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Three new showrooms debut this summer at **The Houston Design Center**. In mid-July, **Scalamandre** opens a 3,500-square-foot showroom stocked with fabric, wall coverings, trim and furnishings. **Fabric House** is a new companion showroom to HDC's Design House, Inc., owned by **Connie LeFebre**, ASID. It's filled with exclusive fabric lines, trims and wall coverings, and is set to open

this month. Need a contemporary custom rug? Look no further than **Postmodern Traditions**, opening in Suite 169 late this summer — a new project by Pride of Persia owners **Mehdi Abedi** and **Lisa Slappey** ... As we go to press, **Dennis Brackeen**, **Blake Karambis** (of Kirby Antiques), **Jenna McPhail** and **Linda Chan** are readying to open **Kirby and Company** on West Alabama, in the space formerly occupied by Brian Stringer Antiques. Expect European antiques, contemporary accessories, mid-century pieces and custom furniture. Simultaneously, **Blair Gordon** opens **Blair Gordon Design—Tailored Home** next door. The former New York designer is setting up a design studio and home-furnishings shop stocked with his eponymous line of custom furniture, as well as antiques, 20th-century vintage pieces, art, accessories and objects ... **Thread**, a designer baby consignment store, has opened on 19th Street in the Heights. In addition to consignment, they stock classic kids' clothing by Beanies and monogrammed clothing and gifts by Sam and Lucy ... Another blow-dry bar is blowing into town to tame your tresses. **The Do Bar** opens in West Ave in July. Owned by **Cara Crafton**, owner of the popular Montrose-area salon Craft, Do Bar features a prepared menu of blow-out styles, each only \$35, such as the Modern Vintage Do (a Veronica Lake wave look) or the Classic Do (a big-barrel-brush blow-out). Until the doors open next month, you can visit The Do Bar POP within **Craft Salon**, where blow-out style specialists will be, well, working on their craft ... Designers **Amanda Valentine** and **Chris Promecene**, owners of **PH Design Shop**, are moving their West Alabama store to 1440 Rice Boulevard in Rice Village. The new 1,440-square-foot shop (next to J. Silver) will continue to proffer the duo's artful blend of stationery, paper goods and custom design services but will expand to include a curated collection of gifts and tabletop items. Look for an early summer opening, with interiors by designer **Melanie Herz Promecene** of **Morris Architects** ... Fashion accessories and gift boutique **À Bientôt** is moving into the former Indulge Linens space (before that, it housed Harriet Hart) in Lamar Shopping Center, just around the corner from its current location. The new address is 2501 River Oaks Boulevard. Watch for a July opening ... Don't miss the June Father's Day windows at **Neiman Marcus**, where **Gittings** is displaying lush generational portraits of some of Houston's leading families (June 13 – 20). Gittings opened its first studio in Neiman Marcus Downtown, Dallas, more than 80 years ago, so this exhibit is especially apropos. The luxe retailer also hosts a bevy of fashionable fall trunk shows this month, starting with **Valentino** June 2 and 3; **St. John Collection**, June 7; **Luca Luca**, June 6 and 9; and punchy prints from **Etro**, June 14 and 15 ... **Saks Fifth Avenue** hosts a cocktail party in honor of Father's Day with **The First Tee of Houston** and **Athletes Seeking Knowledge (ASK)**. Both organizations strive to help at-risk, low-income youth excel in their personal and educational lives. Come shop the men's department Wednesday, June 8, from 6:30 to 8:30 pm, and enjoy light bites, cocktails and a DJ. On June 16 and 17, Saks hosts a **Naeem Khan** resort trunk show ... Previously only open Wednesdays, luxury bauble boutique **Deville Fine Jewelry** has expanded its hours to Monday through Friday, noon to 5 pm ... Looking to make your beauty routine a little more green? Organic lifestyle store **One Green Street** now offers Eco manicure and pedicures ... Calling all sorority girls: Contemporary women's boutique **Haut Chocolate** in River Oaks Shopping Center hosts stylist **Claudia Lederer** Wednesday, June 15, for a What's Haut for Fall Rush Week Parties shopping event. Receive 15 percent off your purchase with your student ID. *Kate Allen Stukenberg with Laurann Claridge*



