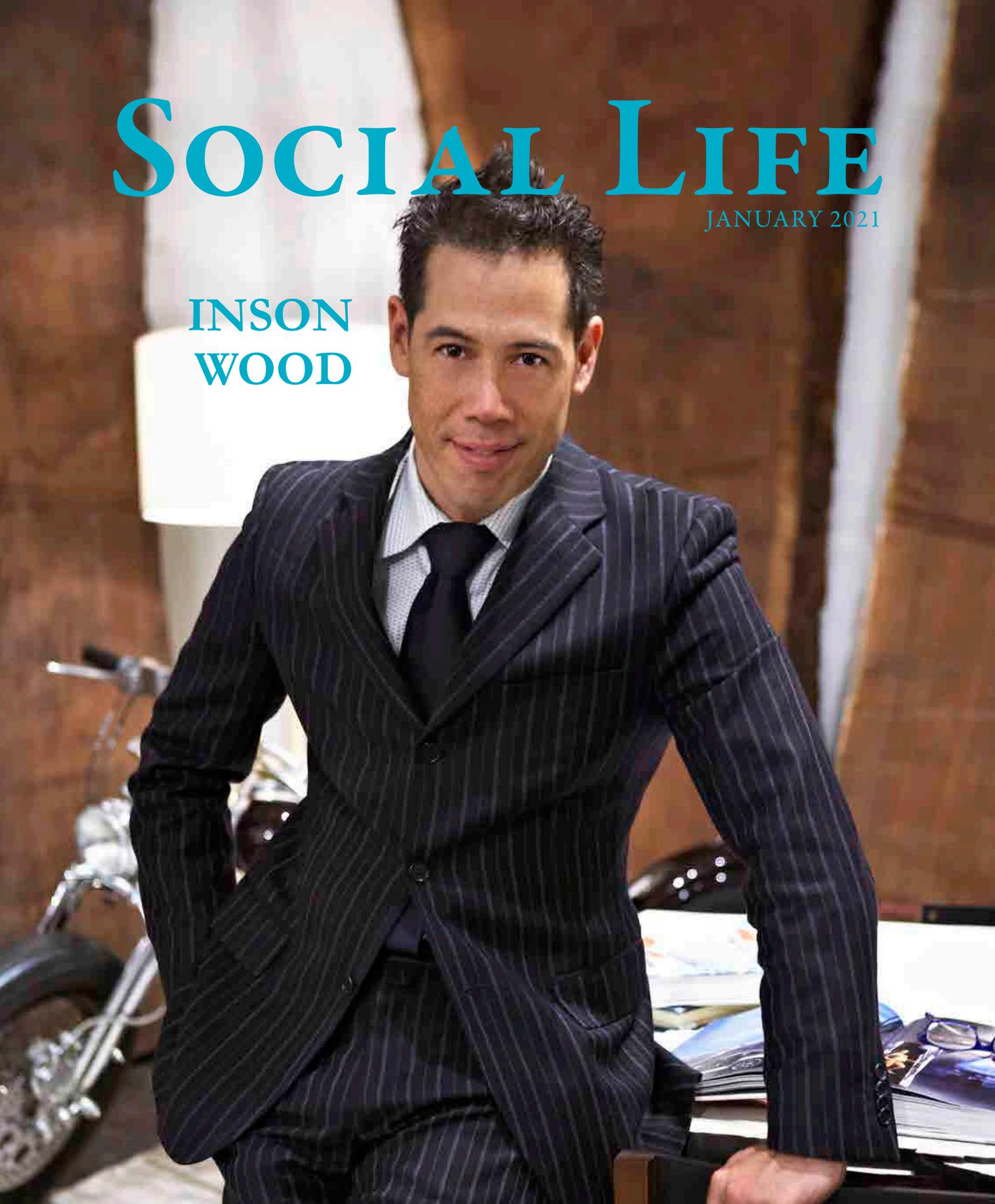


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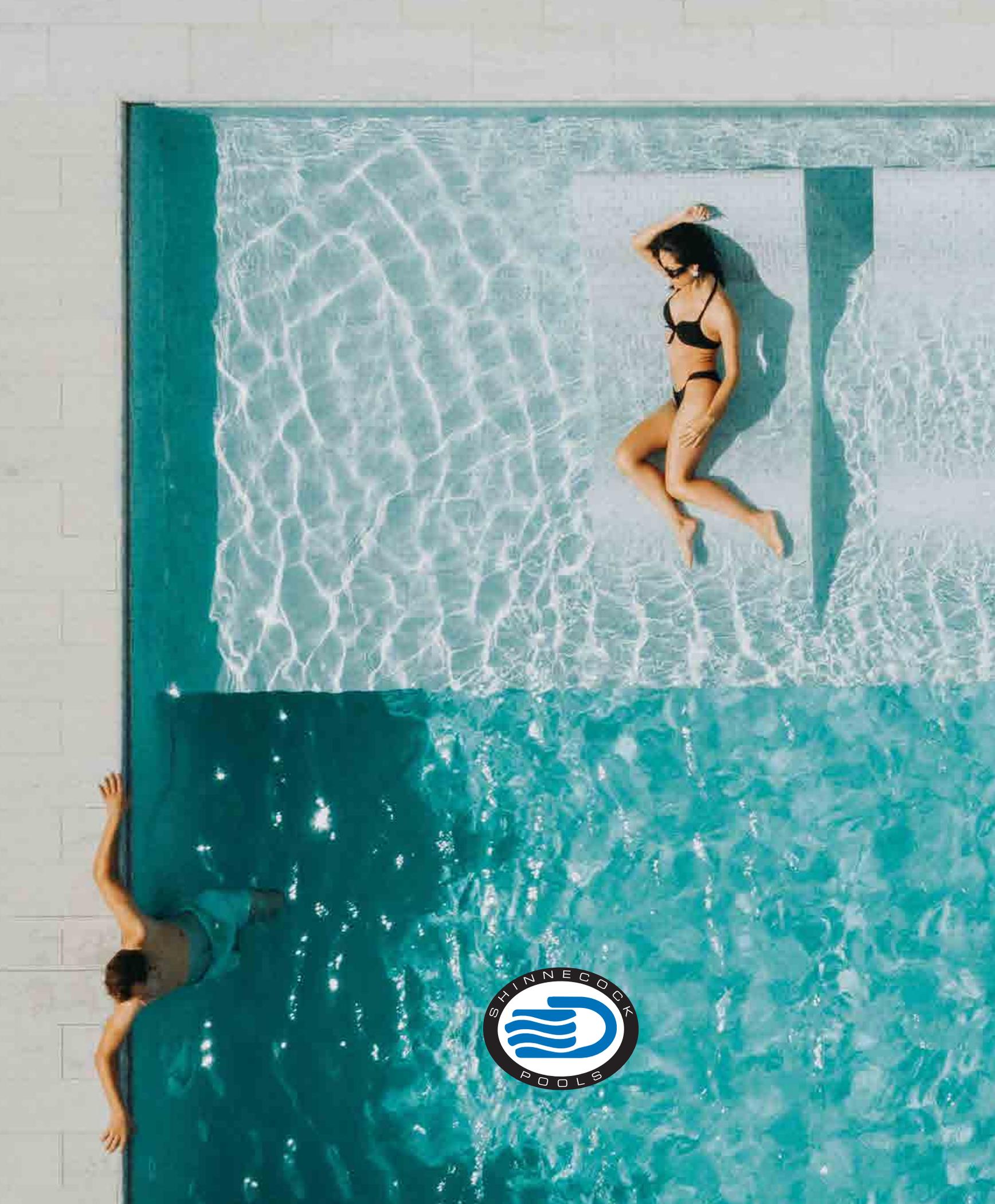
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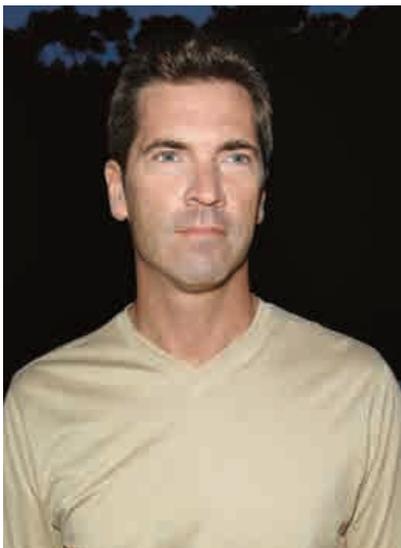
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By popular demand, welcome to our New York winter issue. We are best known for our Hamptons issues in the summer, but wanted to publish several winter issues in Manhattan to please our loyal readers.

As we enter 2021, I can't help but think ahead to warmer weather and long summer days on the beach in the Hamptons.

Have a great winter!

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“The true New Yorker secretly believes that people living anywhere else have to be, in some sense, kidding.”

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Through the ups and downs that come with these strange times, the true New Yorker and Hamptonite rallies behind this incredible state. Over the summer we’ve seen so many restaurants create an elegant sidewalk presence that echoes the European tradition of outside dining. With dropping temperatures, but a continuing demand for outdoor eating, crystalline heated tents are popping up to extend patio season through the winter. Innovative solutions and a commitment to the East End are shared by East Enders, both those who are residing here year-round as well as those who continue to go between the city and the Hamptons.

The East End is a place of all seasons — the rolling farmlands, beaches, and wooded corners are full of inspiration and vibrant color. Feeling connected to the beauty around us is important and showing gratitude by paying it forward should always be at the forefront of our minds. Right now is the time to support the place we love. If you are fortunate enough to get involved in charity, there are families, children, and health workers who need your help. But there are other ways to give back. Using your voice is also a great way to create change and promote philanthropy, and it doesn’t cost a thing. Social media has given everyone a platform, and if we would all use it for positively educating others . . . oh, the changes we would see. Also, never underestimate kindness . . . even if it’s just a smile as you pass a stranger.

