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A DAY OF DESIGN FOOD + FLOWERS

DESIGN IN BLOOM BRINGS A CROP
OF TOP DESIGNERS

By Anne Lee Phillips. Photography Daniel Ortiz.

Day two of Texas Design Week Houston was a perfect spring day, where designers, gardeners, and those who love them turned out for Design in Bloom with *Flower Magazine*, a full day of programming at The Houston Design Center. The morning kicked off at Leisure Collections showroom, with coffee, breakfast, and a lively panel discussion with interior designer **Bunny Williams**, architect **Jeffrey Dungan**, floral designer **Ariella Chezar**, and garden designer **P. Allen Smith**, moderated by *Flower Magazine* founder **Margot Shaw**. In solidarity, the panel agreed that every designer should learn to draw; it will help you see your project. Breakout sessions, a lovely catered lunch, and book signings followed. Dungan, in from Birmingham, spoke about his work and new book, *The Nature of Home: Creating Timeless Houses* (Rizzoli). Chezar, in from New York, gave a flower-arranging presentation, discussed her flower farm, Zonneveld Farm in upstate New York, and signed copies of her new book, *Seasonal Flower Arranging: Fill Your Home with Blooms, Branches, and Foraged Materials All Year Round* (Ten Speed Press). Smith, in from Arkansas, gave an appetizing presentation from his book *P. Allen Smith's Seasonal Recipes from the Garden* (Clarkson Potter). Design doyenne Williams, in from Connecticut, gave a talk to a packed house, her first appearance with her new book *Love Affairs with Houses* (Abrams).

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Ariella Chezar



Ally Dougherty, Kara Childress, Abby Kimbell



Jeffrey Dungan



Suzanne Duin
Teresa Martinez Sanchez



Gayle Hightower, Julie Durkee
Katherine Galloway, Connie Wright



Pamela Hope O'Brien, Margot Shaw, Laura Umansky



Susan Elias, Elissa Vicknair



Bryanna Tutcher, Maria Elisa Maxit



Fred Baca, Sheri Roane



P. Allen Smith, Ariella Chezar, Bunny Williams, Margot Shaw, Jeffrey Dungan

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Admirers of Williams' timeless style were taking notes: Guests immediately feel something when they enter a home, which is why she always has a big bouquet of flowers on an entry table. Speaking about how to start a project, Williams said that after first identifying your personal style, "design is really a roadmap — you have to know where you're going. All the decisions you make along the way will make the project have a cohesiveness." Duly noted.

SEEN:

Courtney Hill Fertitta; Chesie Breen, in from NYC with Bunny Williams; Sandy Lucas; Sarah Eilers; Phoebe Tudor; Ruth Davis; Marie Flanigan; Suzanne Duin; Michael Mandola; Maria Elisa Maxit; Mary Groves; Carol Isaak Barden; Kara Childress; Jan Doherty; Shannon Mann; Elise Hollingsworth; Paige McCauley; Gayle Hightower; Laura Roach; Billie Sue and Tom Parris; Ally Dougherty; Abby Kimbell; Nicole Zarr; The Houston Design Center's Sheri and Grant Roane, Denzil Hollingsworth, and Terry and Fred Baca; host showroom James Craig Furnishing's James Keathley; Charlotte Nail; Leisure Collection's Raul Vasquez; Thorntree Slate & Marble's Stuart Rae and Karen Yoder; Steve Clifton of Scene One Interiors; Alkusari Stone's Tom Alkusari; and Dream Theater's Debbie Herbert and Ray LeBouf.



Margot Shaw



Chesie Breen, Bunny Williams, Courtney Hill Fertitta



Julie Durkee, Jennel O'Brien
Denzil Hollingsworth, Jessica Cohen



Dustin Huggins, Patricia Rocha, Aaron Laine, Luis Vernium



Dori Martin, Hayley Gonzales



Kara Childress



Tara Imani, Zavier Thompson



Daniel Coronel
Christine Gabriel



Phoebe Tudor, P. Allen Smith



Billie Sue & Tom Parris



Robin Dye



Laura Roach, Shannon Mann, Sarah Eilers