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Annie Criner

CALENDAR CALL

It's that time of the year: The September issue calls, and we begin culling the must-attend lunches, glamorous galas and all manner of ticketed fundraisers that scintillate and sizzle for our Fall Social Calendar, spanning the golden months of September through December. To submit your charitable hot tickets, please send all the essential details — event name; day, date and starting time; chairmen, honorary chairs, honorees; beneficiary; party notes (caterer, theme, attire, personal appearances, entertainment); ticket and table starting prices; and contact info including phone, e-mail and Web site to: Seth Vaughan, seth@papercitymag.com. Our deadline is Tuesday, July 5. We look forward to penciling in your benefit on our Smythson.

MEET MAKEUP RULER
NAPOLEON
PERDIS

When an opportunity arose to meet makeup artist Napoleon Perdis, I thought, 'How can I possibly say no to anyone with such a fabulous moniker?' This celebrity fave and native Aussie has been making girls look as glamorous as his mum since he was barely a teen. While some have made his acquaintance via his cosmetics at Ulta and Dillard's, it was his NP Set collection for Target that drew me in with its easy-to-wear Eye Palettes (a steal at \$29) and Memory Foundation/tinted moisturizer (\$28). Elsewhere I met his upper-line Auto Pilot Pore Minimizer and Mattifer (\$45). Fortified with vitamins E and A, this cream has a meringue-like texture but doesn't actually add color to your skin; its tint is the giveaway that you've rubbed the formula in. Like many makeup artists, Perdis is pro-primer. He recommends mixing his new Auto Pilot Pre-Foundation Primer (\$39) with bronzer for a no-makeup look. And every girl who loves her lipstick or gloss should snap up his Luminous Lip Veils (\$20). I'm partial to tube or pot glosses, and Perdis' isn't a thin, drippy solution that falls off the wand. Spread his In The Flesh gloss across your pout, and it hydrates with aloe vera and stays put for hours. (And about his name ... He inherited it not from the French ruler — whom he doesn't resemble in the least, and who he pointed out was *actually* from Corsica — but from his Greek forbears.) *NP Set at Target; other products at Dillard's, Ulta. Information napoleonperdis.com. Laurann Claridge*

The Bride's LITTLE BLUE BOOK

PAPERCITY'S ULTIMATE GUIDE FOR THE BIG WEDDING DAY

COMPILED BY LAURANN CLARIDGE, EMERALD STOCKER AND ERIN OPPENHEIM

BRIDAL SHOPS

Belle Mariée Bridal, 2509 River Oaks Blvd., 713.523.0068; bellemarieehouston.com
Brickhouse Bridal, 200 Valleywood, The Woodlands, 281.681.3430; brickhousebridal.com
Casa de Novia Bridal Couture, 3331 D'Amico St., 713.523.9090; casadenoviabridal.com
Ivory Bridal Atelier, West Ave, 2800 Kirby Dr., 713.550.1622; ivorybridalhouston.com
Joan Pillow A Bridal Salon, Highland Village, 4001 Westheimer, 713.622.1122; joanpillowbridal.com
Maison de Mode, 2431 Rice Blvd., 713.527.8285; maisondemode.com
Mia Bridal Couture, 1958 W. Gray St., 713.622.2022; miabridalcouture.com
Now and Forever Bridal Boutique, 3701 Kirby Dr., 713.218.0369; nowandforeverbridalbtq.com
Priscilla of Boston, 1131-10 Uptown Park Blvd., 713.526.1886; priscillaofboston.com
The Wedding Suite at Nordstrom, Galleria, 832.201.2700; nordstrom.com. By appointment.
Winnie Couture, 5152 Buffalo Speedway, 713.782.9316; winniecouture.com. By appointment.

CUSTOM BRIDAL, ATTENDANT CLOTHING, MADE-TO-MEASURE TUXEDOS & SHIRTS

Atrium Ready to Wear, 3331 D'Amico St., 713.523.0206; atriumrtw.com
Beautiful U Bridal, 3402 Mercer St., 713.963.8213. By appointment.
Elizabeth Anthony/Esther Wolf, 1180-08 Uptown Park Blvd., 713.622.1331; estherwolf.com
Festari for Men, 1800 Post Oak Blvd., 713.626.1234; festariformen.com
Hamilton Custom Shirtmakers, 5700 Richmond Ave., 713.264.8800; hamiltonshirts.com. Custom shirts.
Jenny Kim Bridal Couture, 2524 Amherst St., 713.528.0500; jkbridal.com
Linda Cunningham, 3310 Edloe St., 713.621.3232; lindacunningham.com
Nick Lopez Tailoring, 2680 Sage Road, 713.621.5411; nicklopeztailoring.com. Custom tuxedos.