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There are many cold weather activities to enjoy with family and friends in the Hamptons during the winter season, so now more than ever, quiet weekends may be a thing of the past. Due to this year's real estate boom on the East End, and school enrollment more than doubling in some districts, it's not surprising that the quaint villages are bustling with life, welcoming residents and visitors all year round. Countless activities can be enjoyed throughout the wintertime, so be sure to continue to support our struggling local businesses.

Without a doubt, the Hamptons has plenty of charm in the off season. With the end of the year soon upon us, the town of Southampton has festively decorated for the Christmas season helping to spark the holiday spirit. Beautiful trees adorned with sparkling lights line the streets and shine on the many intimate boutiques nestled on Main Street and Jobs lane. Southampton is not only the quintessential place to shop for luxury brands, but it is the perfect place to get out of the cold and get cozy at a trendy, chic restaurant such as 75 Main.

There is really no need to stay indoors in the Hamptons during the winter season when there are so many outdoor activities and great things to do. You might simply want to enjoy the stunning landscape of the East End walking along one of the many pristine Atlantic Ocean beaches hearing the soothing sound of the waves offering peace and tranquility. Or, you might opt for something more active, choosing to bike around exploring the natural beauty, seeing the sights, and getting exercise. Perhaps, you might want to take a run or walk along some of the East End's most picturesque trails, taking in the incredible views and enjoying the scenery. Whatever activities you choose to participate in during the winter season, the Hamptons offers an extraordinary and unforgettable experience.

