release tension in your muscles, while also calming your mind. Try adding breathwork or pranayama to deepen your practice and clear your mind.

Lauren Eckstrom, a yoga teacher and mindfulness expert, says, “Yoga is a powerful tool to release the emotional and physical tension stored in our bodies. Spring is the perfect time to embrace restorative poses that bring both inner peace and physical relief.”

WALKING AND NATURE IMMERSION

As the weather warms, spend time walking outdoors. Whether it's a stroll through a local park or a nature hike, walking can invigorate your body and offer a reset for your mind. The fresh air, sunlight, and connection to nature are deeply restorative, and the physical movement helps promote circulation and detoxification.

Dr. Andrew Weil, a pioneer in integrative medicine, shares, “Walking in nature provides physical exercise and mental calm.

It's one of the simplest yet most effective ways to nurture both your body and mind.”

REBOUNDING FOR DETOX AND FITNESS

Rebounding, or using a mini-trampoline, is a fun and effective way to stimulate your lymphatic system, which plays a key role in detoxification. This light, bouncy workout helps improve circulation, balance, and energy while offering a low-impact way to boost fitness. It's a playful yet powerful way to incorporate movement into your routine while supporting your body's detox processes.

4. SLEEP AND RESTORATION: THE FOUNDATION FOR MENTAL AND PHYSICAL HEALTH

No detox or spring cleaning plan is complete without prioritizing rest. Sleep is essential for body recovery, mental clarity, and overall health.

CREATE A SPRINGTIME SLEEP SANCTUARY

Rejuvenating your body also means ensuring you're getting restful sleep. Create a peaceful bedroom environment by opting for light, breathable linens, such as cotton or linen sheets, that allow your body to stay cool at night. Limit screen time before bed, and consider incorporating soothing rituals like aromatherapy with lavender or chamomile oils for a relaxing environment.

Dr. Matthew Walker, a sleep scientist and author of *Why We Sleep*, emphasizes, “Sleep is not a luxury; it's a biological necessity. Prioritizing restful sleep is essential to recharging your body and mind. Spring-clean your sleep habits, and your health will follow.”

RESTORATIVE NAPS

Sometimes, spring-cleaning for your body means allowing yourself a moment of pause. Short naps, typically around 15-20 minutes, can be incredibly restorative. They refresh your mind, improve focus, and give your body time to recover. A nap during the afternoon can be just the boost you need to continue your spring rejuvenation.

Spring is a time of renewal, and it's essential to embrace the season of growth by taking care of both your body and mind. With these detox tips, mental clarity practices, and restorative fitness ideas, you'll enter this spring season feeling light, refreshed, and empowered. Whether through cleaning up your diet, clearing your mental space, or restoring your body with gentle movement, your body and mind will be ready to embrace the brighter days ahead.

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The Power of Food

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SPRING

The Power of Food as Medicine for Healing

By Marci Moreau

From the ancient wisdom of some of our greatest forefathers of medicine—Hippocrates, Shen Nong, and the many Egyptian, Greek, and Roman lovers of food—one truth remains clear: what we eat has the power to heal.

Our early champions of powerful food are legendary for initiating using food as medicine to sustain health, prevent illness, and support healing so I'm pretty sure they would be very excited that we now have the hard science supporting what nature has always provided.

Today it's not just history or tradition driving this idea forward—it's science, too. Using food as medicine isn't just a wellness trend—it's becoming a mainstream philosophy. The interest in food as medicine is growing, with doctors, researchers, nutritionists, etc., backing up what many of us have known all along: what's on your plate can be just as powerful as what's in your medicine cabinet.

Especially in the spring, when nature makes food much more powerful, the earth becomes a virtual healer's garden bringing an abundance of

fresh, vibrant foods packed with nutrients that help detoxify, restore, and energize the body after the colder months.

Spring foods are uniquely suited to support our health, when nature delivers food that have the capacity act as internal spring cleaners, sweeping away the sluggishness of colder months with their vitamins, antioxidants, and detoxifying compounds. By incorporating these seasonal foods into our diets, we align with nature's cycles and give our bodies exactly what they need to be well.

Foods like artichokes, asparagus, and dandelion greens—my personal favorite, are natural diuretics, promoting the elimination of toxins and supporting liver function, helping to refresh the system after winter's stagnation. At the same time, fiber-rich produce such as peas, radishes, spinach, and kale nourish the gut microbiome, promoting digestion and optimal nutrient absorption. The presence of inulin, a prebiotic fiber found in asparagus and artichokes, does even better for gut health and strengthening immune defenses.

And then there is the fennel with its sweet licorice-like flavor also supporting digestive health but with the added benefit of a high potassium content to regulate blood pressure and support heart health. Oh, and I have to mention, watercress, a nutritional powerhouse, pretty much doing it all.

And just when you think it can't get any better, this great spring detox also provides our bodies and our minds with anti-inflammatory properties that help protect against chronic disease. Most especially, my friend, the dandelion green, with its high levels of anti-inflammatory compounds helps protect against chronic diseases like heart disease, diabetes, and even certain cancers, by reducing oxidative stress and inflammation in the body.

Spring foods don't just heal the body—they nourish the mind as well. Nutrients like magnesium in leafy greens and potassium in asparagus help regulate mood and ease anxiety, while a thriving gut microbiome, supported by fiber-rich seasonal produce, plays a crucial role in neurotransmitter production, including serotonin. The vitamin C in strawberries and citrus fruits helps lower cortisol levels, reducing stress and enhancing overall well-being. Hydration is another key factor in seasonal health, with water-dense foods like strawberries, cucumbers, and watermelon helping to maintain skin hydration, improve elasticity, and promote a natural glow. These fruits, packed with antioxidants such as flavonoids and vitamin C, also stimulate collagen production, slowing signs of aging and keeping skin vibrant, which is never a bad thing.

It's hard not to get excited about all these spring foods, and I could go on and on, but I think the evidence is clear. Food truly is a powerful form of

medicine, and with science now embracing its potential to heal and restore, we can find much more power in food.

So, as a shout out to our ancient forefathers of medicine and all those brilliant minds who have since joined the conversation, here's my *Spring Veggie Crisp*.

This recipe is more than just delicious—it's a testament to the healing power of food. Packed with seasonal superfoods like asparagus, dandelion greens, fennel and leeks, and with the added benefit of spicy heat, it delivers essential vitamins, antioxidants, and detoxifying properties to support overall wellness. I think it is the perfect way to celebrate the Power of Spring, the Power of Science, and, of course, the ***Power of Food!***

HERE'S SOME OF MY SPRING VEGGIE CRISP'S SUPERPOWERS

- Detoxification Support
- Digestive Health
- Immune Support
- Anti-Inflammatory
- Disease Prevention
- Skin Health & Hydration
- Mood & Mental Health

MARCI'S SPICY SPRING VEGGIE CRISP



INGREDIENTS

- 1 lb asparagus, break into small pieces
- 1 cup fresh baby spring peas
- 1 fennel bulb, thinly sliced
- 2 medium carrots, peeled and thinly sliced
- 1 leek, cleaned and sliced
- 1 jalapeño or favorite spicy pepper, minced~keep the seeds
- 2 cups dandelion greens, washed and roughly chopped
- 2 cups spinach, washed and roughly chopped
- 1 cup watercress, snipped with scissors
- 2 cloves garlic, 1 small piece turmeric, and a little bigger piece of ginger (peeled), all grated with my best friend, the micro grater
- 2 tbsp olive oil
- 1/2 cup vegetable or bone broth
- 1/2 cup freshly grated Parmesan cheese, and a little more to sprinkle on top
- 1 cup panko breadcrumbs (or gluten free)
- 2 tbsp butter, melted
- 1/4 cup favorite spring herbs, I snip with scissors
- 1/2 cup of your favorite grated cheese (optional, but I prefer Meredith Dairy Marinated Goat Cheese, and I slather it on top, then sprinkle freshly grated Parm)
- Freshly grated salt and pepper to taste

HERE'S HOW YOU MAKE IT...

1. **Preheat the oven** to 375°F
2. In a large skillet, heat olive oil over medium heat sauté the veggies. Add the asparagus, peas, carrots, fennel, whatever spicy pepper you are using, and leek, cooking for about 5-7 minutes until they begin to soften.
3. Stir in the dandelion greens, spinach and watercress, cooking until they wilt down.
4. Pour in the veggie or bone broth and let the mixture simmer for 5 minutes so all the flavors infuse together, and when the liquid reduces remove from heat.
5. In a separate mixing bowl, combine your breadcrumbs with the melted butter, Parmesan, fresh herbs, and whatever cheese you are using and stir to combine.
6. Then put it all together and make it happen. Pour the veggie mixture into a greased baking dish, then sprinkle the breadcrumb mixture, and more freshly grated parm, salt and pepper. and bake for 20-25 minutes or until the top is golden brown and crispy.

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The most important thing to remember as a host is to be prepared and relaxed.

Guests know when you are stressed or worried. Entertaining should feel effortless, so as a host you can also enjoy the party. Even if everything is not perfect, it is most important that guests feel welcome and comfortable. — Aerin

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Photo by Thomas Loof

There's something quietly fabulous unfolding behind closed doors—the resurgence of the dinner party. Not the overly orchestrated, Pinterest-perfect version we once obsessed over, but something more intentional, more intimate, and far more personal. At the forefront of this shift is tastemaker Aerin Lauder, whose latest book *Living with Flowers* is a visual invitation to infuse beauty into everyday life and make the art of gathering feel special once again.

After years of rushed schedules, digital overload, and surface-level connection, people are craving something deeper. Hosting at home offers an antidote to all of that—a return to meaningful conversation, beautiful surroundings, and the luxury of slowness. The rise of intimate gatherings, curated dinner parties, and bespoke at-home experiences reflects our desire to connect more authentically. We want to gather with purpose, to share a home-cooked meal, and to light a few candles just because it's Tuesday. We want fewer guests, better wine, and stories that stretch long into the night.

Aerin Lauder embodies this new wave of hosting with a style that's timeless yet entirely approachable. In *Living with Flowers*, she shows us how even a few thoughtfully placed blooms can transform a room and set the tone for an unforgettable evening. Whether it's lilacs in a vintage

pitcher or peonies tucked into a low bowl, flowers aren't just decorative—they're part of the experience. They reflect a host's thoughtfulness, a certain softness, and a sense that this moment matters.

The new rules of entertaining don't require matching china or elaborate menus. They encourage storytelling through tablescapes, creativity through mixed linens and heirloom silver, and personality in every detail—from the hand-written menu to the vintage record spinning in the background. The best dinner parties today feel curated but never calculated. There's elegance, yes—but it's effortless, the kind that lets guests feel both delighted and deeply at ease.

That said if you enjoy an elegant affair with champagne flutes and pressed linen napkins—fear not. That's still very much in style, too. This new era of entertaining isn't about rejecting tradition, but about reinterpreting it in a way that feels fresh and genuine. It's about making beauty accessible and celebration intentional.

At its heart, entertaining has always been about how you make people feel. And today, more than ever, we're embracing the idea that home is the most luxurious venue of all. Aerin reminds us that when we welcome others into our space with grace and intention, we're not just offering them a meal—we're offering them a moment.



