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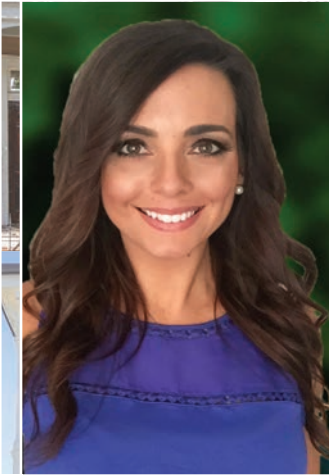
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Glitter IS THE NEW BLACK

Twinkling Has Never Been More Trendy
BY KATY DANOS

Sequins, sparkles, and all things shiny—the glitter trend is here to stay. From delicate twinkles to serious swarovski, shimmer and sheen go with everything. Dazzling embellishments and smoldering crystals bring glorious glam to accessories and decor like never before. It's a case of disco ball fever and the temperature's rising.



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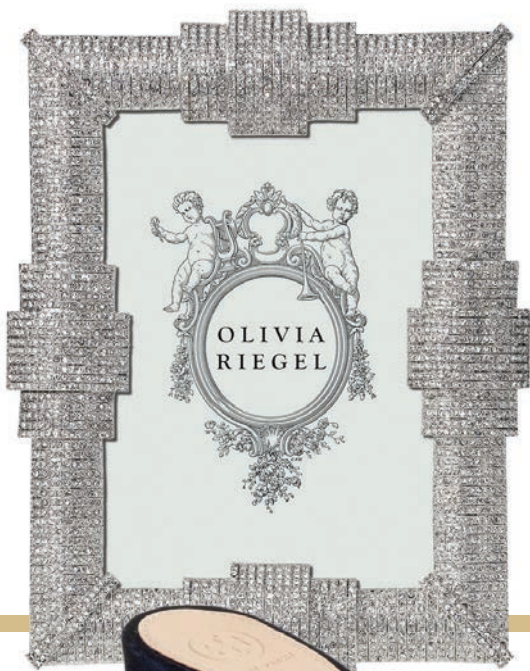


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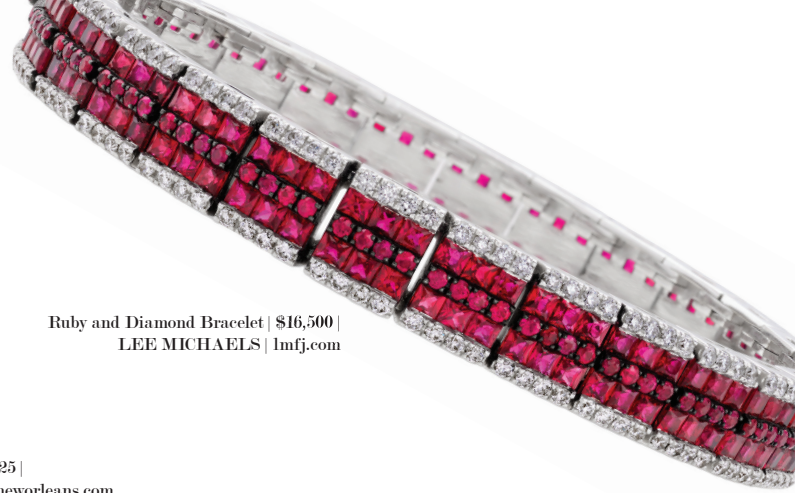
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SET THE SCENE FOR YOUR HOLIDAY GATHERINGS

BY KATY DANOS
PHOTOS BY SARA ESSEX BRADLEY
TABLETOP DESIGN BY KATY DANOS + TOM CIANFICHI

There's an art to planning a perfect dinner party guest list and the same can be said for setting an imaginative table. It's all about that elusive magical mix of old and new with tried and true, accented with something unexpected. For Hanukkah, a stunning tablescape is created by blending several patterns of fine china and crystal with a menagerie of Herend porcelain animals collected over a lifetime. The grand William Yeoward cobalt centerpiece, festival of candles and lights, and elegant touches of silver and gold infuse layers of family history into a special holiday evening. With Great Aunt Jane's Tiffany silverware and Waterford champagne flutes from the in-laws, you can rest assured—the conversation is guaranteed to be lively!



