

# THE NEWSLETTER

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BIG NEWS, LITTLE NEWS AND THE BITS IN BETWEEN FROM CLODAGH DESIGN



## AN AUGUST INVITATION FROM CLODAGH

**Mecox**, a showroom and garden known for its one-of-a-kind antiques and unusual re-editions invites you to stroll the gardens and attend a special book signing at their Southampton showroom to celebrate Clodagh's new book, **Your Home Your Sanctuary**. A portion of Clodagh's proceeds from the book sales will be donated to **Clodagh Cares**. Join us for summer cocktails at Mecox, 257 County Road 29A, Southampton, NY on Saturday, August 8th from 5:00 to 7:00pm. For more info contact Chardonnay Pickard, [cpickard@clodagh.com](mailto:cpickard@clodagh.com) or via phone at 212-542-5069. We look forward to seeing you!

## BEACH PARTY!

Underwater Wonderment was on everyone's mind as W Hotels Worldwide launched the **W Fort Lauderdale Hotel and Residences** in June. The design, by Clodagh, is rife with moments of beauty and tranquility as well as excitement, anticipation, and fun. The star-studded evening created to introduce the space began with a trip down the purple carpet (W's famous version of the red carpet where stars arrive in style) followed by the inaugural lighting of the property's fire bowls, which set the party in full swing. Developer John Yanopoulos of **DYL**, Eva Zeigler, the Global Brand Leader for W, Rande and Scott Gerber, and Clodagh were all on hand to celebrate the opening of the space. Throughout the evening fashion-clad mermaids were flitting about in the pool and acrobats were seen frolicking on the water's surface. The party revolved around the hotel's stunning pool deck and the W's signature Living Room, which features long skylights which allow guests to see what is going on in the pool as well enjoy the glamorous parade of people up a glass stairway which slices through the pool to the deck above. Beyond the hotel's fabulous public spaces, Clodagh also designed its guestrooms, residences, and Rande and Scott Gerber's latest nightlife hotspot **Whiskey Blue**. As with all Clodagh projects, the space enlivens the senses and engages the imagination through the utilization of all of the elements of earth and stone, the sounds of water, the glowing light of fire, natural feel of wood and edge of metal. The interplay of these elements through the use of fabrics and finishes



From Left: Eva Zeigler, Scott Gerber, Cindy Crawford, Rande Gerber, Lucy and John Yanopoulos, Clodagh, Carlos Becil



inspired by shimmering sands, pounding surf, and the infinite variations of colors found on seashells makes for an experience all its own. Using a color palette that mirrors the outdoors, waves of blue coexist with jolts of magenta while the undercurrent of concrete resembling brushed sand resonates throughout. With the extraordinary scale of the space to play with, both in square footage (one-million plus) as well as in volume (there are several spaces with thirty-foot or more high ceilings) Clodagh was uniquely capable of transforming the interior of **Adache's** shining building into a series of both intimate and grand gathering spaces. Clodagh also designed more than 250 pieces of custom furniture original to the hotel, to make the project one-of-a-kind. W and Clodagh's mission was simple: to make sure that everywhere you walk or look in the W Fort Lauderdale, you experience something beautiful and unique.

## GLOBAL GREEN

Clodagh recently enjoyed an action-packed trip to the city by the Bay in order to participate in the **San Francisco Design Center's Design Day** on June 11th. Following the presentation on "Global Green" Clodagh met with fans and fellow designers to sign her new book *Your Home Your Sanctuary* in the Duralee Fabrics showroom.  
[www.duralee.com](http://www.duralee.com)



## QiLIVING

QiLiving (kee) is a full-service personal and corporate concierge company specializing in providing sustainable services for a healthy home, travel, recreation and leisure, and event planning. Frequently translated as "energy flow," the literal qi embodies the influence of positive action. **QiLiving** can enhance any and all areas of a person's life, designed to create accessible, sustainable practices for the consumer that encompasses life enhancing elements of living. QiLiving directly reflects the impact one person can have on our environment. The company works with a database of "Qi" partners including Zen Home, Rolling Press, Green Apple Cleaners, Driven-Eco, and Prive Food amongst others. Whether you are looking for a hybrid car service, an organic chef, or planning a green wedding, QiLiving is the direct connection between the consumer. QiLiving's services are available as individual memberships. Additional information including a complete list of services is available online at [www.qiliving.net](http://www.qiliving.net)



## WHAT HAPPENS IN VEGAS...

This year's **HD Expo** in Las Vegas featured unparalleled involvement from Clodagh Signature with the launch of four new Clodagh Signature collections. This year Clodagh launched new product in the categories of lighting, broadloom and tile carpet, hardware, and commercial contract furniture for hospitality.