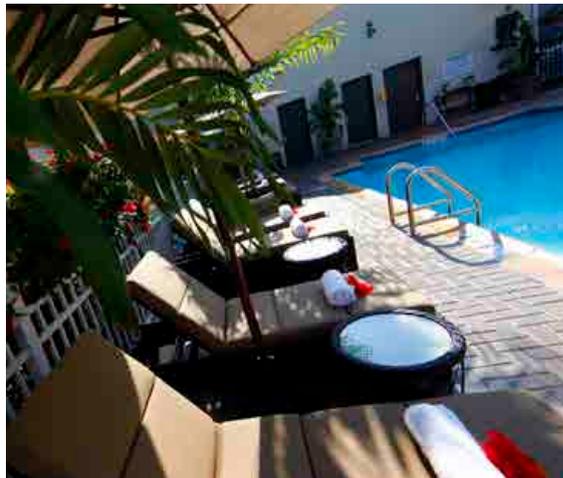
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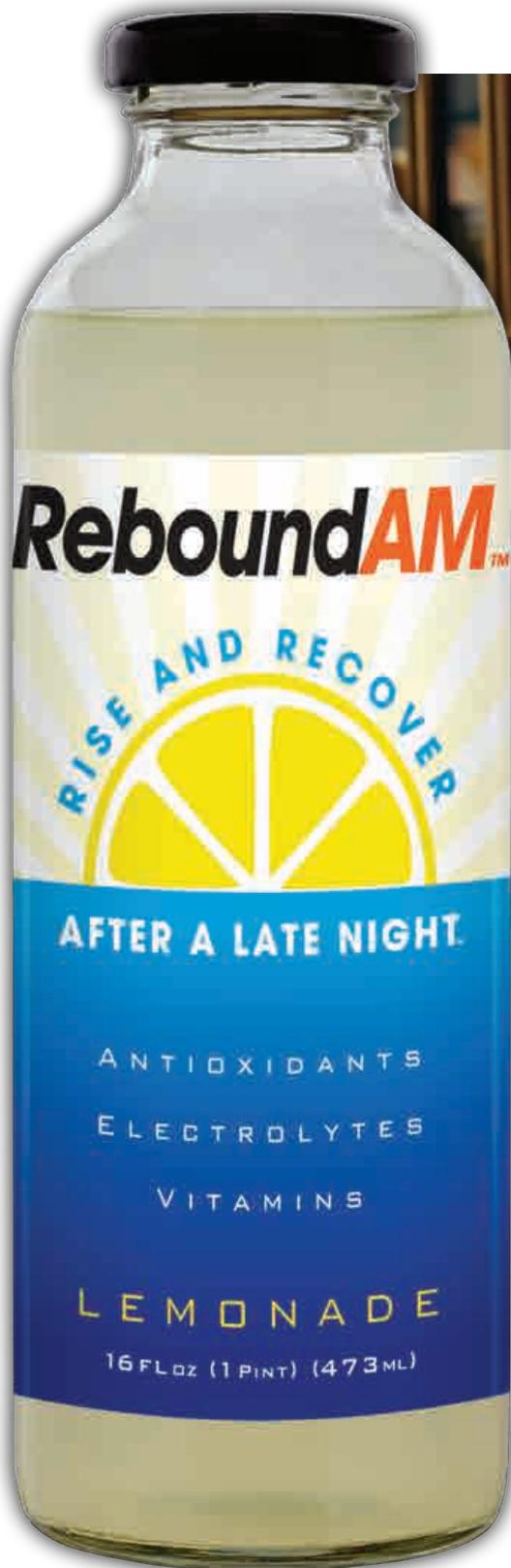


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# SHOPPING

BY GREGORY DELICARPINI JR.



## REFORMATION

In need of something subtle but beautiful this winter? Head to Reformation. This shop has everything from knits to skirts and all provide an effortless silhouette. They have made a number of collections based on diverse body types to make sure women of any shape or size can wear Ref comfortably.

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## BONNE NUIT

If you have a little one, you need to head to Bonne Nuit. This super chic baby store offers up timeless upscale European apparel for children, plus luxurious women's sleepwear. Yes, moms, you can get something for yourself while shopping for your baby. The shop offers handcrafted, unique pieces that also make great gifts.

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## SERENA & LILY

If you're in need of a coastal interior design fix head to Serena & Lily! This tranquil shop exudes elegance from every corner. You can expect to find classic décor with a seaside edge. This is how you can take a piece of the Hamptons home with you.

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## MADE – MICHAEL RUSSO

By PATTY SHASTAY



Opening a home and garden shop had always been Michael Russo's dream. But his packed schedule as an event planner who traveled the world for his work left him little time and energy to devote the attention necessary to achieve that dream.

When the event industry was put on pause, Michael found himself with a bit of downtime that he took as an opportunity. He took the leap and opened MADE by Michael Russo, in the beautiful town of Cold Spring Harbor.

After more than 15 years of working with celebrities and high-profile clients on projects ranging from weddings and launch parties to custom home-decorating, Michael is thrilled to share his hand-picked, favorite items along with his very own creations

MADE by Michael Russo features a curated selection of home accessories, gifts for hosts and hostesses, serveware, apparel, fragrances, and custom handmade floral arrangements. He is also proud to offer gorgeous jewelry from a collection designed by his dear friend Danielle Jonas.

MADE by Michael Russo allows Michael the chance to connect with customers and provide them with a fun and immersive shopping experience. He looks forward to welcoming you to his exciting new world!

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# RUNWAY

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BY GREGORY DELLI CARPINI JR.