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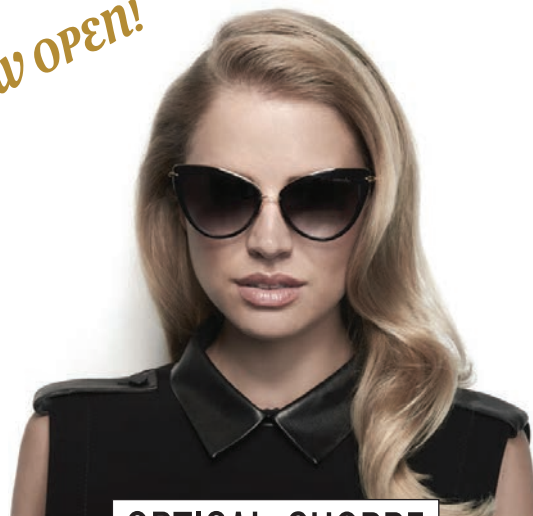
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TRIM YOUR TREE IN STYLE

BY KATY DANOS
PHOTOS BY SARA ESSEX BRADLEY
STYLED BY TOM CIANFICHI





The holidays are all about tradition and at Hazelnut, the shop I own with Bryan Batt and Tom Cianfichi, there are some we hold quite dear. We go to Commander's Palace every Christmas Eve to salute the end of the shopping season and we help each other get holiday decorations up at our homes before the madness even begins. It's a fun way to share some time with our fellow "nuts" as we deck and bedazzle our own halls.



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Tom is a stickler about the lights—two thousand nine hundred fifty, to be exact, are on their tree. He carefully wraps each branch from the inside out and I have to give it to him; it's pretty spectacular. A lifetime of ornaments, each with a special story, are sorted and placed with great care. Bryan's grandmother's Tyrolean spheres, Broadway divas, Liza and Babs from the Broadway Cares fundraisers and the brand new Radko Santa we designed for the Tricentennial are all part of this big happy family. Of course, there are sentimental ones like Lumiere, a role Bryan played on Broadway, and many



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-TOM CIANFICHI

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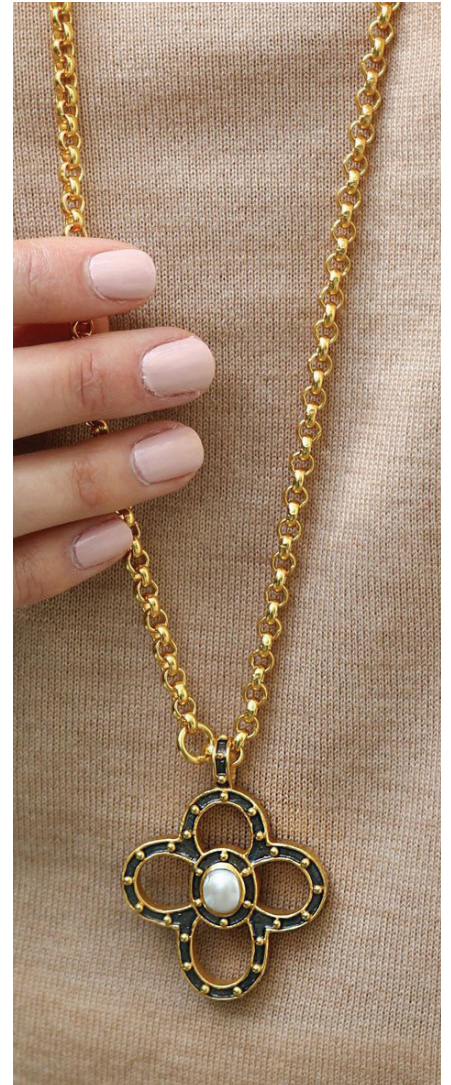




with New Orleans themes. With a little help from coworkers, we have one tree done and it's on to mine next. Luckily, I have a good in with a lighting master and friends who love to decorate as much as I do.