Products debuting at the show included the **Tucson Collection by Bentley Prince Street**, the **TRIBAL collection by Du Verre**, and **The Primitive, Wrapped and Flipped collections with Visual Comfort**.

In their very first collaboration, **Mark David** and Clodagh launched a collection of commercial contract furniture as part of their **"Masters Collection"**.

"My belief in the universality of design has led me to explore every field that I can", says Clodagh in reference to her excitement in moving closer to her goal of designing product in line with the Clodagh aesthetic across a wide spectrum of consumer goods. She explains that 'whatever comes across (her) table is seen as an opportunity to apply (her) passion for creating attractive, durable, environmentally-minded products for a variety of uses.'



## BEST IN SHOW

Hospitality Design magazine recently announced the winners of the fifth annual HD Awards where **Miraval Arizona Resort and Spa** received first place in the "Luxury Guestrooms or Suites" category. In addition, as a surprise announcement at the event, the Miraval design also received the much coveted "**Best in Show**" tribute. Both awards honored the newly unveiled sustainable Catalina Suites. The 16 new rooms are the first phase of the resort' notable 110,000 square foot expansion and integrate sustainable living with an invigorating and healing environment.

"Miraval's primary mission is to help guests achieve overall health and wellness and our Catalina Suites combine this holistic approach with high-design," said Michael Tompkins, Miraval's General Manager. "The Catalina Suites are a popular and important addition to Miraval and we, with **Mithun** and **Clodagh**, are honored to be acknowledged with this prestigious award."

Facing a pristine stretch of the Sonoran Desert, the suites's expansive glass doors offer unfettered views of the Catalina Mountains with private entries and patios that create a sense of peaceful seclusion. Durable, natural materials, such as rammed earth walls made from the desert's sandy soil, create efficient thermal shells that regulate temperatures while deep overhangs with patios create inviting shaded spaces.

Clodagh's design of the guestroom interiors works cooperatively with Mithun's design of the architectural structure. Materials such as non-toxic, low-VOC paints, water-based adhesives and recycled and renewable materials were used throughout the rooms in order to tread lightly on the earth as well as provide guests with the highest quality in environmentally-healthy surroundings.

Clodagh implemented a "silent design" for the space, which allows guests a memorable experience and the focused observation of self and nature. Tactile materials were used to allow for enjoyable sensation with every touch, from the guestroom bedding to the soft yet durable custom broadloom carpeting used within the space. The interior lighting gives the feeling that the space is "lit with shadow," mimicking the play of light that occurs along the desert floor and accentuating the exterior within the interior. Resisting ornamentation, these features convey a relaxing sense of authenticity and enliven the senses. Miraval's Catalina Suites also recently received recognition with an honorable mention in the 2009 Hospitality Design/ASID Earth Minded awards during the Hospitality Design Expo in Las Vegas.

## PHILANTHROPIMANIA!!

It's official! Between the sale of bazaar goods and silent auctions items, an astounding \$65,000 was raised at the 2009 annual Thorntree Event on May 13! All proceeds will go directly to the Samburu tribe. On behalf of our African Queen, founder Jane Newman, and all the incredible hardworking people who got bitten by the virus "Philanthropimania" thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your generous contributions. **Tucker Robbins** (see right) was on hand disguised as a camel salesman and sold 39 and a half camels! Bravo Tucker!

## CLODAGH CARES

Launches a brand new web site in partnership with **Universal Giving!** Come visit and become a Philanthropimaniac with us! [www.clodaghcares.org](http://www.clodaghcares.org) follow us on twitter!



From Left: Clodagh, Tucker Robbins

## [CLODAGHCOLLECTION.COM](http://CLODAGHCOLLECTION.COM)

**Clodagh Collection** is excited to announce the launch of its new web site featuring full details about all of the products and services offered. Clodagh Collection acts as both a gallery and a showroom dedicated to Clodagh's own design resources, which include works from admired artists, artisans as well as her own signature label, and licensed products. The collection features furniture, lighting, fine art, textiles and home accessories. The showroom also hosts gallery openings to display new artists, and the latest in Clodagh's own design collections. In keeping with the studio vision of integrative design, the showroom also hosts an Inner Circle Series of lectures featuring prominent professionals in their field on current topics including sustainability, food and health. To find out more visit [www.clodaghcollection.com](http://www.clodaghcollection.com) or contact Jordan Mangiaracina the showroom's director, at [jmangiaracina@clodagh.com](mailto:jmangiaracina@clodagh.com) or by phone at 212-542-5079.