## *Beyond Shoulder Pads*

*Shoulder pads are back and bigger than ever. This '80s trend is back in new ways with designers like Balenciaga and Rick Owens creating this look! Designers turned out looks with large pointed shoulders that resulted in bold elegance with a funky twist. It is a big statement and channels a great era. Go bold and let your shoulders do the talking.*



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# ACCESSORIES

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# HARESH MIRPURI

## ARANYANI HANDBAGS ARE FIT FOR A QUEEN

BY BLAIR BASS



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Aranyani, the handbag brand from India, is a sustainable, exquisite handbag line that has *Social Life* editors going wild. *Aranyani*, from the sacred text Rigveda, translates from Sanskrit to “queen of the forest.” Nature is always the inspiration when designing the bags. The brand was created to bring forward the SAI values (service, awareness, inclusivity) that formed an integral part of life during the Vedic period. Aranyani’s atelier is home to artisans who handcraft each bag. Aranyani’s craftpersons collectively bring almost two generations of skills in various art forms, including hand-painting, hand-embroidery, jewelry-making, and gold-gilding, to each collection. The brand is inspired by and a reflection of the natural beauty, the rich heritage, and the splendor of India.

We connected with Hareesh Mirpuri, Aranyani’s founder and creative director, to learn more about this spectacular brand.

### What personally inspired you to launch the Aranyani handbag line?

I believe that India deserves a space in the luxury segment of the global market. Brands all over the world have been using inspirations from the art, crafts, and artisans of India for many years. India has also been renowned for its love affair with jewelry for centuries. The handbag is considered the modern woman’s jewelry. Combining these, I was inspired to launch the Aranyani handbag line.

### When you combine artisan traditions from India and the West, you say it offers “a traditional heart and a modern outlook.” Can you tell us about that?

Art is the language of our civilization. Art forms express the mental state and feelings from deep within the artist. These Indian artistic techniques have developed through a natural process of evolution over generations. Hence, these artisanal traditions are a natural expression not only of design but of the heart of the artists. Through its evolution, art allows traditional techniques to evolve and translate to today’s times, giving them a modern look.

### Do you have a favorite handbag?

I love the Aranyani Tote because it is elegant yet practical with the inclusion of the pouchette inside. I also love the Mini Top Handle since it is very versatile and can be used as a day or evening bag.

### How would you describe the designs in three words?

Exquisite, Exquisite, Exquisite!

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# JETSETTER STYLE

## HÔTEL MARTINEZ, CANNES, FRANCE

BY GREGORY DELICARPINI JR.  
PHOTOGRAPHY BY LORENZO VINTI



When travel to France becomes possible again, consider an escape from the noise of reality and head to the dreamy Hôtel Martinez for a dazzling escape in the Côte d'Azur region of France. Opened in 1929, the Hôtel Martinez is a stunning example of Art Deco architecture and design that was inspired by the delicate colors of the region. The interior designer Pierre-Yves Rochon added a new level of charm to this renovated hotel with gorgeous crystal fixtures, icy blue décor, and bold white Art Deco molding.

The hotel is a must for the perfect winter escape. Film stars, royalty, and tourists visit year-round at this oasis by the sea. Art Deco and Mediterranean architecture blend perfectly with contemporary design and luxury in the 409 guestrooms and suites.

For the ultimate winter French Riviera experience, these exclusive rooms and suites have stunning views of the Mediterranean. The well-equipped fitness center also has views of the sea. You can spend time in the sauna or at the exclusive spa getting a facial with products from the luxe Swiss brand L. Raphael.

Breakfast is a dream-like fantasy. The huge buffet is complete with different sections for fruits, breads, pastries, cheese, and eggs. I thought I was still dreaming when I entered the room. Dinner at the property is delicious French fare with a Mediterranean twist by the genius chef Christian Sinicropi.

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BY MJ PEDONE



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MOST INNOVATIVE DESIGNS

BY KARA LIAM



With hundreds of different high-end wallets on the market, GRAY is making its luxury card-wallet stand out from the rest by using aerospace-grade aluminum to offer a sleek, lightweight approach to the modern wallet.

A luxury tech-accessories brand known for its futuristic and architectural designs, GRAY is stealing the show when it comes to the most innovative designs. As the brand states on its website: “The colour gray calls to mind the tension between black and white, different absolutes. Every great invention in the world happens in this space, where the friction between different ideas, perspectives and experiences ignites true innovation. Balancing these different inputs to create the extraordinary is our mantra.”

*Social Life* editors fell in love with the Vandium card-wallet, handcrafted using aluminum and carbon fiber. The wallet provides RFID blocking — future-forward technology that prevents digital theft, so your cards can’t be electronically skimmed and stolen.

The avant-garde wallet holds up to 15 cards and comes in four different matte sandblasted finishes: stealth, space gray, galactic blue, and pulsar red. The wallets are now available online at [gray.inc/collections/vandium](http://gray.inc/collections/vandium).

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BY ANTHONY MICHAEL

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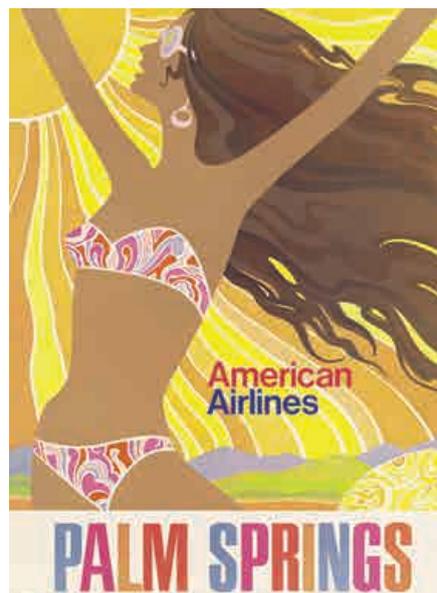


### Hat Trick

This holiday season, remind your guy what it was like to go out and be fancy with a Tenth Street Hat. Choose from 375 styles. Prices vary, [tenthstreethats.com](http://tenthstreethats.com)