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VIVANT'S QUICK GUIDE TO EFFORTLESS ENTERTAINING À LA AERIN

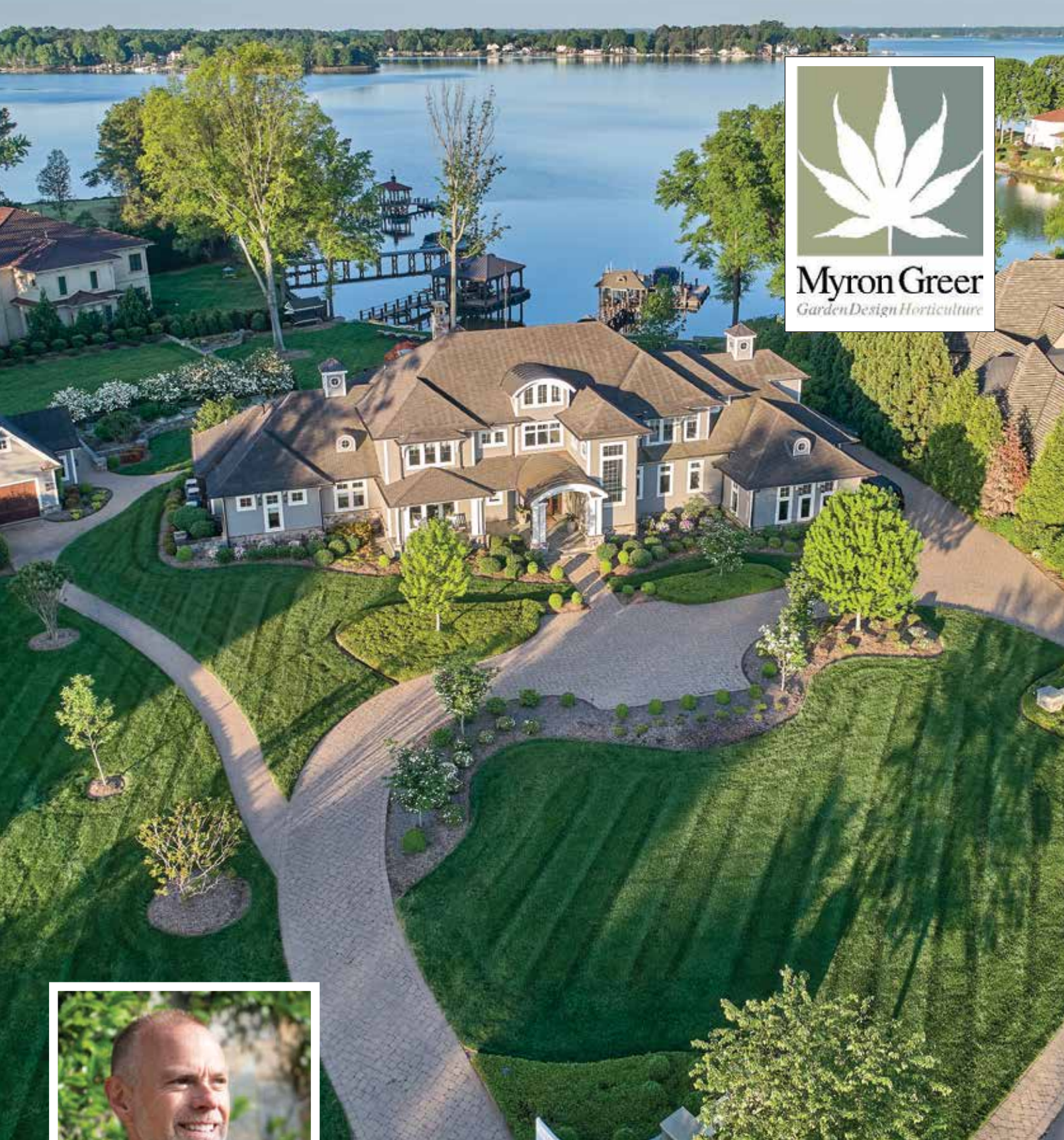
- **Signature scent:** Light a floral candle before guests arrive to instantly elevate the mood.
- **One great drink:** Create a go-to cocktail that feels festive and personal (bonus if it's pink).
- **A table moment:** Add a surprise element—like a silk scarf as a runner or sprigs of rosemary at each place.
- **Playlist perfection:** A chic mix of vintage jazz, French pop, or something soft and soulful always works.
- **Aerin's floral favorite:** "Hydrangeas in summer—they remind me of weekends in the Hamptons."



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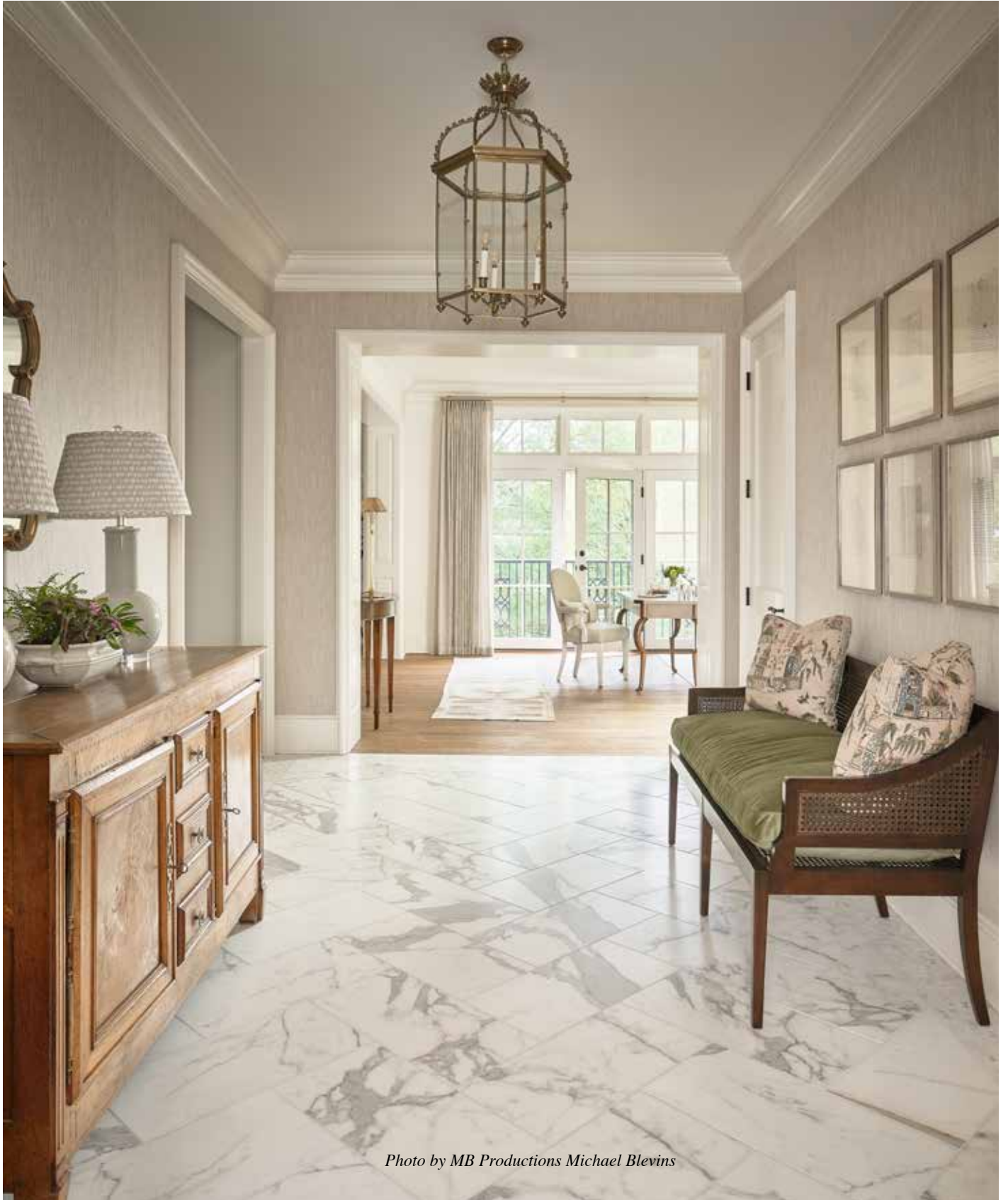


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A FRENCH INSPIRED TRANSFORMATION:

Layton Campbell's Vision at St. Serrant

By Colleen Guilfoile Richmond

Photography by MB Productions Michael Blevins



When a client makes the leap from Boston to the elegant charm of Myers Park, the challenge for designer Layton Campbell of J Layton Interiors was not only to modernize a dated 4,000-square-foot condo but also to infuse it with the grace and sophistication of her French heritage. Nestled within the luxurious St. Serrant building, this expansive unit required a complete overhaul, from outdated bathrooms to an uninspiring kitchen. What emerged was a timelessly chic residence that effortlessly marries French elegance with Southern refinement.

The transformation begins in the foyer, where a once-tired travertine floor was replaced with luminous Calacatta gold marble framed by border tiles. The result is a space that feels both elevated and inviting. Walls clad in textured coverings provide a sophisticated backdrop for an antique buffet and a Lillian August bench, adorned with stunning Schumacher chinoiserie linen pillows. The space now exudes a subtle opulence that hints at the refined touches to come.

In the living room, Campbell removed the dated fireplace surround, replacing it with a custom cast stone that serves as a stunning focal point. Flanking the fireplace are elegant, French-inspired chests by Hickory White, adorned with tall mirrors by Made Goods and antique lamps circa the 1930s. The space is anchored by a luxurious animal print rug from Halls Flooring, which beautifully complements the elegant slipper chairs and Bergère chair by Ambella Home. The scene is completed by a Hickory Chair cocktail table from the Ray Booth collection, while a captivating piece by Canadian-French artist France Jodoin presides above the mantel.