Wayne Jones Custom Suit and Shirt Makers, 713.622.2452. By appointment.
Winnie Couture, 5152 Buffalo Speedway, 713.782.9316; winniecouture.com. By appointment.

TUXEDOS

A. Taghi Fine Apparel, 5116 Westheimer, 713.963.0884; ataghi.com
Ermenegildo Zegna, Galleria, 832.308.3494; zegna.com
Festari for Men, 1800 Post Oak Blvd., 713.626.1234; festariformen.com
Giorgio Armani, Galleria, 713.961.2659; giorgioarmani.com. Custom tuxedos available.
Gucci, Galleria, 713.961.0778; gucci.com
Harolds in the Heights, 350 W. 19th St., 713.864.2647; haroldsintheheights.com
M. Penner, 1180-06 Uptown Park Blvd., 713.527.8200; mpenner.com
Neiman Marcus, Galleria, 713.621.7100; neimanmarcus.com
Norton Ditto, 2425 W. Alabama St., 713.688.9800; nortonditto.com
Ralph Lauren, Galleria, 713.850.9330; ralphlauren.com. Tuxedos to order.
Saks Fifth Avenue, Galleria, 713.627.0500; saksfifthavenue.com
Versace, Galleria, 713.623.8220; versace.com
Yves Saint Laurent, Galleria, 713.840.7006; ysl.com

RINGS

Katy Briscoe, Inc., 1455 W. Loop South, 713.662.9886; katybriscoe.com. By appointment.
Bailey, Banks & Biddle, 700 Town & Country Blvd., 713.647.8045; baileybanksandbiddle.com
Bulgari, Galleria, 713.622.7574; bulgari.com
Cartier, Galleria, 713.871.0177; cartier.com
Chardé, 5600 Kirby Dr., 713.668.6350; chardejewelers.com
David Yurman, Galleria, 713.622.5799; davidyurman.com
De Beers, Galleria, 713.960.9030; debeers.com
Deutsch & Deutsch, 3747 Westheimer, 713.627.7787; deutschdeutschjewelers.com
DeVill Fine Jewelry, 5700 Woodway, 281.501.3810; devillfinejewelry.com
Donno's Jewelers, 9990 Six Pines Dr., The Woodlands, 281.367.9050; donnos.com

Gems by Chao, Galleria, 713.626.0431; gemsbychao.com
I W Marks, 3841 Bellaire Blvd., 713.668.5000; iwmarks.com
Judith Ann Jewels, 4721 Westheimer, 713.871.1074; judithannjewels.com
Lewis Jewelers, 16972 Highway 3, Webster, 281.332.8433; mylewisjewelers.com
Nazar's Fine Jewelry, 5887 Westheimer, 713.952.5444; nazarsfinejewelry.com
Neiman Marcus, Galleria, 713.621.7100; neimanmarcus.com
Paul Carter Jewels, 1141-02 Uptown Park Blvd., 713.627.7495; and CityCentre, 12848 Queensbury, 713.465.5353; paulcarterjewels.com
Reiners Fine Jewelry, 2210 Westheimer, 713.520.1212; reinersjewelry.com
Saks Fifth Avenue, Galleria, 713.627.0500; saksfifthavenue.com
Tiffany & Co., Galleria, 713.626.0220; tiffany.com
Zadok Jewelers, 1749 Post Oak Blvd., 713.960.8950; zadokjewelers.com