### Get Airborne

While most of us are still grounded, there are some great ways to travel vicariously. If your guy likes to



fly, splurge on *Airline Visual Identity 1945-1975*, a gorgeous collector's limited-edition coffee table book. \$1,100, [callisto-publishers.com](http://callisto-publishers.com)



### **Best Foot Forward**

Kinis's motto is "Let's Move Naturally." This line of ultra-minimalist shoes optimizes the foot's natural biomechanics and is seriously comfy whether walking, running, or working out. \$95+, [kinis.com](http://kinis.com)



### **Geek Out**

You've seen a million different iterations of this, but Geekey is literally an award-winning work of art. Precision engineering combines everyday common tools into one sleek little punch that delivers endless capability. \$23, [getgeekey.com](http://getgeekey.com)



### **Pack It In**

The Coaltree Compass backpack is basic . . . but not. Two hydration sleeves, a hidden pocket for valuables that sits against your back, padded sleeves that fit up to 17" laptops and 10" tablets, water-resistant and slash-proof. \$79, [coaltree.com](http://coaltree.com)



### **Tell It Like It Is**

Celebrate the season! The sturdy Well Told stainless-steel flask is engraved with your choice of hometown or a custom night sky. \$30, [welltolddesign.com](http://welltolddesign.com)

# THE HOT LYSST

BY LYSS STERN



*Lyss Stern, the CEO and founder of DivaMoms.com — New York's premier socializing network for moms and moms-to-be — shares her picks for Hamptons moms this month. Instagram @diva\_moms*

## FOR #DIVAMOMS



### CREATIVE CARDS

Virtual Classroom DigiCards will enhance and improve anyone's learning experience — whether they're remote or in person. Each colorful card will keep partici-

pants engaged and avoid students' shouting over one another. Some of the fun phrases include "Thank You," "I Have A Question," "Claps," and "Thumbs Up." Bonus: There are even cards for teachers, too! [hellodigicards.com](http://hellodigicards.com), \$19.99



### SWEET TREAT

North South Confections' first collection, Fruits Both Familiar and Curious, is the perfect combination of chocolate and fruit. The bon bons

are creamy, chocolate-infused 100% fresh fruit puree, enveloped with 70% dark cacao chocolate. The picture-perfect package is a nice addition. [northsouthconfections.com](http://northsouthconfections.com), \$52

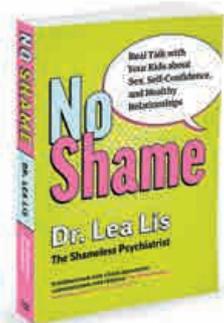


### MOTHER-HOODIE

Two mompreneurs came together to release something every #divamom needs this fall. LimitLysst collaborated with like, Glitterally to create the "Zoom Prep" school hoodie to lighten up a stressful situation. It's cozy, comfy, creative, chic, and, of course, #fabULyssfuns. Available on Instagram [@limitlysst](https://www.instagram.com/limitlysst).

### COZY COUTURE

Founded by a mother-daughter duo, the Smash + Tess romper is perfect whether you're lounging in the house, doing errands around town, or hanging with a friend. The rompers are made of a sustainable rayon and bamboo blend that will retain its shape and softness and be in your closet for a long time. Emma Roberts, Hilary Duff, and Jenna Dewan are fans of the clothing brand, which is just another reason to get this cozy outfit ASAP. [smashtess.com](http://smashtess.com), from \$119



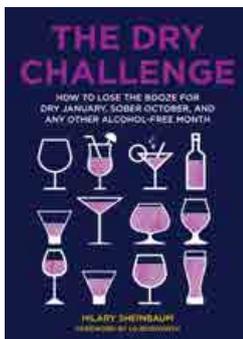
### HONESTY HOUR

There's nothing like having a candid conversation! In *No Shame: Real Talk With Your Kids About Sex, Self-Confidence and Health Relationships*, Dr. Lea Lis, a psychiatrist, gives parents advice on talking to their kids about sexuality and intimate relationships in the 21st century. With Dr. Lis's tips, parents will help their kids have positive sexual experiences when they get older. [amazon.com](http://amazon.com), \$17.95



### CATCH YOUR BREATH

O2, a respiratory protection company, created a great mask that will protect you, let you breathe, and keep you comfortable for hours on end. O2 Curve, the premier product, can filter out air particles and the medical-grade silicone provides an excellent seal around your nose and mouth. [o2canada.com](http://o2canada.com), \$99.99



### CHEERS TO THAT!

In honor of the New Year or Dry January, learn how to cut out the alcohol for one month and feel great. In *The Dry Challenge: How to Lose the Booze for Dry January, Sober October, and Any Other Alcohol-Free Month*, which comes out on December 29, author Hilary Sheinbaum gives informative and helpful tips on why not drinking will be beneficial to your life. Just think: clearer skin, better

sleep, and not spending so much money. The book also comes with non-alcoholic beverage recipes, activities without alcohol, and how to get creative while dating. [amazon.com](http://amazon.com), \$19.99



### STROLLIN' ALONG

Silver Cross Eclipse is a great way to take your child out and about. With its 3D sculpted fabrics, shiny chassis, and rose gold detail, the baby carriage is not only stylish but practical. The Wave 2021 stroller can carry your newborn and toddler simultaneously. The collection also has several accessories, including the matching Wave 2021 Diaper Bag Eclipse with an adjustable shoulder strap and cute details. [silvercrossus.com](http://silvercrossus.com), \$1,399

### MOMMY AND ME

Once a fashion showroom owner, turned mom and blogger/writer, Brienne Manz is getting back to her fashion roots with In The City. A feminine capsule collection for mothers and daughters, In The City is inspired by Brienne's January trip to Florence. That city's fashion, colored gelato cones, Gucci Gardens, and of course the gorgeous architecture inspired Brienne to create something totally whimsical. All the pieces are made of 100% Japanese cotton and are sewn here in NYC. From dresses to skirts (and even masks), these pieces will surely inspire all women and their little girls to never stop twirling with joy, and the #fabULyss holiday collection was launched November 1. [inthecity.shop.com](http://inthecity.shop.com)