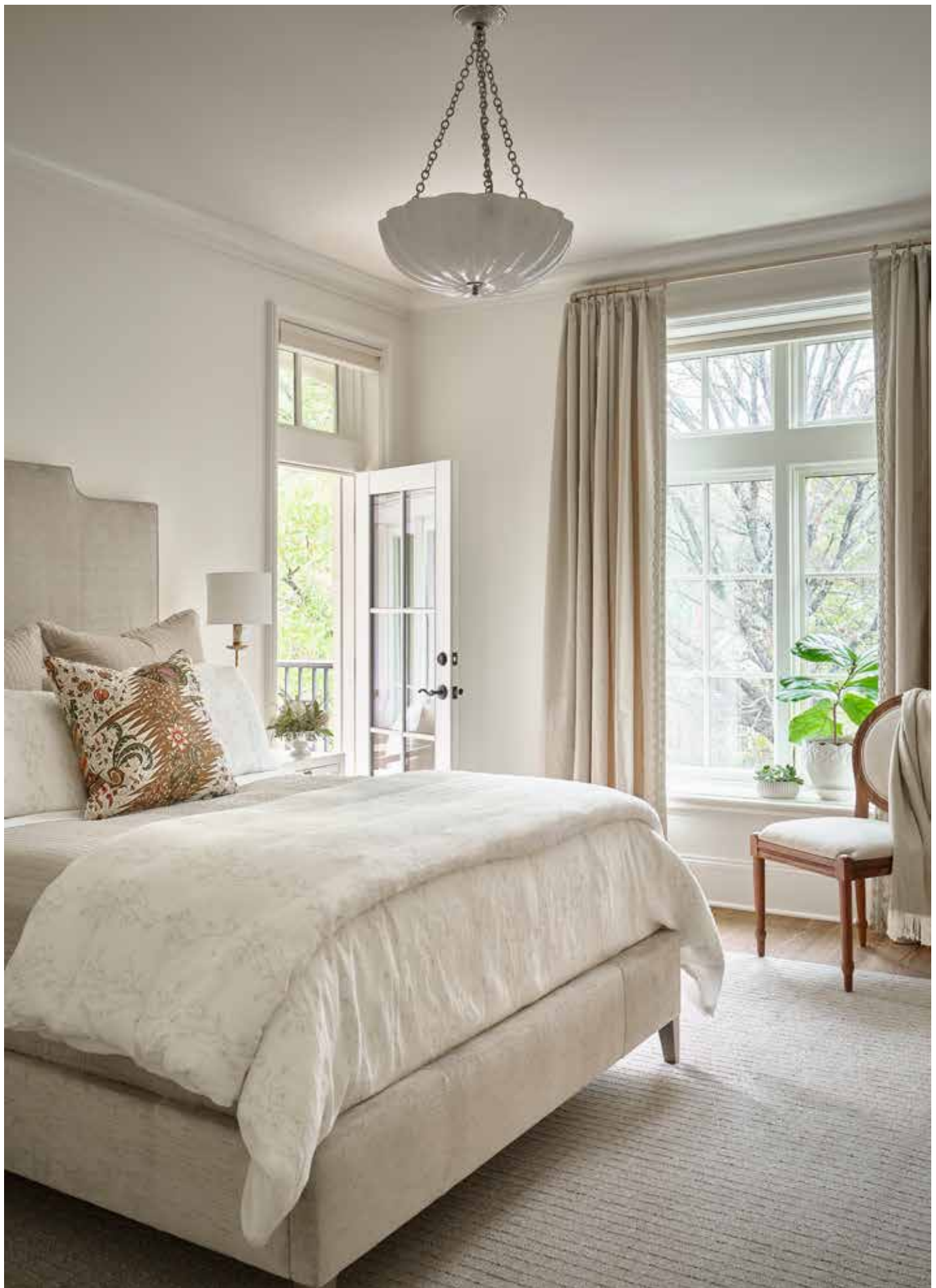




Gone are the mirrored panels that once covered the dining room walls. In their place, a lush, floral linen wallcovering by Phillip Jeffries creates an inviting warmth. Suzanne Kasler side chairs through Hickory Chair and Ambella Home armchairs in Romo fabric offer both comfort and style. An antique mirror, brass wall brackets, and a charming plant stand provide finishing touches that transport guests to a Parisian-inspired retreat.

Campbell designed the keeping room as a multifunctional space where intimate dining meets leisurely pastimes. An antique plate rack displays the client's beloved collection of bee plates and sterling silver cordials, providing a charming conversation piece. Two spool chairs with a shared ottoman frame a cozy fireplace adorned with an antique mirror and a settee by Wesley Hall. This inviting nook perfectly balances elegance with approachability.

The kitchen underwent a dramatic facelift, with a custom plaster-designed hood that becomes a centerpiece of the space. Cabinets painted in "Steam" by Benjamin Moore are complemented by Colonial Brass hardware, while new marble countertops and back-splashes from Art of Stone contribute to the room's fresh, clean aesthetic. Above, custom pendants by Urban Electric cast a warm, welcoming glow.





Taking a bolder approach in the primary suite, Campbell deepened the blush tones, enveloping the room in “Reticence” by Sherwin Williams across the walls, ceiling, and trim. A hand-knotted rug anchors the elegant poster bed, dressed in Kravet linen with Legacy bedding from Bedside Manor. A delicate lumbar pillow in Romo embroidered fabric adds a touch of refinement. The room’s outdoor terrace, surrounded by centuries-old oaks, offers a peaceful retreat.

The primary bath was gutted to the studs and reborn as a breathtakingly beautiful and functional space. The shower, redesigned in Walker Zanger marble, is enhanced by a white mountain quartzite custom tub deck that gracefully extends into the shower, creating a luxurious ledge. A cumbersome tower was removed to make way for a furniture-style double vanity, opening up the area for more practical use. Lighting sconces by Urban Electric and a floral wallcovering carry



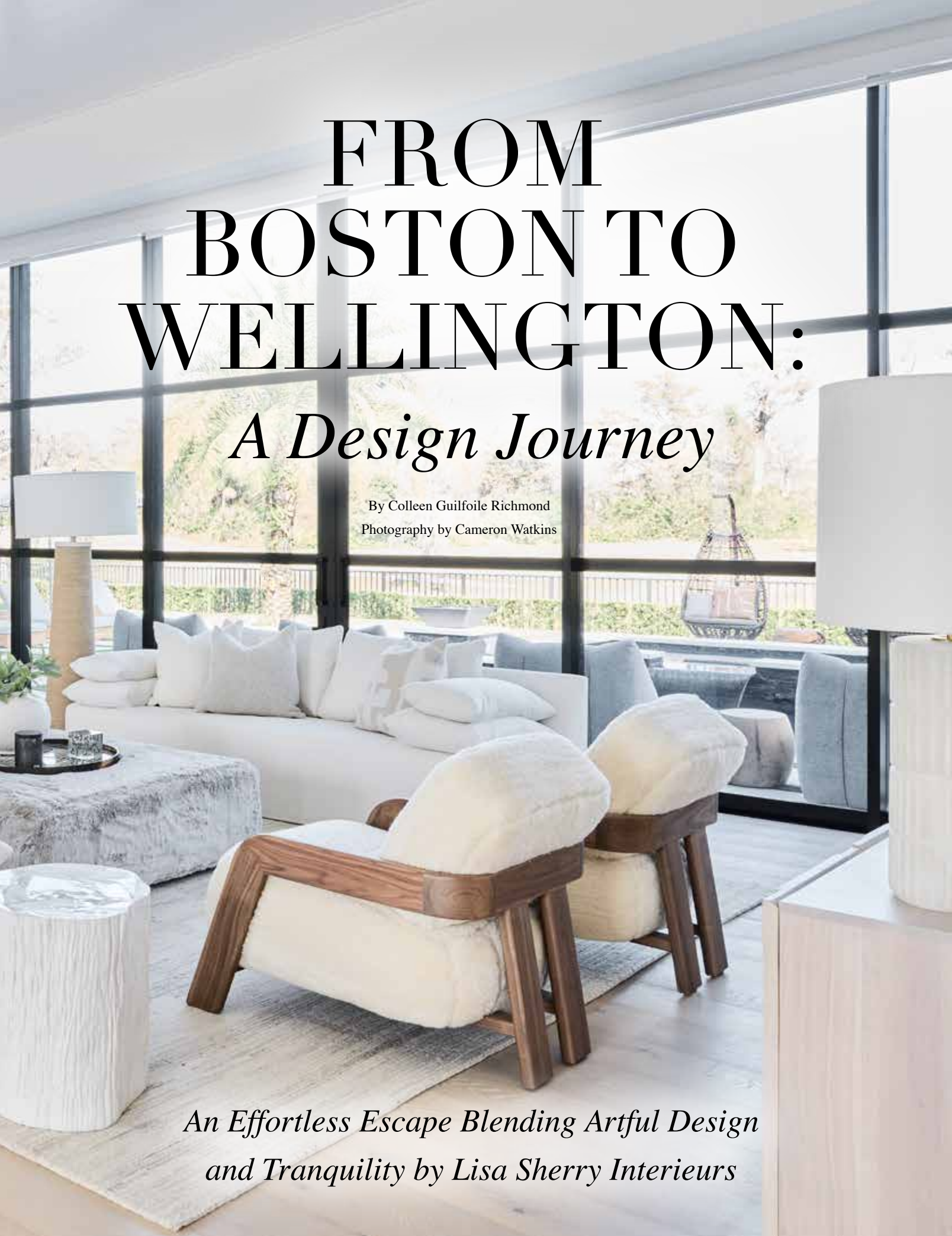
the blush and green palette from the primary suite, while a light fixture by Julie Neill for Visual Comfort offers a final note of elegance.

Guests are treated to their own serene suite featuring a private balcony, and a fully renovated bathroom that offers both brightness and elegance. Quadrille fabric on the pillow and the client’s antique carved wood French round-back occasional chair lend this space a refined and personal touch. Lighting by Visual Comfort ensures the room is bathed in a flattering, tranquil glow.

Layton Campbell’s masterful redesign of this St. Serrant condo is a testament to his ability to merge heritage, luxury, and modernity into a cohesive and inviting home. This residence is now a sophisticated tribute to his client’s French lineage, perfectly balanced by the timeless elegance of Southern charm.

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A modern living room with large windows, a white sofa, and wooden armchairs. The room is bright and airy, with a view of a garden and a hanging basket outside. The interior features a white sofa with several pillows, a wooden coffee table, and two wooden armchairs with white upholstery. A large window on the right side of the room provides a view of the outdoors.

FROM BOSTON TO WELLINGTON:

A Design Journey

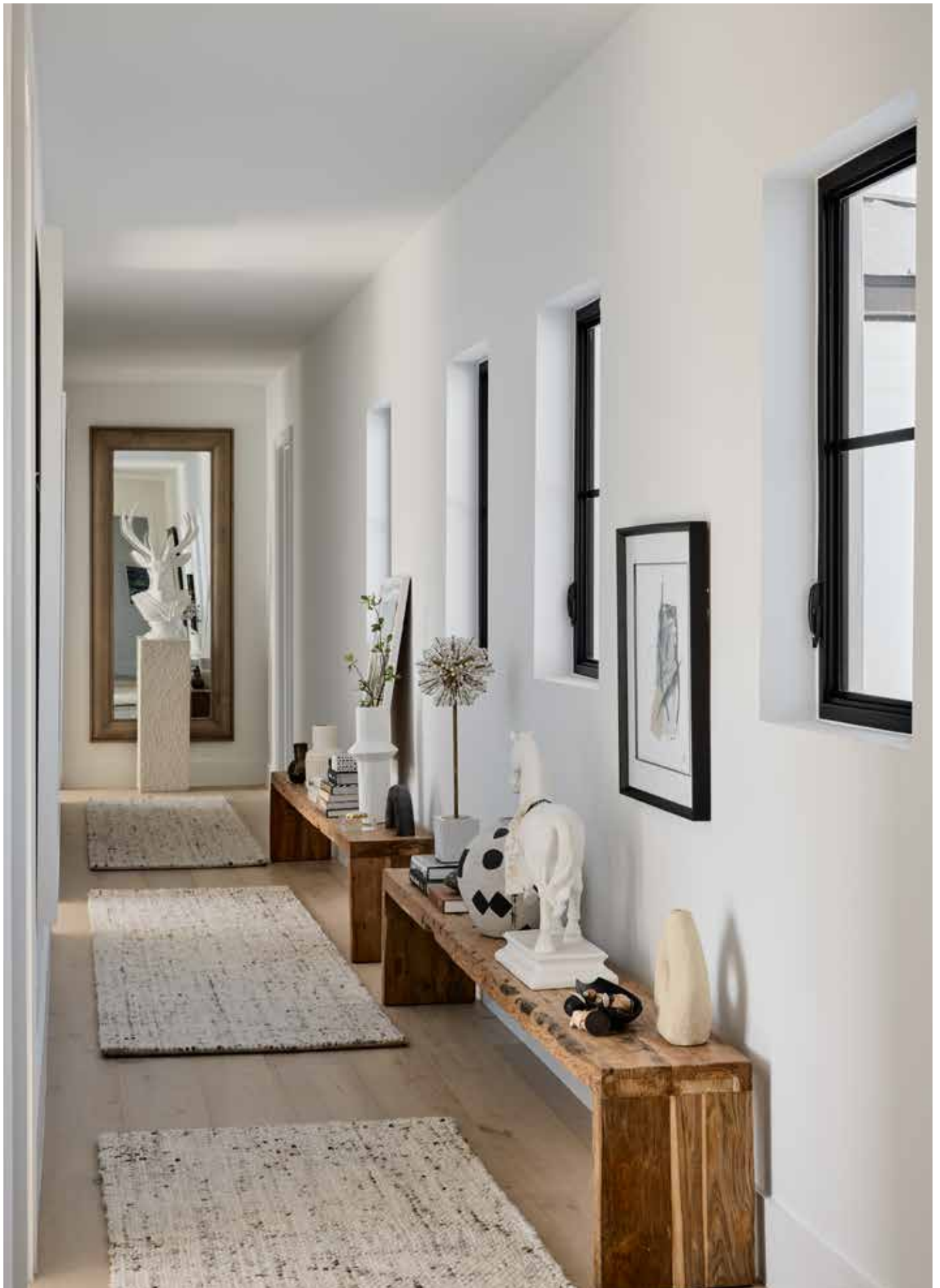
By Colleen Guilfoile Richmond
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*An Effortless Escape Blending Artful Design
and Tranquility by Lisa Sherry Interieurs*

This Wellington home embodies the art of effortless escape. For a client with a primary residence and busy career in Boston, the vision was clear: create a parallel universe, a sanctuary entirely her own, and a world apart from her fast-paced city life. The choice of Wellington, with its laid-back equestrian culture and serene golf course views near the Polo Club, was intentional. This unique location provided the perfect canvas for an indoor-outdoor living experience where sliding glass walls blur the lines between home and nature.

The home's aesthetic is powerfully feminine without being overly frilly. Instead, it feels refined and luxurious, offering a resort-like ambiance reminiscent of White Lotus—with only happy plot twists. The key to achieving this atmosphere lies in the thoughtful integration of natural textures and bold artistic statements. As Lisa Sherry notes, “Texture is in the Lisa Sherry Interieurs brand DNA. In many ways, I think texture is the new color.” From sleek surfaces and wood grains to plush shearling and linens, the layers of texture create a rich, welcoming environment.













Art is another defining element of the design. While Lisa typically gravitates toward neutral palettes, this project embraced vibrant artwork as a means of personal expression. The art pieces, curated to reflect the client's passions and interests, shine against gallery-like, neutral backgrounds. Standout pieces include a whimsical shot of a cocktail framed by an airplane window in the dining room—a cheeky nod to the Boston-to-Wellington journey.

The design also takes unexpected turns, with bold and graphic art woven throughout the home. Surprises are embedded in the details: a goat head bust at the end of a long hallway, colorful wallpaper lining intimate spaces like powder rooms and dressing areas, and carefully curated vignettes that reveal themselves layer by layer. "I love designing what I call 'spaces in between'—those connective moments that often get overlooked," Lisa explains.





While luxury and sophistication are ever-present, practicality was also a guiding force. To accommodate the client's two young adult daughters and their frequent guests, the guest rooms feature queen-size beds instead of twins, making shared accommodations more comfortable. The design also maximizes the seamless flow between indoor and outdoor living. "The exteriors, if you will, are amazing," says Lisa. "This Wellington home is as much about the outside as the inside. It's all about the ebb and flow, connectivity."

The exterior spaces are a dream come true, featuring a pool as the central focal point surrounded by various lounge and dining areas. A pair of swinging basket chairs offers perhaps the most coveted seats, perfect for soaking in the beautiful views and serene ambiance. It's a home designed for recreation and relaxation, where every moment feels intentional and artfully curated.

In describing her design philosophy for the project, Lisa emphasizes the importance of creating something both livable and luxurious. "As a vacation home, there are always people coming and going, so every detail is designed for ease and connectivity. Even the interior and exterior spaces flow together seamlessly. My job as a designer is to smooth out friction points. Life in this home flows beautifully. What could be more livable, more luxe?"

From the vintage circus art that speaks to the client's playful sense of humor to the magnificent chandelier in the dining room, this Wellington residence is a testament to Lisa Sherry's vision of livable luxe. If this home had a soundtrack, it would undoubtedly include the swanky, hip, and joyful rhythms of Buena Vista Social Club—capturing the essence of a place where elegance meets effortlessness.

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A COASTAL HAVEN

*Where Nature and
Elegance Converge on
Kiawah Island*

Photos by Kathryn Perry & Michael Blevins

Tucked along the serene marshlands of Kiawah Island, a breathtaking four-bedroom, three-and-a-half-bathroom retreat unfolds like a love letter to the coastal landscape. With her signature blend of sophistication and organic beauty, Charlotte-based interior designer Anne Buresh transformed this residence into a sanctuary where nature and refined luxury coexist in perfect harmony.

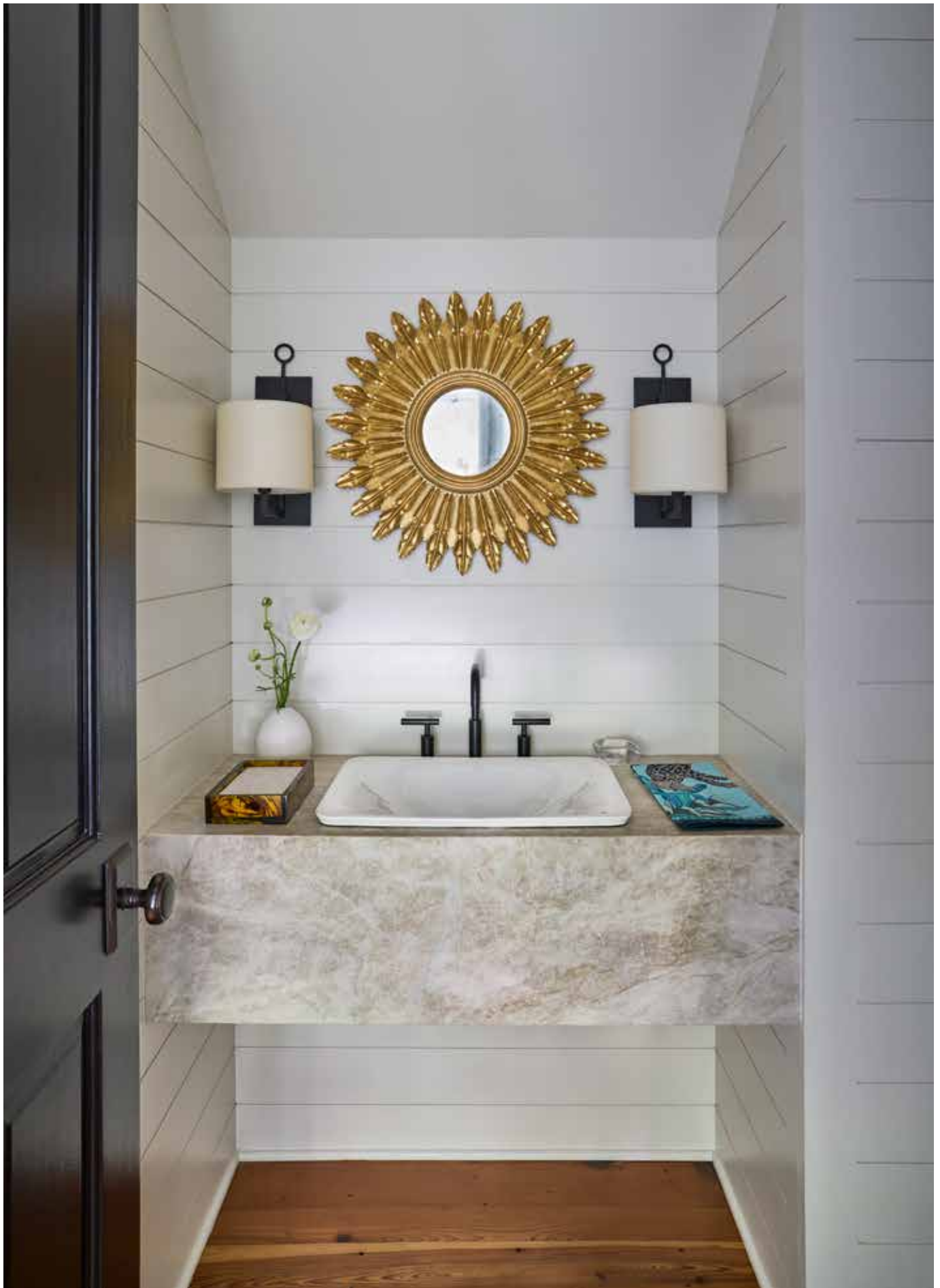
For Buresh, design is an immersive experience—one that begins with a vision and culminates in a space that feels deeply personal. Her meticulous approach with vision boards layered in rich textures and earthy hues drawing inspiration directly from the sweeping marsh views. The

result? A home that feels like an extension of its surroundings, seamlessly integrating the tranquility of the landscape with an effortless elegance inside.

Expansive floor-to-ceiling windows invite an abundance of natural light, allowing the lush greens and shifting blues of the marsh to become an ever-changing work of art. Buresh embraced a palette of soft ivories, muted blues, and warm wood tones to echo the colors found just beyond the glass. The effect is both grounding and ethereal, a space that feels as though it breathes in unison with the tides.

“We wanted the home to blend and flow,” Buresh explains. “Each room has its own personality, and yet there’s a sense of ease and harmony as you move through the space.”





At the heart of the home, the open-concept kitchen is a celebration of craftsmanship and functionality. An oversized island, wrapped in natural wood and topped with sleek stone, anchors the space—doubling as both a chef’s workspace and a gathering hub. Dark metal hardware and custom cabinetry lend a modern edge, while European-inspired silver trays and curated barware infuse an old-world charm.

“I love blending the old with the new—curated pieces that carry history, meaning, and memories from our travels. It’s what gives a home soul.”
Buresh shares.

Just beyond the kitchen, the living area balances openness with intimacy. Here, custom furnishings and a neutral-hued rug—its pattern reminiscent of wind-swept sand—reinforce the home’s organic aesthetic. Thoughtfully layered textures and strategic lighting create an inviting ambiance, perfect for both quiet evenings and vibrant gatherings.