From Left: Clodagh, Cindy Allen

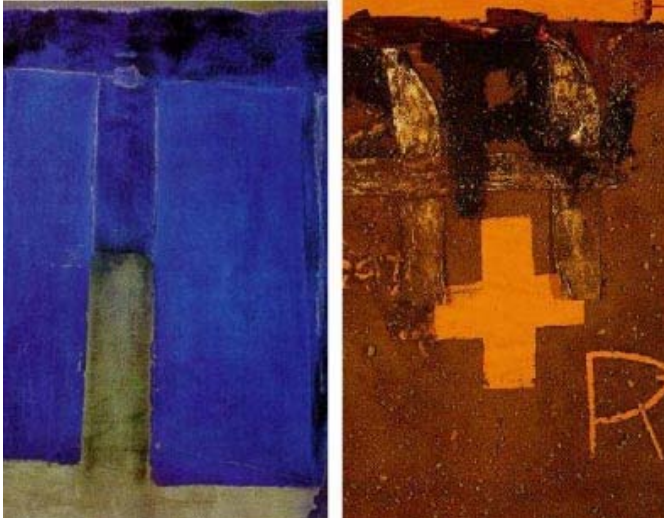
## CONGRATULATIONS!

To Cindy Allen for winning an Alpha Award! This year's Alpha Awards took place at the Prince George Ballroom and proceeds of the May event went to benefit Alpha workshops' training and employment programs. Cindy was honored as someone who understands and respects the Alpha Workshops' mission and has served as an ambassador to its cause. In order to learn more about the amazing artists and artisans of The Alpha Workshops visit [www.alphaworkshops.org](http://www.alphaworkshops.org)

## YOGA IN SOHO

Clodagh, has partnered with **YogaWorks** to create an ecologically-minded yoga retreat in the heart of New York's posh SOHO neighborhood. For more than twenty five years Clodagh has been creating spaces that are lifeenhancing and that enliven the senses and experience, and her design for YogaWorks SOHO is no different. Featuring Clodagh Design's established use of sustainable materials, like bamboo flooring and low-VOC paints and finishes, the space is an archetype of thoughtful design right down to its low-flow plumbing fixtures. The 11,000 square foot studio spreads over two full floors of a classic loft building and purposely maintains much of the building's original castiron columns and exposed brick walls. Along with these original architectural details are integrated repurposed industrial accents to hint at the unique qualities of the neighborhood's history. The resulting lofty, airy studio spaces accommodate both large classes and private sessions with specially-designed Iyengar yoga walls, a signature of YogaWorks. Other amenities include men's and women's locker rooms complete with saunas (which, with Clodagh Design's long history in spa and bathroom design will surely be sanctuaries of relaxation). Clodagh and YogaWorks' creation of this exceptional flagship studio has yielded a clean and sleek design while making sure that tenants of green-living are followed and comfort and a feeling of sanctuary are present throughout. [www.yogaworks.com](http://www.yogaworks.com)





## ANTONIO TAPIES

Antoni Tàpies: *The Resources of Rhetoric* is now on display at Dia Beacon, and represents a rare opportunity for viewers to see a significant show of the artist's early work at a museum in the United States. In 1948, **Spanish Catalan Artist** Tàpies helped co-found the first Post-War Movement in Spain known as Dau-al-Set which was connected to the Surrealist and Dadaist Movements. The main leader and founder of Dau-al-Set was the poet Joan Brossa. The movement also had a publication of the same name, Dau-al-Set. Tàpies started as a surrealist painter, his early works were influenced by Paul Klee and Joan Miró; but soon become an abstract expressionist, working in a style known as "Arte Povera", in which non artistic materials are incorporated into the paintings. [www.diabeacon.org](http://www.diabeacon.org)

## URBAN ZEN + TUCKER ROBBINS

Earlier in July Clodagh was in attendance at the 'Meet **Tucker Robbins**' event at the Sag Harbor location of Donna Karan's Urban Zen Retail. The spirit of Philanthropimania was in the air as attendees experienced the unique and relevant designs of Tucker's new line, and gave support to the far reaching causes of Urban Zen. **The Urban Zen Foundation** 'creates, connects, and collaborates to raise awareness and inspire change in areas of well-being, preserving cultures and empowering children.' Clodagh has been working with Tucker for years, sharing a love for travel and employing ancient techniques in design. Tucker's ability to connect artisans of tribal villages with the contemporary design world is something Clodagh particularly treasures. Clodagh and Tucker are both members of the **Sustainable Furnishings Council**, a non-profit balanced coalition of suppliers, manufacturers, retailers, and designers formed to promote sustainable practices with the best networking and education in our industry.