ESTATE JEWELRY

A.A. Benjamin Ltd., 1775 St. James Place, 713.965.0555; aabenjaminjewelry.com
Past Era Antique Jewelry, Antique Pavilion, 2311 Westheimer, 713.524.7110; pastera.com
Queen of Heirs Jewelry, 4901 Locust St., Bellaire, 713.666.6683; queenofheirs.com
Tenenbaum & Company, 1801 Post Oak Blvd., 713.629.7444; tenenbaumandco.com
Wayne Smith Jewelry, 1121-11 Uptown Park Blvd., 713.524.0100; smithandcompanyjewels.com
Valobra Jewelry & Antiques, 4078 Westheimer, 713.961.4500; valobra.net

CAKES

Acadian Bakers, 604 W. Alabama St., 713.520.1484; acadianbakers.com
Bavarian Cakery, 8815 Soian Road, 281.469.3116; bavariancakery.com
Crave Cupcakes, 1151-06 Uptown Park Blvd. and 5600 Kirby Dr., 713.622.7283; cravecupcakes.com
Dacapo's Pastry Cafe, 1141 E. 11th St., 713.869.9141; dacapospastrycafe.com
Dessert Gallery Bakery & Cafe, 3600 Kirby Dr., 713.522.9999; 1616 Post Oak Blvd., 713.622.0007; dessertgallery.com
Mia Sorella Cakes, 832.372.8701; miasorella cakes.com



Lolo Rose at Ivory Bridal Atelier

Oscar de la Renta at Casa de Novia

Ermenegildo Zegna

Carolina Herrera at Joan Pillow A Bridal Salon

Giorgio Armani

Michael's Cookie Jar, 5330 Wesleyan St., 713.771.8603; michaelscookiejar.com
More Than Cakes, 1100 W. Dallas St., 713.652.5135; morethancakes.com
Ooh La La The Dessert Boutique, 23920 Westheimer Parkway, Katy, 281.391.2253; oohlaladeserts.com
Sprinkles Cupcakes, 4014 Westheimer, 713.871.9929; sprinkles.com
Susie's Cakes, 12280 Westheimer, 281.493.3222; susiescakes.com
Three Brothers Bakery, 4036 S. Braeswood Blvd., 713.666.2253; 3brothersbakery.com
Who Made the Cake!, 1811 S. Shepherd Dr., 713.528.4719; whomadethecake.com



Priscilla of Boston

CATERERS

A Fare Extraordinaire, 2035 Marshall St., 713.527.8288; afehouston.com
Abuso Catering, 6729 Stella Link Road, 713.660.6617; abusocatering.com
Acute Catering & Events, 6729 Stella Link Road, 713.528.1133; acutecatering.com
Armandos Taco Truck, 2630 Westheimer, 713.520.1738; armandosrestaurant.com
Catering by Culinaire, 3900 Milam St., 713.524.2337; cateringbyculinaire.com
City Kitchen, 8101 Airport Blvd., 713.847.8004; citykitchencatering.com
Crew Staffing, 4617 Montrose, 713.526.2739; crewstaffing.com
Jackson and Company, 707 Hawthorne St., 713.523.5780; jacksonandcompany.com
La Villette Catering & Special Events, 1716 Bissonnet St., 713.521.7550; lavillettecatering.com
Mélange Catering & Special Events, 6803 Wynnwood Lane, 713.869.0066; melangeevents.com

The Stone Kitchen Catering & Special Events, 2112 Waugh Dr., 713.521.3500; stonekitchencatering.com
Tony's Catering, 3755 Richmond Ave., 713.622.6778; tonyshouston.com

COMPLETE EVENT PRODUCTION

Bergner & Johnson Design, 519 Pecore St., 713.662.3769; bergnerandjohnson.com
Darryl & Co., 483 W. 38th St., 713.863.0400; darrylco.com
Design & Inspiration, 713.880.3613; designandinspiration.net
DGLS Events ... at Your Service, 5001 Woodway, 713.851.5577; dglsevents.com
Elias Events, 6214 Beverly Hill, 713.334.1800; eliasevents.com
The Events Company, Richard Flowers, 1237 N. Post Oak Road, 713.426.5800; theeventscoc.com
Events in Bloom, 633 W. 19th St., 713.880.1475; eventsinbloom.com
Oulala! What an Event, 5400 Bellaire Blvd., 713.855.8755; oulalaevents.com
Michael Cordua Events, 2411 Fountainview, 713.961.0911; cordua.com
Swift & Company, 2137 W. Aalabama St., 713.526.7600; swiftevents.com



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