Designed with entertaining in mind, a screened-in porch extends the home’s living space. The marshside patio, an outdoor oasis, is outfitted with plush lounge chairs, an expandable dining table, and a sculptural olive tree centerpiece—ideal for everything from game-day get-togethers to tranquil morning coffees.

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The primary bedroom pulls everything together,” Buresh shares. “It’s layered and personal—custom bedding, soft treatments, and collected pieces that make the space feel lived-in and loved.

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In the primary suite, luxury and serenity converge. A freestanding soaking tub, positioned to frame the marsh views, invites quiet moments of indulgence. Above the fireplace, a striking floral oil painting in hues of lavender and soft blue sets the tone for a space that is as calming as it is elegant. Custom bedding, layered window treatments, and curated lighting complete the sanctuary.

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Secondary bedrooms follow suit, each offering a bespoke balance of comfort and sophistication. From plush textures to thoughtfully chosen artwork, every detail speaks to a curated approach to coastal living.

This Kiawah Island retreat is more than just a beautifully designed space—it’s a reflection of the homeowners’ lifestyle and passions, a place where elegance and ease go hand in hand.

“My goal is always to create spaces where my clients feel completely at ease,” says Buresh. “I want them to walk in and say, ‘It feels like me. It feels like us. It feels like home.’”

In this stunning marshside haven, that goal has been beautifully realized—a testament to the power of design that honors both nature and the art of living well.

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YVONNE CLAVELOUX

The Soulful Palette of Mixed Media

By Colleen Guilfoile Richmond

In the vibrant world of contemporary art, Yvonne Claveloux stands as a dynamic force, crafting works that are as bold and honest as they are visually captivating. Her creations span an impressive range of mediums, from acrylic and graphite to gesso and watercolors, forming a signature style that celebrates movement, color, and emotion. For Claveloux, mixed media is not just a method—it's an artistic identity.

"I've always been attracted to mixed media because I think it provides a level of depth and richness to artwork," she shares. "Each piece has its own unique personality, which really defines the essence of my work. I love experimenting with different materials to create a sense of motion within my paintings. It's a process that's both fun and endlessly inspiring."

Yvonne's creative journey began while studying fashion design at Marangoni Istituto in Milan, a city that cemented her love for aesthetics and design. Over the years, her artistic pursuits have taken many forms, including running her own interior design

firm and working as the head stylist for AtHome Magazine. It was during this time that she began to develop her unique style, eventually transitioning to painting full-time.

Though largely self-taught, Claveloux took classes at the prestigious Silvermine Arts Center in Connecticut to lay the groundwork for her craft. This blend of formal study and self-directed exploration has shaped her uniquely uninhibited approach. "While my education ensures balance in my work, being mostly self-taught has given me the freedom to express myself without boundaries," she reflects. "It's a liberating process."

Raised with Cuban roots and shaped by the kaleidoscopic energy of Miami, Claveloux infuses her work with cultural and environmental vibrancy. "The colorful palette in my paintings reflects my deep connection to my heritage and Miami's dynamic energy," she explains. "From the pops of color in art deco architecture to the bright beachfront hues, those vivid tones find their way into my art, creating a saturated, joyful aesthetic."







Her artistry is further enriched by a life of travel, a passion ignited in childhood as her father's career took the family around the globe. "We lived in places like Switzerland, Italy, and California, which exposed me to a variety of cultures and people," she recalls. "Those experiences shaped who I am as a person and an artist. Each city, each culture—there's a story there that I carry with me into the studio."

Yvonne paints from her home studios in Westport and Miami, two waterfront locations that heavily influence her creative process. "The ocean plays such a big role in my life and art," she says. "Whether it's a walk on the beach or an afternoon on the boat, those moments fuel my creativity and influence the movement and colors in my work."

Her process is one of intuition and discovery. "I usually start with a color palette in mind, but the process evolves as I work," she reveals. "It's less about predicting the final result and more about embracing the journey. Sometimes, stepping back for a fresh perspective takes a piece in a completely unexpected direction, and I love seeing where it ends up."

Described as bright, bold, soulful, and honest, her paintings resonate deeply with her audience. "I aim to spark joy through my work," she says. "It's rewarding when someone connects with the drips, smudges, and colors, and finds happiness through my art in their own space. Authenticity is key—I think it helps create a personal connection."

Yvonne's works are displayed in galleries and interior design stores, a testament to her growing

impact. "Seeing my work in those spaces is such a proud moment," she says. "It's gratifying to connect with collectors and art lovers in such incredible environments."

What's next for this multi-talented artist? "I'm transforming my business into a lifestyle brand," she reveals. "Clients started requesting my designs on products like water bottles and towels, so I ventured into apparel, fabrics, wallpaper, and stationery. It's thrilling to see my work take on new life. There's so much more to come."

From her early days in Milan to her dual life in Westport and Miami, Yvonne Claveloux's creative journey is one of evolution and vibrancy. She continues to push boundaries, infusing her art with the energy, culture, and soul that make her work unmistakably her own.

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SCHULER'S EVOCATIVE ART

René Romero Schuler is an American painter and sculptor whose evocative works delve into the complexities of the human condition, emphasizing the spirit that unites us all. Her art predominantly features feminine figures, serving as both self-portraits and representations of the myriad emotions she has encountered throughout her life. Schuler's challenging upbringing deeply informs her appreciation for the universal yet intimate struggles and triumphs inherent in human existence. Through her quest for connection, she addresses global and societal issues that resonate universally.

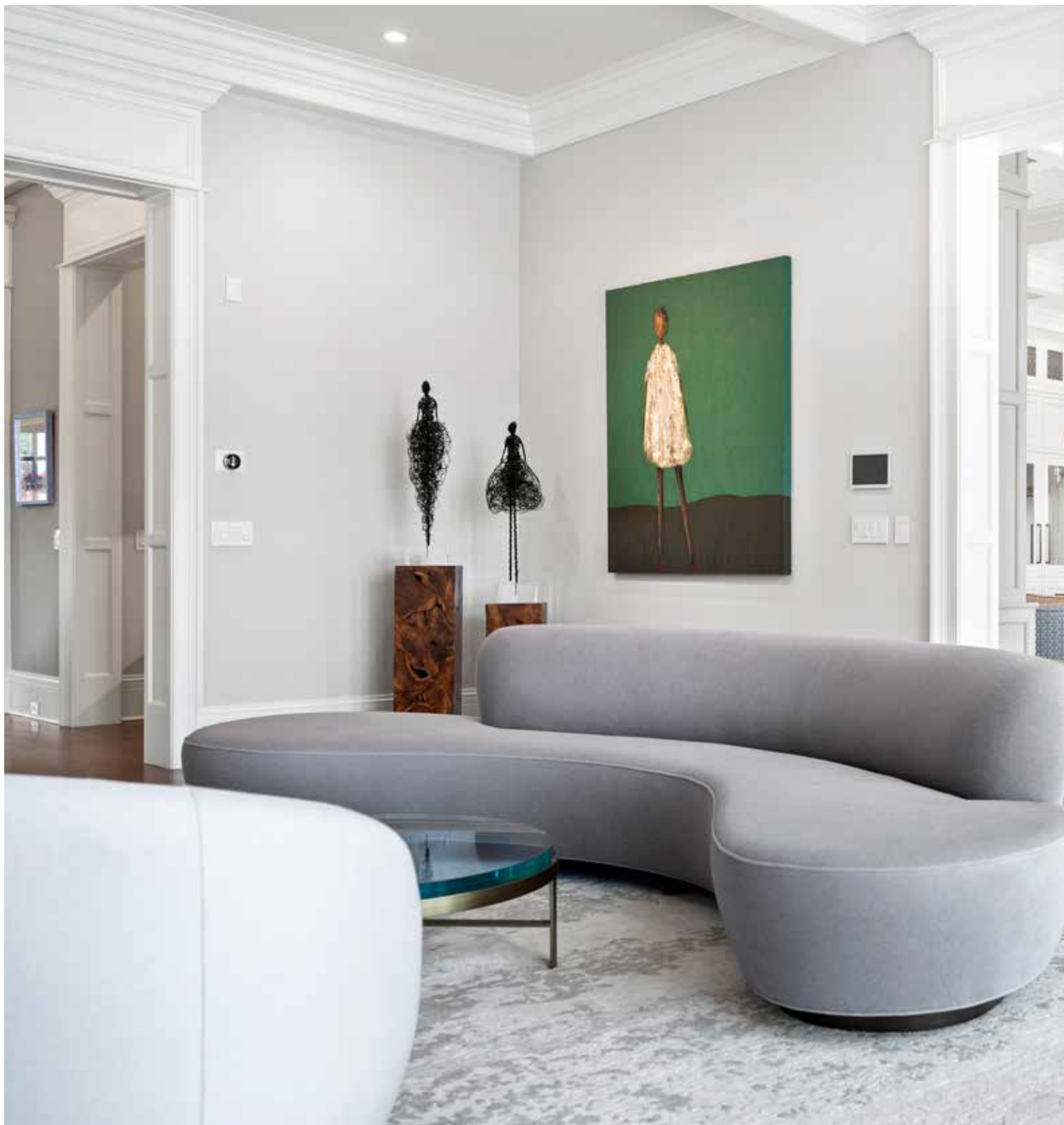
Schuler's creations are intentionally semi-abstract and textured, inviting viewers to interpret them through their own lenses. The power of her work lies in the layers of

materials she meticulously applies, scrapes, carves, and incises by hand. Her figures, while holistically beautiful, symbolize the scars and imperfections that shape individual identities.

Currently, Schuler's works are represented by galleries across the United States, Canada, and Europe. Her pieces have been showcased in major exhibitions throughout the U.S., Europe, and Asia, and are part of the permanent collections of numerous museums and institutions. Her art, along with selected essays and poetry, has been compiled into several publications: *René Romero Schuler: Life and Works* (2013), *René Romero Schuler* (2016), and *René Romero Schuler* (2019). A fourth book, *Ladies*, was published in 2023.







In 2025, Schuler's work continues to captivate audiences. She is currently featured in the group exhibition "The Royal Debut" at the newly opened 812 Royal Gallery in New Orleans. This exhibition, which began on February 1, 2025, coincided with the city's hosting of Super Bowl LIX and includes other notable artists such as Masatake Kozaki, Jim Blanchard, Thomas Bruno, and Hayden Hall. A grand opening celebration took place on March 22, 2025, offering attendees an opportunity to engage with the artists and their works.



Schuler's journey from a challenging childhood to becoming a celebrated artist is a testament to her resilience and dedication. Her work not only reflects her personal experiences but also speaks to broader themes of femininity, strength, and the shared human experience. As she continues to exhibit her art globally, Schuler remains a significant figure in contemporary art, inspiring audiences with her profound and textured portrayals of the human spirit.





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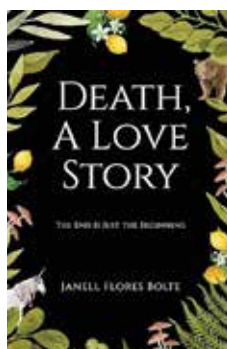
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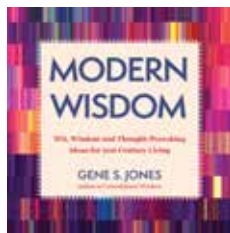
BY LANYSHA ADAMS

"Who do you want to be?" We've all heard or asked this question before, yet few of us answer it because identity is not fixed, but ever-expanding as we move through life.