From Left: Clodagh, Tucker Robbins, Donna Karan



## VEGAN SUMMER TREATS

"In a city dominated by cupcakes overflowing with sugar, flour and butter cream, it's easy for those with persnickety diets to feel left out. **BabyCakes** offers all-natural, organic and delicious alternatives free from the common allergens: wheat, gluten, dairy, casein and eggs. Rest assured, all sweeteners have been chosen responsibly and used sparingly. White sugar will never be found in our bakery, nor will we ever use toxic chemical sweeteners. Instead, most products are sweetened with agave nectar—a natural syrup from a cactus which is low on the glycemia index and often a safe alternative to most non-insulin dependant diabetics. Occasionally, unprocessed and unrefined sugar is used in certain goods, although sparingly." Erin McKenna Founder BabyCakes NYC™ [www.babycakesnyc.com](http://www.babycakesnyc.com)



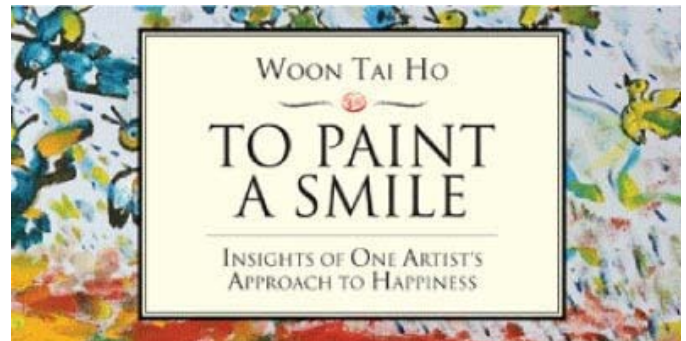
## MODERN ATLANTA

is home to launch of Kinsale Collection by Clodagh for Dex Studios Clodagh continues her partnership with **DEX Studios**, a national leader in the design and production of modern concrete products on a new line of concrete outdoor furniture pieces that launched during Modern Atlanta in May of 2009. The line, entitled, **The Kinsale Collection** includes a coffee table, side table, dining table and bar cart that are all classic, clean-lined and durable given that they can be specified in a variety of concrete and terrazzo finishes. The line also features a beautiful white oak detail in the form of removable wooden trays. The white oak used for these pieces was salvaged from throughout the Atlanta area after a storm made its way through the city last Spring, giving the pieces a "green" and local flavor. In order to celebrate this exciting new venture for Clodagh and Dex, who have been working together for almost ten years on concrete bathroom furniture, Clodagh joined Dex at their studios in Atlanta for a book signing of *Your Home Your Sanctuary*. The event took place as part of Modern Atlanta, a series of design events and a modern home tour which is quickly gaining attention from designers across the country.

[www.dexstudios.com/Clodagh](http://www.dexstudios.com/Clodagh)

## SUMMER READING

*To Paint a Smile* is one man's journey through another man's art. Woon Tai Ho makes meaning of contemporary events through the study of the work of Tan Swie Hian, seeking to discover the simple yet disciplined practice of living in the moment and understanding the interconnectedness of all things. To learn more about Woon Tai Ho and his book, visit [www.topaintasmile.com](http://www.topaintasmile.com) Also feel free to stop by 670 Broadway to obtain a copy at Clodagh Collection, and while you're here check out the beautiful work of **John Erdos** through whom we learned of this book.



## NEOCON

This year's Neocon Chicago featured the much anticipated launch of Clodagh's first collection of fabrics with **Perennials Outdoor Fabrics**.

The Collection, Clodagh for Perennials Outdoor Fabrics, is made of timeless textures that have a calm, confident luxury that feeds the spirit and the soul while still exhibiting Perennials Outdoor Fabrics' trademark reputation for durability and versatility. The launch of the product was celebrated with a book signing of *Your Home Your Sanctuary* at the Perennials Outdoor Fabrics showroom in the Merchandise Mart Chicago. For more information about the fabrics visit

[www.PerennialsFabrics.com](http://www.PerennialsFabrics.com)

In summer, the song sings itself. - William Carlos Williams