### EASY EXPERIMENT

Instead of going outside to explore, create exciting projects like volcanoes and rainbow clouds in the comfort of your own home. The super cool Science and Art Subscription Kit is the perfect way to get creative, and an exciting new project comes every month. Just send your

child's age to the subscription service, and they will make sure your child is happy as a clam . . . or a unicorn. [craftstudionyc.com](http://craftstudionyc.com), \$95

### LIFE HACK

With more and more parents staying home these days, Lockitz! is a lock-screen app that uses colorful images and games to engage and educate young children without giving them access to your locked phone. Kids just tap on the Lockitz! menu and it automatically brings up the fun and educational games to keep them busy while you're finishing up work or some chores. When it's time to have mom or dad go back to using their phone, they just enter the appropriate commands like any normal lock screen. [getlockitz.com](http://getlockitz.com), \$3.99



### SNAZZY SHORTS

Myles Apparel's Everyday Shorts are great for working out, hiking, or running errands and stylish enough to wear with a button-down. The little details, including stretch fabric and a secure-snap back pocket, make it easy to stay in these shorts all day long.

Shorts come in dark blue, black, and red. [mylesapparel.com](http://mylesapparel.com), \$58

### EAR CANDY

The new Epic Air Sport ANC and Epic Air ANC feature Smart ANC technology will enhance your listening experience whether you're tuning in to a podcast or just jamming out to some music. Jab's new Smart ANC allows users to customize the active noise control level, equalizer settings, and customize touch controls for each earbud. This device is sweat- and water-resistant, has a battery that lasts for hours, and has wireless charging. [jlabaudio.com](http://jlabaudio.com), \$99



### LOVELY LEATHER

It's time to invest in a sleek and sophisticated iPhone case. Bullstrap, a new premium line of technology-focused leather accessories, makes any device look better. There are even two card slots on the back of the case for you to store credit cards, IDs, and business cards, and plenty of colors to make your phone pop. [bullstrap.com](http://bullstrap.com), \$64.95



### TIME'S UP

La Grande Mer, The Sacred Crafts' debut timepiece collection, includes four, Swiss-made automatic watches, including La Grande Mer, Hua Hin, Dark Seas, and Kudmaj. The trendy collection is made from reclaimed bronze, wood, and other materials collected from the waters off Thailand. All the watches have interesting features and come in different colors. [thesacredcrafts.com](http://thesacredcrafts.com), \$1,299 to \$1,999

# DIVAMOMS GO #OTG FOR A MUCH-NEEDED #MTO MOMMY TIME OUT

BY WENDY SIEGEL AND LYSS STERN



What do you get when you bring 25 stressed-out moms from the tri-state area to the Pocono Mountains for a weekend getaway at a five-star sleepaway camp? What do you get when you take into account that these same moms have been quarantined with their kids for six straight months while also attempting to work full time, deal with cancelled summer plans, survive a new masked reality, prepare for the onset of Zoom school, and continue as the CEOs of their families . . .

You get 25 women in need of a #MTO Mommy Time Out much-needed break. You get a powerhouse group of moms ready to go off the grid (#OTG), relax, release, have fun, unplug, make new friends, and press the reset button. You get the inaugural “Diva Moms #OTG Getaway Weekend” at Tyler Hill Camp.

Diva Moms’ founder, Lyss Stern, dreamed up this idea on a late August afternoon when she brought her daughter, Blake, to tour Tyler Hill Camp for the summer of 2021. Lyss, who suffered from a mild case of Covid back in March, said her visit to camp was the first time she felt at peace since the world shut down. She knew that a weekend away — and completely off the grid — was the solution for other moms who were seeking that same sense of peace. And right there and then — while sharing a Chipwich in Adirondack chairs along Tyler Hill’s pool — Lyss; her sister; and Tyler Hill’s director, Wendy Siegel, began plotting and planning and brainstorming. Exactly one month later, it was “Opening Day” for the Diva Moms getaway weekend.

And what a weekend it was.

Moms arrived on a Friday afternoon in September to swag bags filled with everything from Beach Juice, #OTG custom masks, mask chains, Pheel masks and gift cards, custom #deLysscious

cookies to Augustinus Bader face cream to Bliss at-home facials (plus the most coveted #OTG tie-dye sweatshirts). Once the moms settled into their private rooms (with private bathrooms) overlooking Tyler Hill’s magnificent Laurel Lake, the fun began. Days were filled with yoga classes, cardio boot camps, mindfulness programs, “Wine and Dye,” beading, cupcake decorating, journaling, and more. Nights included campfires and s’mores, storytelling, lots of wine, karaoke for those who dared, and late-night canteen pizza. Meals were extravagant, snacks were campy, and the feeling among the moms was one of complete chill.

Conversations spanned from sippy cups to college essays to business ideas to mommy tips. Strangers became friends, and laughter echoed from the lake to the trees, from the early hours around the coffee bar to late into the night.

It was exactly what the doctor ordered!

The weekend was a homerun from start to finish. And while moms reluctantly said goodbye after breakfast on Sunday and began their treks home, they did so with a sense of renewal and a spring in their steps. And speaking of spring . . . the May 21–23 Diva Moms Getaway is already at capacity with a waitlist. These moms are onto something.

As long as there are moms and kids, there will be a need for moms to get away for #OTG #MTO weekends. Lyss and Wendy promise that they will not stop working their magic to provide these unique #OTG #MTO getaways. And if you’re a grandma or a dad, don’t you worry! “Glam-Ma” and “Diva Dads” weekends are in the works . . . there’s something for everyone!