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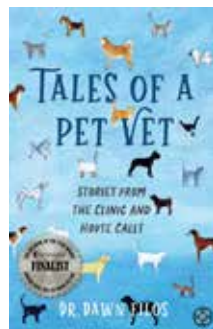
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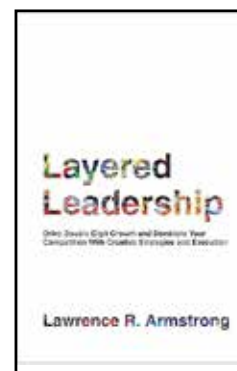
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BY DR. DAWN FILOS

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THE ART OF
EFFORTLESS
ELEGANCE

By Colleen Guilfoile Richmond



Dee Ocleppo Hilfiger's world is one where style meets substance. As the creative director and co-owner of Judith Leiber and designer of her own affordable luxury line, her journey through fashion has been one of bold creativity, timeless sophistication, and multicultural influence.

Growing up as a first-generation American with Turkish and British parents, Dee quickly realized that being different was a superpower. Her mother would often bring home fashion magazines, and Dee would pour over the glossy pages of *Vogue* and *Harper's Bazaar*, developing a keen eye for what appealed to her. That early exposure to high fashion, paired with the strong work ethic instilled by her father, became the foundation of her fashion career.

"I always had jobs growing up, from babysitting to mowing lawns," Dee recalls. "It was important to me to work for what I earned. I think that influence, combined with my heritage, allowed me to venture into the fashion business and create designs that are both chic and boldly unique."

Navigating the distinct demands of her brands is a balancing act that Dee manages with grace. "We love keeping the classic style of Judith Leiber while also embracing new collaborations that make our collections unique, including the Hello Kitty, Kardashian-Jenner Collection, Disney, and Katy Perry collection," Dee explains. "It's a fun way to create new, bold designs that keep our customers intrigued."

Her design philosophy remains classic and timeless, even as trends continue to shift. "When curating pieces for any of my brands—whether it's my new home line Mrs. H, DO by Dee Ocleppo, or Judith Leiber—I love to include pieces that are bold but never go out of style. By creating pieces that are able to be mixed and matched, it allows for different looks that can be worn season after season. Longevity in clothing, bags, and home products is very important to me."

One fashion rule Dee delights in breaking? Shopping in her husband's (Tommy Hilfiger)'s closet. "I love to pull some really great menswear pieces, like vintage Tommy Hilfiger rugby shirts or strong suiting options. It's about making something unexpected feel effortlessly stylish."

With homes in various locations, including Palm Beach and Mustique, Dee's surroundings heavily inspire her designs and lifestyle choices. "Tommy and I have designed so many homes and we always want them to be unique, beautiful, and really speak to the environment. For example, with our home in Mustique, simplicity is key. It's a chic but user-friendly type of home where nothing's too precious or expensive. It's designed to walk through with sandy feet."

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Palm Beach, however, offers a different kind of inspiration. “Funny enough, since I’ve moved into our home in Palm Beach, I’ve traveled more to NYC and Pennsylvania for work than ever before. But I love Palm Beach. My favorite part is being home with my son and taking him to school every morning with Tommy. You can really have a lot of fun entertaining here since the weather is so incredible and we all enjoy being outside. We just recently hosted our first party in our new house—a safari party in our backyard where we all dined outside.”

As Dee looks forward to her spring collection launching in April, her passion for classic elegance remains as strong as ever. “I love this new collection! It’s all about clean,

crisp looks. We have some great denim, an effortless trench coat, bright white button-downs, and lots of shades of blue. The collection will be available at Nordstrom, Macy’s, and Amazon.”

And if the collection had a theme song? “Lovely Day by Bill Withers,” Dee says with a smile.

Even in a world of ever-changing trends, there are pieces that transcend time. Dee treasures one item in particular: “I have one dress that Karl Lagerfeld designed for FENDI, and I’ve had it in my closet for at least 25 years. I wear it all the time. It’s black with little crystals all over.”

For Dee Ocleppo Hilfiger, fashion is more than just style—it’s a harmonious blend of heritage, creativity, and intention. And as she continues to break boundaries and set trends, her vision remains as fresh and inspiring as ever.



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UNLOCKING the MAGIC of MUSTIQUE

By Dorian May



In a world where social media has turned the notion of discretion into a nearly extinct experience, people who seek out luxurious holidays without sacrificing privacy can still find solace on the Caribbean Island of Mustique; the if-you-know-you-know tropical getaway for those who value discretion over ostentation. The island boasts a deep Royal history, with the late Princess Margaret famously describing Mustique as “the only place I can relax”. She frequently fled the gaze of Buckingham Palace to Les Jolies Eaux, a five-bedroom villa gifted to her by her friend and the island’s original owner, Lord Colin Tennant. Tennant purchased the island from St. Vincent and the Grenadines in 1958 for approximately \$126,000 to cultivate a haven for his aristocratic friends, including the princess. In the globally popular series “The Crown”, Princess Margaret is depicted picnicking and partying on the island. Though paparazzi were and still are unwelcome, legendary soirees like hers drew the likes of Mick Jagger and David Bowie, who eventually both became Mustique homeowners now woven into the island’s famed folklore. For the past 60 years, a glamorous array of jet setters, including royals like Prince William and Princess Kate, musicians like Jagger and Beyoncé, moguls such as Tommy Hilfiger and supermodels like Kate Moss, have continued to vacation on the island, preserving in tandem, theirs and the island’s mystique.

From the one (short) airport runway and thatched roof terminal to the quant Bamboo Church, it is quickly evident upon arrival that Mustique has managed to preserve the authentic minimalism that made the destination so coveted. The unpaved roads and pristine beaches remain unspoiled by resort development, and the lush greenery still is wild and natural along the roads, which guests traverse on “mules” (nee golf carts), the preferred mode of transport on the island.

A-listers book far in advance to secure their favorite villa or suites in the island’s one five-star hotel, The Cotton House. Each of the hundred or so exceptional homes on the 1400-acre island boasts individual history, architectural style, décor and dynamic views. The experience of renting one of the villas here truly feels like a one-of-a-kind custom experience. Each property is staffed with butlers, chefs, gardeners and housekeepers who skillfully manage every aspect of your daily life while on the island, feeling like you are in your own home sans the rigors of management. No matter

what your aesthetic style, here you are spoiled for choice; one can rent Princess Margaret’s Les Jolies Eaux, a traditional colonial, or Sienna, which is a pink terracotta-roofed Italian chateau with corridors punctuated by endless arches framing sea views and turning them into museum-like masterpieces. The magical tiled pool has a built-in grotto festooned with murals. At French chateau style CoccoLoba, peer straight out to sweeping ocean vistas upon entering and drink them in with lunch or cocktails in the bespoke poolside tiki hut. Conch shells line the entry to beachside La Palma, recently refurbished by award-winning design firm Paolo Moschino Inc. This white one-story residence with direct beach access from the yard boasts playful mixes of patterns and colors with blue hues in the shared living spaces echoing the ocean. A shaded set of stone steps leads up to the oasis of Serenity Bay situated fifty feet above Britannia Bay and aptly named, providing endless 360 turquoise water views. Taliesin, a contemporary Frank Lloyd Wright inspired villa feels like a Zen retreat. A freestanding bathtub sits in the main bedroom behind the master bed where sweeping views of both the Atlantic and Caribbean oceans greet you. The property has a cool compound feel with a yoga pavilion, gardens, an outdoor cinema and a large gong which is used to signal mealtime.

The beauty of Mustique is that the day can be spent doing almost nothing but enjoying the tropical beauty or on the go by creating a more active schedule. Take to the water for sailing, snorkeling scuba diving, or simply floating in the ocean. Swim with the turtles at Tobago Cays or ride horses along the beaches. Mustique sits in a space between the Caribbean and the Atlantic, and each beach articulates this. The Atlantic-facing Macaroni Beach enjoys powerful waves, while the more secluded Gellicaux Beach on the Caribbean side is a more tranquil hideaway. On the island’s southwest, Lagoon Bay area is equipped with tables your staff can help you organise for over-the-top picnics staffed, furnished, and often featuring freshly prepared Caribbean lobster and rosé. A nearby shark cave and some shipwrecks offer opportunities for scuba diving. The Cotton House’s Beach Café is a bucolic spot on Endeavor Bay for lunch on the deck while reggae plays, and the bartender serves rum punch with a secret ingredient “a lot of love.” Charter a boat, windsurf, pedal or paddle are all available at the dock nearby.



Curate your own idyllic wellness journey by checking out the numerous picturesque hikes at various levels of challenge. Wake up early to beat the heat and drive your mule (to the top of Rutland Bay for a hike exploring the island's Northeastern tip. Pass the grazing horses in the Island Sanctuary with mountains and ponds in the foreground. The path leads into a glistening bay reflecting the morning sun. Follow the marked trail, wind up the hill on the clay path, and curve around the island's uninhabited, lush and rocky perimeter. You are greeted along the way by turtles, frogs, herons and butterflies; each clearing exposes jaw-dropping and expansive views of the Atlantic Ocean.

Follow the hike with a yoga class held at the exercise pavilion, a plein air structure. Enjoy your practice while gazing out at the sea, a thatched roof shielding the direct sun and the sound of the waves meditative.

One of the newest additions to the island is a state-of-the-art gym boasting full range of Life Fitness equipment and floor-to-ceiling windows with panoramic views of the adjacent lilypond. The full-service spa is steps away, with customized treatments also available in room or villa.

For as idyllic as most days in Mustique are, evenings can be quite social and buzzy, filled with opulent cocktail parties hosted by guests and exuberantly organised by staff in the private villas or

by the manager at The Cotton House.

There may not be any nightclubs on the island, but that doesn't mean Mustique regulars don't know how to let loose. Internationally renowned Basil's Bar, a seaside watering hole where Mick Jagger and Bon Jovi have spontaneously taken the stage, is a legendary dive where, every Wednesday, the weekly Jump Up party draws the entire island for dancing and live music from a notoriously good cover band. Infamous bartender-owner Basil Charles is still known as the king of the island and even attended the Royal wedding of Prince William and Kate Middleton.

Mustique truly is the definition of quiet luxury, a term that was popularized in recent years to define a lifestyle focused on refined elegance rather than ostentatious showing of wealth. Unlike its bougies sister destinations such as St Barth or St Tropez, this is not the kind of place you spot Chanel swimwear, logoed bikinis or table service where sparkler-topped champagne is served by scantily clad waitresses. It has all the glitz and glamour without being gaudy. If Mustique had a personality type, it would be an extroverted introvert, someone who is outgoing but also thrives with quiet time.

To get to Mustique, you'll head to St. Lucia or Barbados, then connect through a Mustique Airways flight—take my word for it, you won't want to leave.



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*The New Must-Have
Home Features:*

WINE CELLARS & COCKTAIL SPACES

By Vivian Ashcroft

Once a hallmark of grand estates and exclusive clubs, wine cellars and cocktail spaces have become essential features in today's luxury homes.

