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Corbin Young at Houston Design Center

Connie LeFevre, Leasa Roy, Ken Newberry at Houston Design Center

Virginia & Dan Steppe at Wayne Smith

Denny Lyons & Wayne Smith, Karen & Terry Henderson at Wayne Smith

Jenny & David Moore with Penelope and Parker at Deck the Trees

Gabrielle Girard Carrington Weems at Wayne Smith

John B. Connally IV, Tracy Livingston, Lady Lorraine Palmer at Wayne Smith

Greg Manteris & Renea Abbott Manteris, Don Mafriige Jr. at Wayne Smith

Terry Wayne Jones, David Lemier at Wayne Smith

Alexis Andres, Jim Shreve at Houston Design Center

Valerie Jalufka, Lucy Hahn, Jill Hahn at Deck the Trees

Annie Cater, John Kidd at Wayne Smith

Richard Dawson, Roberta Rude at Wayne Smith

Cora Sue & Harry Mach at Deck the Trees

RARE JEWELS WOW THE RIVER OAKS CROWD: GEM GAZING WITH WAYNE SMITH

Photography Chris P. Bachman

Wayne Smith Jewels at The St. Regis Hotel was the beautiful mise-en-scène for a holiday evening that paired important jewels with pedigreed people. The merry bash also doubled as a special exhibition showcasing rare vintage and antique bijoux. While the champagne bubbled, display cases dazzled with Smith's own designs, including a fire opal torsade necklace with a hand-cast toggle closure, in addition to estate Cartier timepieces, and classic and impressive vintage creations from David Webb, Tiffany & Co., and L'Orée du Bois, alongside Art Deco and mid-century masterpieces.

WHO:

Wayne Smith and Denny Lyons; Lady Lorraine Palmer; John B. Connally IV; Tracy and David Livingston; John Kidd; David Lemier; Carrington Weems with Gabrielle Girard; Terry Wayne Jones, eyeing Cartier cufflinks; Roberta Rude; Ewan Dinsdale; Richard Dawson; Renea Abbott Manteris and Greg Manteris; Don Mafriige Jr.; Suzy Simons; Annie Cater; Jana Giammalva; Cindy Kratz; Gail and Bobby Stillwell; Laura Ward, leaving with a bauble; Edna Meyer-Nelson; Chari and Bob Hust; Virginia and Dan Steppe, and Karen and Terry Henderson. Catherine D. Anspson and Matthew Ramirez

DECKED FOR DINING

Photography Daniel Ortiz

Holiday tablescapes never looked so grand as during Houston Design Center's Deck the Tables event. Top designers took over showrooms creating dreamy dining scenes ranging from cozy Christmas to jaw-dropping brilliance. The latter would be the creation by **Travis DeZalia** for Design House for which he employed Baccarat everything. Not so coincidentally, Baccarat North America president and CEO **Jim Shreve** jetted in for the two-day showcase.

WHO:

French Consul General **Alexis Andres**, **Chloe Baumgartner**, **Ashton Morgan**, **Connie LeFevre**, **Sheri Roane**, **Ken Newberry**, **Corbin Young**, **Brad Brandt**, **James Craig**, **Diana Martin**, **Kim Wilson**, and **Heather Walker**. *Shelby Hodge*

TREE TOPS AT THE ALLEY

Photography Wilson Parish

Dressed in holiday finery, youngsters **Penelope** and **Parker Moore** and **Kitt Taylor** led the countdown then flipped the giant switch that lit up a glittering forest of Christmas trees and wreaths for the Alley Theatre's 12th annual Deck the Trees cocktail gathering. The fête preceded the opening night performance of *A Christmas Carol*. Leading the merry throng were chairs **Jeanie** and **Don Sweet** and **Pepette** and **Joe Mongrain**. *Shelby Hodge*