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-KATY DANOS



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BY KATY DANOS | PHOTOS BY JOSHUA BRASTED

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CYNTHIA KOLLS | ARTIST ▶

Cynthia Kolls is known for her whimsical and colorful artwork that is inspired by the joie de vivre so prominently on display in New Orleans. She cut her wreath design from MDF fiberboard, then sanded and primed it for a celebration of shotgun houses which she painted with enthusiastic detail. A close-knit neighborhood of houses completes this custom piece.

While they may share lofty haint blue porch ceilings and tall slat shutters, each home has a different holiday style. Even so, I imagine these neighbors come together to celebrate the season

-CYNTHIA KOLLS



KENDRA FRANCE | DESIGNER



A rustic wreath of grapevines gets the glam treatment from Kendra France when she decorates it with sparkly ornaments, gold angels, and custom holiday paper coasters from her daughter's new store, Hilltop Shoppe. Co-owners Mary-Martin France and Rosalind Jenkins have decked their halls with happy treats that are easily incorporated into holiday decor. It's a great idea for mixing children's handmade ornaments with fancy ribbon, and is customizable year after year with your own family favorites.

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I love the spirit of the holiday season where love, mystery, and wonder are celebrated. I find these qualities in nature which is sacred to me and in our inspirational city so rich in history.

-KAKI FOLEY



Kaki Foley's paper feathers and mixed media door boughs are loosely fleur de lis-shaped and deeply rooted in New Orleans sentiment. She scours second hand shops and estate sales for ordinary images and materials that can be repurposed into extraordinary works of art. She adds bits of gilt and pieces of ribbon and twine that elevate humble papers into sophisticated things of beauty.



Each wreath I create is not only symbolic of the season but is a statement of hospitality that welcomes our guests and brings good cheer to every passerby. It's important to me!

-RON CARRIER



In keeping with his signature magical-forest style, Ron Carrier's wreath is all about natural elements. His holiday wreath features gilded magnolia leaves and faux sprigs of cedar, pine, and cypress accented with pheasant feathers, antlers, and red berries. It's the perfect mix of relaxed elegance with regal touches. Handsome, warm, and wonderful, the wreath welcomes friends all season long.

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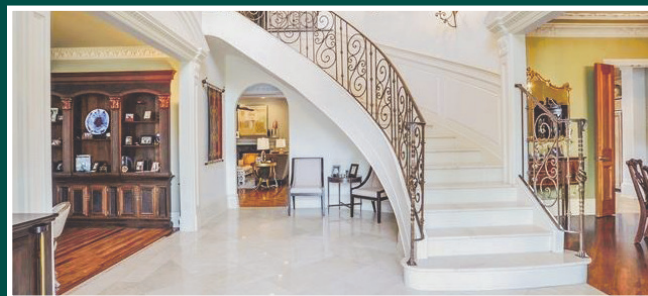
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BY KATY DANOS

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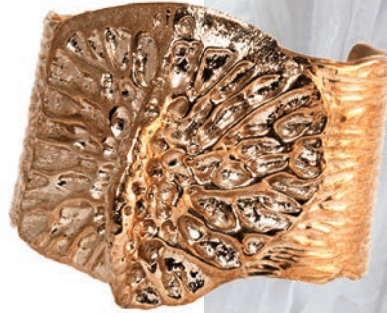
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I ride my bike to work every morning and the French Quarter at that hour, when the musicians and artists are setting up, is so inspiring."

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Karin Burt was born in London and trained and worked there for many years, but it was here as a young student at NOCCA that she first fell in love with ceramics. She lives in New Orleans now, running her own business and teaching beginners as well as advanced potters her craft. Karin throws on the wheel as well as hand-builds vessels, and her works of art feature charming shapes and stunning glazes—simply beautiful.