No longer just about storage, these areas are now immersive retreats designed for savoring fine vintages and crafting the perfect cocktail. Whether it's a custom-built wine cellar, a sophisticated cocktail lounge, or a stylishly appointed bar counter with a dedicated sink, homeowners are elevating their entertaining experience with thoughtful, high-design spaces.

The modern home wine cellar is more than a climate-controlled vault—it is an experience. From sleek, glass-enclosed displays that serve as statement pieces to subterranean tasting rooms with reclaimed wood and moody lighting, today's cellars blend

practicality with aesthetics. Many homeowners are working with sommeliers and designers to curate their collections, while smart inventory systems track bottles and suggest pairings for effortless hosting.

For cocktail enthusiasts, a full-scale home bar isn't always necessary to make a statement. A well-appointed cocktail counter—complete with a bar sink, elegant glassware, and premium spirits—can serve as a chic focal point in any living space. Whether tucked into a corner of the kitchen, incorporated into an open-concept dining area, or designed as a built-in feature of a great room, these dedicated cocktail spaces allow for effortless mixology. Backlit shelves, marble countertops, and brass fixtures add an extra touch of refinement, while custom storage ensures a well-stocked and organized bar.



Photo by Joshua McHugh, Styled by Martin Borne



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For those looking to take it a step further, fully realized cocktail lounges inspired by world-class bars are also on the rise. These intimate retreats feature plush seating, statement lighting, and curated liquor collections, with some homeowners even enlisting top mixologists to create signature drinks tailored to their taste.

Whether hosting an elegant gathering or enjoying a quiet nightcap, these thoughtfully designed wine and cocktail spaces reflect a passion for fine living. In the evolving landscape of luxury home design, one thing is certain: the true art of entertaining begins at home.

BEYOND THE PLATE

The Sensory World of Counter-

By Taylor Freeze

Photography by Kenty Chung

In Charlotte, North Carolina, Counter- has completely changed what it means to go out to eat. It's not just a restaurant; it's similar to a live show where food, art, and music come together to create a full sensory experience. Chef Sam Hart, the creative mind behind it, started with small, private dinners and turned it into an 18-seat stage for food lovers. They wanted to make dining more than just eating, turning it into an emotional, story-driven adventure. Every few months, Counter- unveils a new, carefully planned tasting menu, transforming the space to fit the theme. These themes explore everything from music and art to deeper topics like mental health and time. One of

Counter-'s key features is that they never repeat a dish, so every visit is a unique and memorable event.

Counter- excels at engaging all your senses. They use sound, taste, and visuals to pull you into the story they're telling. The music is carefully chosen to enhance the food's emotions and the restaurant's design changes with each theme. They also focus on giving back to the community, supporting local groups, and using sustainable practices. The staff shares ownership in the business, showing their commitment to teamwork. Chef Hart's bigger goal is to make Counter- a place where new chefs can learn and grow, helping to elevate Charlotte's food scene.





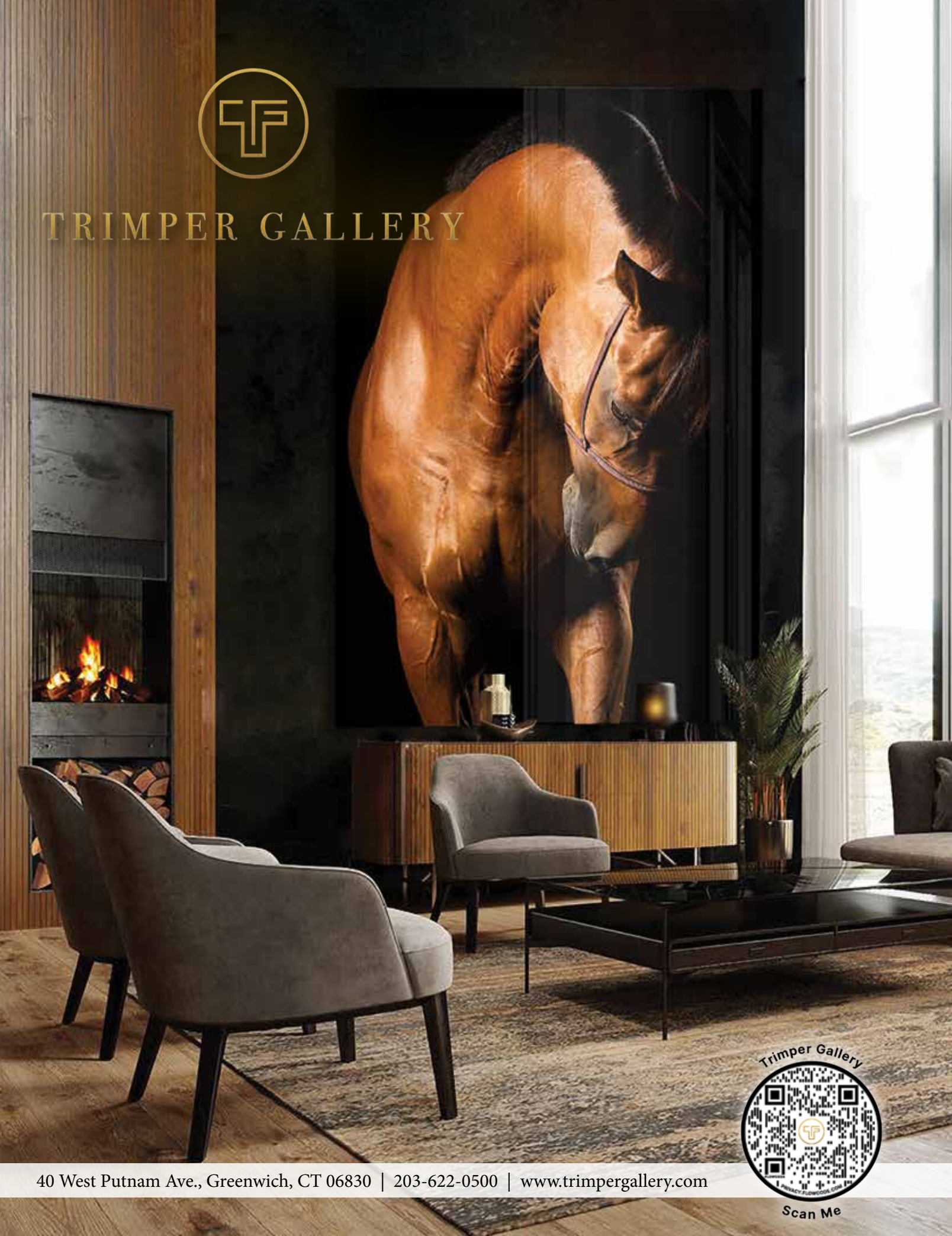


Dining at Counter- is like watching a play. You sit at a curved counter, getting a close-up view of the kitchen where the chefs create their magic. Each dish is a work of art, paired with drinks that enhance the flavors. The atmosphere is cozy and engaging, making you feel like you're sharing a special moment with everyone there. Chef Hart and their team explain the inspiration behind each dish, telling a story that unfolds throughout the meal, aiming to create emotional connections and lasting memories. The staff is friendly and knowledgeable, providing personalized

service and making sure everyone feels welcome. Essentially, Counter- goes beyond traditional dining, turning food into a powerful way to tell stories and dining into a truly exciting and sophisticated experience. However, this extraordinary culinary journey has a limited engagement. Counter- plans to conclude its remarkable 12-year run in 2032. Don't miss your chance to experience this unique blend of art, food, and storytelling before the final curtain falls. Secure your reservation today and be part of a truly unforgettable dining experience. counterclt.com



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KHAITE

KHAITE has unveiled its latest boutique on the iconic Madison Avenue, bringing its signature blend of modern femininity and sculptural sophistication to the heart of the Upper East Side. This marks the brand's second New York City location—following its SoHo debut just under a year ago—and signals a bold step forward for designer Cate Holstein's vision. Nestled among some of the world's most prestigious fashion houses, the new store is a seamless extension of KHAITE's refined aesthetic, offering an elevated retail experience on one of Manhattan's most coveted luxury corridors.



CAFE COMMERCE

Harold Moore's Cafe Commerce heads to the Upper East Side. Downtown restaurants are nothing new to Harold Moore. In addition to Bistro Pierre Lapin and Harold's in the Arlo Hotel in Hudson Square, the former student of Jean-Georges Vongerichten and Daniel Boulud had his own popular restaurant, Commerce, in the West Village from 2008 to 2015. After the closures and a period serving as chef for Charlie Palmer's empire from 2015 until 2023, Moore has made the decision to go at it once more, this time on the Upper East Side.



SAN VICENTE

San Vicente- Los Angeles private members club debuts next door to the Jane Hotel in the West Village. Adjacent to the Jane Hotel, a renowned party venue from the early 2000s, the upscale San Vicente recently opened its doors in the West Village. The club essentially lacks the secrecy of, for instance, the Century Club, which is the chosen club of the old-school media elite, and instead has the "see-and-be-seen" intensity factor.



PRINTEMPS BRINGS PARISIAN GLAMOUR TO LOWER BROADWAY

Say bonjour to the newest jewel in downtown Manhattan—Printemps, the legendary French department store, has officially landed stateside in spectacular fashion. Designed by the effortlessly chic Laura Gonzalez, this stunning flagship takes over the first two floors of the historic One Wall Street, an Art Deco masterpiece reimagined into luxe residences.

But this isn't just another store—it's an experience. Step inside and you'll find a beautifully curated world of fashion, footwear, accessories, home décor, and beauty, all with that signature French flair. Even



better? Twenty-five percent of the brands are exclusive to this location, with many making their U.S. debut.

Hungry? You're in luck. Acclaimed chef Gregory Gourdet is behind five fabulous dining and drink options, each with Champagne to-go. Yes, really—bubbles while you browse.

And it doesn't stop there. Indulge in a head massage at the in-store salon or sign up for a French class. CEO Laura Lendrum calls it "a hospitality project," explaining, "It's about food and beverage, yes—but it's also about service. We think of it as a French apartment."

Elegant, immersive, and irresistibly Parisian—Printemps is poised to become downtown's most fashionable address. Photos by: Lanna Apisukh





GURNEY'S MONTAUK TO DEBUT GIGI'S MONTAUK AND GIGI'S CAFÉ IN SPRING 2025

Just in time for the Summer 2025 season, Gurney's Montauk Resort & Seawater Spa will unveil its new signature dining destination: Gigi's Montauk. This elevated flagship restaurant will offer fresh coastal cuisine that blends locally sourced ingredients with global influences—all served in a thoughtfully designed space that channels the relaxed elegance of the Hamptons.

As part of the resort's ongoing transformation, Gigi's Café will also make its debut as a stylish morning gathering spot for artisanal coffee and light fare, transitioning throughout the day into a vibrant all-day eatery anchored by a seasonal raw bar.

"Gurney's Montauk has long been an iconic retreat in the Hamptons, cherished for its timeless appeal and captivating seaside setting," said Michael Nenner, President & COO of Gurney's Resorts. "This transformation marks a significant milestone in our journey, as we thoughtfully curate an experience that honors our legacy while solidifying Gurney's Montauk as a leader in luxury hospitality in the Northeast."