**Instagram: @diva\_moms and @tylerhillcamp18469**



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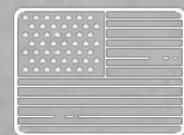
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# BEAUTY

By JEANETTE ZINNO



## *How to Transition Your Beauty Routine*

*With winter in full swing, it's time to think about changing up our beauty regimens with products that combat dryness, increase hydration, and shield us from the elements. Here are some of my favorite product picks at the moment.*

### SKIN RENEWAL

**Vintner's Daughter's Active Treatment Essence** is a deeply hydrating formula that delivers radiance and renewal to the skin. With 70+ water-soluble nutrients and next-generation plant actives, the formula noticeably improves the overall appearance of skin and supports the performance of subsequent products. [vintnersdaughter.com](http://vintnersdaughter.com), \$225



### POTENT SERUM

This potent serum is infused with Caviar Premier and with **La Prairie's Exclusive Cellular Complex** for an immediate lifting sensation. The result is a serum that melts into your skin and over time makes it appear lifted and firmed. [laprairie.com](http://laprairie.com), \$690

### RICH CREAM

This intensely rich cream revitalizes very dry skin for a renewed, firmer appearance. Peony and gardenia fruit help address the loss of elasticity, while hadasei-3 (a complex of rice bran extract, red algae, and green tea) help to deeply moisturize. [tatcha.com](http://tatcha.com), \$185



### CLEANSED COMPLEXION

Originally formulated exclusively for aestheticians, this cleanser offers professional results at home. Infused with powerful antioxidants, this rich and creamy cleanser fades age spots and under-eye circles as it rebalances the skin and protects from environmental stress. [circcell.com](http://circcell.com), \$45

## Skin Check-In

*Keep your skin glowing and protected throughout the colder months with the below tricks and product tips. I sat down with Joanna Vargas, an aesthetician and spa owner whose celebrity clientele frequents the Hamptons, to discuss seasonal skincare and how to get that deny glow all of her clients are after.*



Joanna Vargas

### What do you recommend to clients who are transitioning their skincare routines from fall to winter?

Fall skin is damaged, dry, and in need of repair. The best way to start is to use a cleanser that can exfoliate the dead skin and stimulate collagen production. I would also consider doing a nice peel. I like both fruit acids and enzymatic peels. Also, summer sun and pollution stress the skin and fall is the perfect time to repair the damage with an intensive moisturizer.



Wear SPF at a level of 40 or higher. I like to use **SuperGoop Translucent Powder** because you can reapply throughout the day and wear over makeup. It doesn't clog the pores or build up!

I suggest adding a day cream to your routine that contains soothing shea and cocoa butters — they melt at body temperature so they go right into the skin and stay there all day. You don't end up feeling dry halfway through the day. Also, another great ingredient to look for is avocado oil like in my **Daily Hydrating Cream**. It calms inflammation rapidly, is awesome for sensitive skin, and contains so many amazing vitamins for the skin and lymphatic system that it will de-puff, hydrate, and soothe.



### Which treatments do you recommend we continue throughout the winter?

I always recommend LED light therapy to help keep the skin healthy. LED light therapy uses red and infrared light to reduce inflammation, build collagen, and speed the healing of the body by 300%. In my salon, we do several different treatments that involve LED light, but by far the most popular is my patented **RevitaLight Bed**, which gives a client a full-body LED treatment in just 20 minutes. The bed covers the entire body with red and infrared light, reducing cellulite, lines, wrinkles, sun damage, acne scars, and stretch marks to give a smoother and more even skin tone — all over!

I always recommend clients have facials once a month year-round. Nothing you do at home can replace a professional's exfoliation, extraction, and attention!

### Do you have any secret skincare tips to share with us?

Sleep with a humidifier in your bedroom. It will add just enough moisture to the environment to give your skin the chance to do some real healing. For those who are afraid of the bacteria that sometimes can accumulate in a humidifier, you can even get a little one that attaches to a mini water bottle.

Another great tip for curing winter skin is to throw half an avocado into your morning smoothie. The extra fats in avocado will make your skin soft and smooth from the inside out!

## TOP BEAUTY DOCTORS IN NEW YORK

DR. JULIE RUSSAK &amp; DR. AMANDA DOYLE AT RUSSAK DERMATOLOGY CLINIC

BY FALLON HARINGTON

“I like to take a holistic approach to beauty. The skin is an incredible organ and many things contribute to and are intimately interconnected with the health and beauty of our skin. I enjoy taking the time to connect with each of my patients, listening and learning about their passions, skincare routines, and overall lifestyles. I guide my patients in achieving their goals of beautiful, healthier, younger skin by helping them see the bigger picture.”

Dr. Julie Russak,  
Super Doctor since 2013,  
as seen in the  
*New York Times*



Dr. Julie Russak



*Social Life* editors searched high and low for the best dermatology and beauty services in New York, and we found it all in one place! We discovered Russak Dermatology Clinic, a luxury dermatology haven and medical aesthetic center in Midtown Manhattan, led by the talented physicians Dr. Julie Russak and Dr. Amanda Doyle.

Russak Dermatology Clinic is a state-of-the-art practice at the forefront of aesthetic advances. The clinic offers comprehensive care in medical and cosmetic dermatology, including the latest cutting-edge technologies, personalized consultations, and a pleasantly inviting luxurious setting. In order to meet patient demand, Russak+ Aesthetic Center, an extension of Russak Dermatology Clinic, opened in 2015. Under the direction of Dr. Julie Russak — a board-certified dermatologic surgeon — and her team of aesthetic medical professionals, the clinic and aesthetic center place the utmost emphasis on providing clinically proven procedures, with a focus on education and prevention for overall wellness. Injectables, lasers, energy devices, stem cell rejuvenation, and body contouring are just a few of the life-changing treatments offered. We jumped at the opportunity to sit down with the two leading doctors at Russak Dermatology Clinic to discuss their innovative work and how they're changing the face (and skin!) of New Yorkers!