Everyone is looking for something special during the holidays. I love to make gifts that have a practical use as well as being beautiful in the home.

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As a small child, Kat King's mother taught her to crochet and she grew up loving yarn, fabric, and textiles. She appreciated everything about the craft—the process of creating art and perfecting each and every stitch. Nicknamed the Crochet Queen, Kat went on to teach herself how to weave on a loom, something she finds immensely rewarding. She sells her finished works in her Etsy shop and also produces custom pieces upon request.

The amazing festivals, art markets, and culture-rich city influences my work. It's inspiring to be around so many talented and diverse artists. I'm living my dream.

-KAT KING



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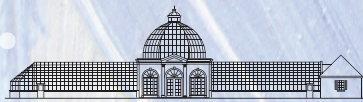
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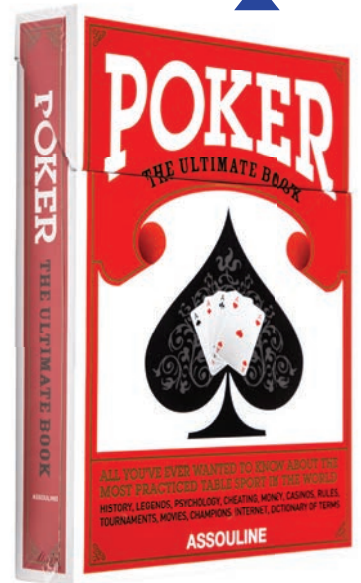
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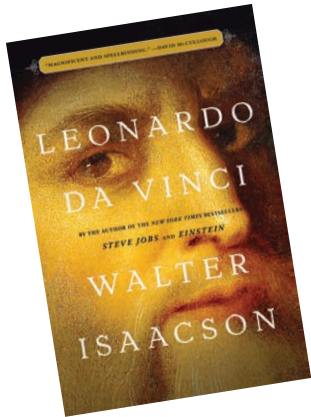


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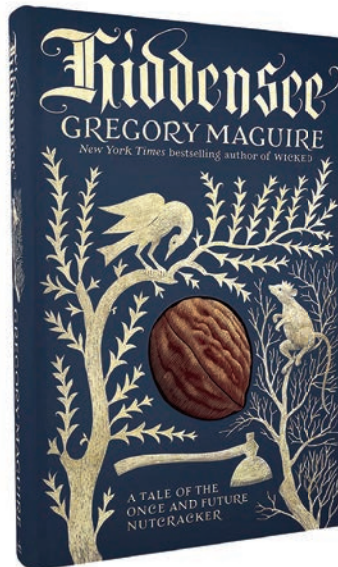
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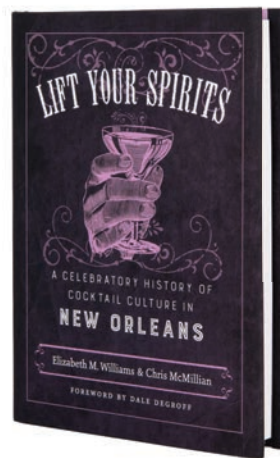


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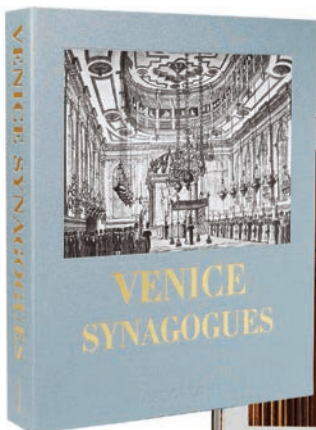
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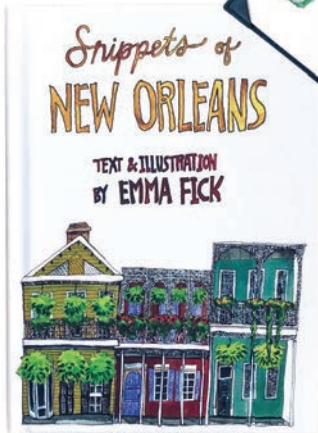