To facilitate the final phase of renovations, including updates to the lobby, dining experiences, and guest offerings, Gurney's Montauk temporarily closed from December 8, 2024, through February 3, 2025. During the resort's reopening phase, guests can look forward to the Dune Lounge—formerly the Regent Cocktail Club—featuring an all-day menu of breakfast, lunch, dinner, and cocktails.

With the launch of Gigi's Montauk and Gigi's Café, Gurney's continues its tradition of creating memorable experiences, setting a new standard for seaside luxury and culinary excellence. gurneysresorts.com

THE NATIONAL HOTEL

Block Island's landmark hotel where happiness meets the ocean

By Marci Moreau



As you pull into the old harbor of Block Island, mingling with the salty tang of the ocean air, the natural fragrance of fresh seafood, and the welcoming cacophony of seaside voices, the tidal forces of the Atlantic Ocean take hold. Washed with a wave of calming excitement brought forth by the natural wonder of the sea, we become celebratory and ready to find a place to enjoy life.

Fortunately, looking straight ahead, into the rich tapestry of the National Hotel, perched front and center, on Water Street, you will discover all the welcoming hospitality and enlightened experiences you are searching for. For generations, this historic oceanfront hotel, has been a prominent place for all things celebrated and is what I consider to be the island's most happy place.

A Block Island landmark, the original National Hotel was built in 1888 and, after a fire in 1902, a new hotel was built in July of 1903, and has been wooing people ever since.

It is often said, you cannot walk by the National Hotel without being lured up the stairs and onto the iconic National porch. The sound of people gathering, music playing, and merriment happening, embraces you and is too much to resist. Whether it be the shade, the shelter, or the scenic views, it feels like the best party you have ever been to, and like home, at the same time.

Owners, Chris and Jackie Sereno know how to do this very well. They have invested a lifetime of efforts in their mission of creating a most memorable destination. With lifetime friend and colleague, Julie Natalizia as the general manager, Chef Camyrn Carlson, as executive chef, and a loyal staff and team, that simply wants to return year after year, the National Hotel is the place to go when you need to be well-taken care of.

And once there, the National “Tap and Grille” menu begins to do just that. Whether you dine on the porch, inside in the tap room bar, or sit outside around the cozy fire pits, make sure you try their famous lobster roll. Made with the freshest chunks of sweet lobster, tossed in a warm butter bath, sprinkled with fresh herbs, all wrapped up in a soft roll, Chef Camyrn certainly knows how to let the quality of the ingredients shine.

After that, most people want to stay a little longer, and with accommodations that have all the charm of the past with the conveniences of the present, they usually do.

Creating an elevated experience that integrates a storied past with the energy of today is a significant part of the hospitality mission of the National Hotel, and owner, Chris Sereno, realizes the power this beautiful Block Island landmark has to make people happy.

“We are fortunate to have an impressive historical property with stunning views, and, with the ocean as our front yard, our location gives our guests a sense of peace, and it is important to us to carry that feeling over to our services and make people feel warm, welcome, and happy.”

Throughout the National, with the summer breeze as the perfect backdrop, there is a celebratory camaraderie and, with refreshing cheer and certainty in the air, it is surely a place where friendships begin, memories are made, and yes, even happiness, is found.



The National Hotel is located at
36 Water Street Block Island, RI 02807
www.thenationalhotel.com

Also visit their sister restaurant,
The M Waterfront Grille, in Naples, Florida
www.mwaterfrontgrille.com



SALTED MELON MARKET & EATERY

Salted Melon Market & Eatery is bringing its fresh vibes to Phillips Place this spring, marking its third tasty outpost in the Queen City. Expect a bright, breezy 2,700-square-foot space with room for 100 friends, indoor and out, slinging everything from colorful bowls and crisp wraps to cold-pressed juices and dreamy pastries. The South End OG and chic Eastover sibling have already won hearts—now it's South Charlotte's turn to sip, snack, and swoon.

THE MINT MUSEUM'S AFRICAN ART GALLERIES

The Mint Museum's African Art galleries at Mint Museum Randolph have re-opened. The new installation fills three gallery spaces and offers deeper cultural insights into the works on view. Chief curator Jen Sudul Edwards, Ph.D., says: "We wanted this installation to change expectations for our museum visitors. ... This approach reminds us that, even though you are in an institution, nothing is static; this



research is always evolving, incorporating new discoveries, and exposing new possibilities." With an emphasis on the vast range of forms, materials, and uses for which items have been made since the late 19th century,

The enlarged galleries showcase African artwork or art from throughout the continent. Masks, sculptures, textiles, and more—are now displayed to highlight their social roles while delving into ceremonial masquerades, international ties, and the historical impact of Western ideas on African art. David Sanou's 2024 commission of the Kimi Masquerade Ensemble is among the more intriguing aspects of the renovated galleries. This recently acquired piece, which was created in Burkina Faso, is a remarkable addition to the

Mint's collection and has a provenance that is thoroughly established. An immersive film of a masquerade ritual is shown with the display to help viewers better comprehend the cultural background of the artwork.



RENATA

Renata by Renata Gasparian has opened its doors at 1419 East Blvd, Suite C, in Charlotte's Dilworth neighborhood. This boutique embodies Renata's vision of creating a women's ready-to-wear collection that transcends seasonal trends, offering timeless and versatile pieces. Each design seamlessly integrates with previous collections, allowing customers to build a cohesive and enduring wardrobe. Renata believes that fashion isn't about fleeting trends but about investment pieces that are collectible and suitable for everyday wear. The boutique offers a curated selection of stylish clothing and accessories, providing Charlotte's fashion enthusiasts with a fresh destination for distinctive designs.



ESTELLE COLORED GLASS

Step into a jewel box of color and charm! Estelle Colored Glass—Charleston's beloved luxury glassware brand—has officially opened its first-ever storefront inside The Charleston Place Hotel, and it's every bit as dreamy as you'd imagine. Inspired by founder Stephanie Hall's grandmother Estelle (and her fabulous vintage glass collection), this vibrant space is brimming with hand-blown cake stands, coupes, goblets, and more—all crafted by master artisans in Poland.

But this isn't just a shopping stop—it's a whole experience. Picture a community table dressed in seasonal tablescapes curated by Hall herself and a chic mocktail bar where you can sip in style after picking your new favorite glass. Whether you're hosting or toasting, Estelle's new flagship is a must-visit—cheers to that! 236 King Street, Charleston estellecoloredglass.com

RICHEMONT CHARLESTON

Set on one of Charleston's most charming historic streets, Richemont is an intimate new retreat from The Indigo Road Hospitality Group. Located just a short stroll from the city's vibrant waterfront and iconic landmarks, the property is designed to reflect Charleston's soulful elegance—where past and present meet in style. Featuring 18 beautifully curated rooms, each space at Richemont is infused with a warm, modern sensibility by acclaimed local design team B. Berry Interiors. Guests will also enjoy a cozy French-inspired café and wine bar, Maison Margaux. Opening Summer 2025. richemontcharleston.com



CANE PAZZO

Cane Pazzo is the latest neighborhood osteria led by Chef/Owner Mark Bolchoz, Jr., formerly the Indigo Road Culinary Director. With his deep family roots in Charleston, Bolchoz will infuse classic Italian dishes with a Low-country twist, telling the story of his Southern upbringing through a menu of fresh, handmade pastas, seasonal small plates, and wood-fired proteins. The extensive wine list will complement the cuisine and the ambiance will blend old-world charm with classic Italian details, including an outdoor patio with picnic seating and a lighter menu. Opening Spring 2025. canepazzorestaurant.com



A TASTE OF THE AEGEAN ARRIVES IN WEST PALM BEACH: INSIDE THE NEW ESTIATORIO MILOS

There's a new jewel sparkling along the Intracoastal in West Palm Beach—and it speaks fluent Greek.

Estiatorio Milos, the acclaimed seafood-forward restaurant helmed by legendary chef and restaurateur Costas Spiliadis, has opened its thirteenth global location and second in Florida, bringing the breezy sophistication of the Mediterranean to the

heart of South Florida. Nestled within the sleek, waterfront One Flagler tower, Milos isn't just a restaurant—it's a full-sensory journey to the shores of Greece.

Step inside, and you're immediately transported. Floor-to-ceiling windows, a soft palette of natural materials, and thoughtfully curated art create a warm, contemporary atmosphere. Designed by Tara Bernerd & Partners, the space is as much about serenity as it is about style. Pentelikon marble, warm oak, and textured stone echo the materials of Cycladic islands, while an open-air terrace fringed with greenery brings the outdoors in. A dramatic staircase, a signature design element across Milos locations, provides a striking focal point—modern yet rooted in classical influence.

But of course, the real story here is the food.

Milos is revered worldwide for its dedication to purity of flavor and ingredient integrity. Each morning, whole fish is flown in directly from the Mediterranean—snapper, lavraki, dorade—then displayed on ice for guests to view before choosing. Local bounty also takes center stage, from Florida stone crab to daily selections sourced from fishermen in the Keys. The result is a menu that's fresh, unfussy, and deeply soulful.

Signature dishes like the paper-thin zucchini and eggplant tower with tzatziki, or the simple grilled octopus with Santorini fava, let the ingredients do the talking. And the experience is meant to be shared—Milos encourages the Greek tradition of *philoxenia*, or warm hospitality, where tables are filled with plates passed around among friends and family.

To complement the cuisine, Milos West Palm Beach offers one of the most expansive Greek wine lists in the Southeast, showcasing varietals such as Assyrtiko, Xinomavro, and Agiorgitiko, all carefully selected to pair harmoniously with the flavors of the sea. Whether you're a seasoned sommelier or simply curious, the staff's knowledge and passion make wine exploration an integral part of the experience.

As the sun dips below the horizon and the waterway glows, the setting takes on a romantic, almost transportive quality. You could close your eyes and swear you were perched on a terrace in the Greek isles—until the silhouette of Palm Beach Island reminds you where you are.

For those seeking an elevated dining experience rooted in simplicity, seasonality, and timeless elegance, Estiatorio Milos West Palm Beach is nothing short of a revelation. Reservations are recommended.

To book your table, call (561) 437-8889.





MARY LOU'S

Mary Lou's - Palm beach's hottest new club and lounge. The compelling inspiration behind Mary Lou's and the grandmother of co-founder Alex Melillo, Mary Lou Curtis, is an unrepentant force in the West Palm Beach fashion scene.

Situated on the corner of Southern Boulevard and South Olive Avenue, one could never suspect that behind this well-known façade is a deeply complex, opulent world. Celebrating Mary Lou Curtis' lasting impact, the club and lounge will welcome a new generation to experience the vibrancy that defined both her remarkable life and the Palm Beach social scene as a whole. Like the woman who started it all, an evening at Mary Lou's is unpredictable because you never know who or what you could encounter. Eating, drinking, and dancing will all come together as visitors savor light fare cuisine, expertly mixed cocktails, and top-notch entertainment in an unmatched setting, reimagining the unapologetic opulence and famous parties of Palm Beach in the 1970s and 1980s. marylouspb.com

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