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THE HOLIDAY *Spirits*

Three local bartenders share seasonal cocktails of their own creation

BY MISSY WILKINSON | PHOTOS BY JOSHUA BRASTED

Trim the tree, wrap the gifts, and roll out the bar cart—cocktails are the ideal vehicle for the season's scents and flavors. "Holiday drinks are super special, because they're tied to nostalgia," says Abigail Gullo, head bartender at Compère Lapin. "It's a wonderful thing to make these drinks for people, because you give them a taste of home."

Here are three unique holiday cocktails created by bartenders at the city's finest watering holes. Mix up a drink (or all three), and have yourself a merry little time.



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Spearment and pine needle flavors mingle in a sweetened, blended sherry that tastes the way a ski lodge feels after an afternoon on the slopes. Though this alpine scene might seem foreign to New Orleanians, Drew Gosslin created the drink with nods to the Vieux Carre—which includes the name. "Maison Blanche is the classic, iconic department store on Canal Street that created the Christmas legend for New Orleans," Gosslin says.



MAISON BLANC

1.5 OZ. TIFFON XO FINE CHAMPAGNE COGNAC
.5 OZ. EAST INDIA SOLERO SHERRY
.5 OZ. ZIRBENZ STONE PINE LIQUEUR
.25 OZ. DOLIN GENÉPY DES ALPES

Stir all ingredients in a beaker and strain into a Nick and Nora glass. Garnish with a rosemary sprig.



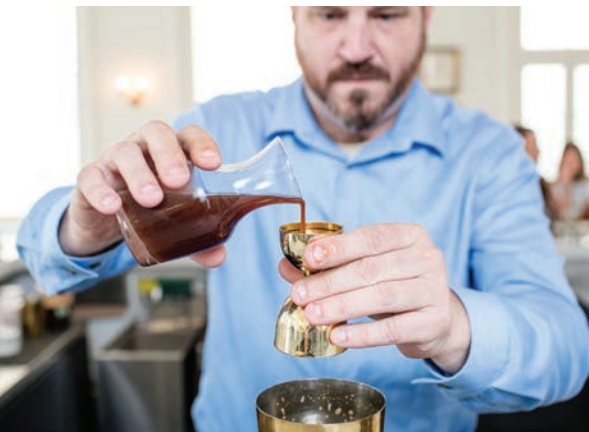
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Hot drinks go hand-in-hand with the holidays, but in subtropical New Orleans, when the air conditioner might be blasting well into December, beverages themselves must sometimes supply the frost. “Instead of drinking a hot cup of coffee in a cozy sweater, I thought people might enjoy a cold brew beverage,” says bartender Vivienne Dersin, who created the drink. Pecan and chocolate add notes of festive flavor. Bottoms up!





CAFÉ OLE

1.5 OZ. REPOSADO TEQUILA

1 OZ. COLD BREWED COFFEE

.5 OZ. SFMATO AMARO

.5 OZ. PECAN SYRUP

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SPARKLING WINE

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Jesse Carr created his cocktail with a holiday feel in mind. “It’s basically an eggnog variation,” says Carr, bar director at Balise. “The spices themselves—cinnamon with a smoke aspect lingering in the background—make me think of having coffee and cinnamon cake on Christmas morning.”

P.S. For everyone who’s squeamish about mixing a raw egg into your cocktail, Carr has the following advice: “The egg is the perfect vessel, so there’s only a .001 percent chance something could go wrong. Once you add alcohol, it kills any enzyme that could have lived in there.”





BALISE NAVIDAD

- .75 OZ. DEL MAGUEY VIDA
- CINNAMON-INFUSED MEZCAL
- .75 OZ. HOODOO CHICORY LIQUEUR
- .5 OZ. BENEDICTINE HERBAL LIQUEUR
- .75 OZ. HEAVY CREAM
- 1 EGG
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