Dr. Russak's love for culture and beauty began in her hometown, a tiny village in Siberia above the Arctic Circle. Even in minus-22°F weather, women still applied makeup and took pride in their meticulous morning routine before conquering the day. This installed in her, from a young age, an appreciation for beauty and the importance of taking care of oneself at all times.

Dr. Russak passionately shared with us her personal philosophy on beauty: She believes in treating her patients holistically. “I help my patients achieve their goals of beautiful skin by helping them look and feel younger from the inside out. I do extensive research and commit myself to keeping up with the newest and latest in my field — most recently including stem cell research and bi-identical hormones — in order to provide my patients with the best scientific knowledge available right now in anti-aging science, to help them age gracefully.” Dr. Russak believes it's irresponsible for a cosmetic doctor to solely focus on the outside since medicine has come to learn so much about how health influences the appearance of aging. Dr. Russak offers the latest developments in stem-cell research, in combination with the most effective technologies to deliver treatments into the deeper layers of the skin.



Dr. Amanda Doyle | Photography by Marsin Mogielski

Working with a board-certified dermatologist whom you trust can absolutely be part of that (and an important part of that), but it's more about a positive mentality and a healthy relationship with yourself than anything else. My long-term patients who have been consistent with their personalized plans look better and better with time in a way that is graceful and natural. Most want to look refreshed, youthful, and like the best version of themselves."

Both Dr. Russak and Dr. Doyle do extensive research on the latest in health and aesthetic medicine to provide their patients with the best and latest evidence-based treatments available. Visit Russak Dermatology Clinic and Russak+ Aesthetic Center in Manhattan to experience expertise in aesthetic skincare; anti-aging, cosmetic treatments; and internal wellness in the heart of New York City. There's no place quite like it.

In addition to medical and cosmetic treatments, patients can benefit from a customized regenerative and restorative food and supplement regimen that is based on extensive lab-work analyses completed at Russak Dermatology Clinic. Dr. Russak's holistic approach to skincare, supported by the latest scientific research, is what sets her apart.

Next we sat down with the talented and renowned Dr. Amanda Doyle, a board certified dermatologist, to learn more about why New Yorkers of all ages are flocking to her for their dermatology needs. Her artistic nature and attention to detail has everyone talking.

Growing up in a medical family inspired Dr. Doyle's love for medicine and her passion for helping others. While she was in college, she also studied art and fashion in Paris. "I knew that I had to combine my love for science and art with a career in medicine," she explained. Her unique background and skill set provides aesthetically pleasing results for her patients. She uses her extensive toolbox of treatments to provide impressive, natural improvements. "There isn't a single procedure that is the most popular right now. Our patients are smart and savvy and want a natural, refreshed look. Many of them know that it requires a combination of treatments in the right order, at the right time, with a light touch to achieve that. I cater to many patients with specific timelines and goals and specialize in creating treatments that incorporate a combination of tailored skin care, laser treatment, microneedling, skin tightening, filler and/or toxin."

Dr. Doyle's personal philosophy is that it's never too late to look and feel your best. "There are so many ways to achieve this.



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# SUNTRA MODERN RECOVERY

## RECOVERY & REHABILITATION, CONCIERGE STYLE

BY BLAIR BASS

**“The hardest part of beginning treatment for an addiction is the first call.”**  
Suntra Modern Recovery

Suntra Modern Recovery is an innovative New York City-based addiction rehabilitation and treatment service that helps people access care when and where they need it. Its founders, Dr. Jean-Luc Neptune and Adam Banks, have created a bespoke service that combines at-home and telemedicine-based care for people with substance use disorders. Suntra works with clients from the initial high-intensity phase when someone first realizes that they have a problem to the long-term support phase when an individual succeeds in sustaining a durable recovery. To facilitate this lifecycle of recovery, Suntra offers a range of services, including coordinating an intervention, providing physician oversight of at-home detox, providing long-term coaching, and managing an individual’s medication needs over time.

*Social Life* sat down with Dr. Jean-Luc Neptune and Adam Banks to learn more about their life-changing service and how it can help people with addiction.

### Has addiction gotten worse during the Covid-19 pandemic?

**Dr. Neptune:** Absolutely. Early on in the pandemic we saw traffic increase to our website by five to ten times, and our phone traffic increased significantly as well. We are living in a very stressful time, with many of us sequestered at home, and people are reporting being lonely. The pandemic has created economic stresses for families, has disrupted school routines for parents and children, and has created immense uncertainty for the future. With all of these stressors, it is understandable that people may turn to alcohol or drugs to cope. Addictions that have been hidden are now seen by family members as adult children are living at home, and spouses are seeing behaviors that used to be hidden by work.

### What is your philosophy on recovery?

**Adam Banks:** We understand that recovery takes time, and there’s never just one single modality that can treat an addiction.



Adam Banks, CIP, CARC, and Jean-Luc Neptune, M.D.

Recovery is not an event; it’s a process. Addiction is also not treated in a vacuum. Successful, long-term recovery involves healing an individual and the whole family. Each situation is unique, and we have to focus on doing what works. Research has shown that clients have higher success rates the longer they stay in continuous treatment; our programs are designed to make it easy for people to continue receiving care at home, at work, on vacation, or wherever it’s needed.

### Can you tell us how your programs work?

**Dr. Neptune:** The hardest part of beginning treatment for an addiction is the first call. Recovery always takes outside help. It all starts with a complimentary consultation in which a knowledgeable member of our team will talk with you about your situation. From there we’ll develop a custom program and treatment can begin immediately. Our concierge-level service will deliver the providers, medications, and support services that you need to help you accomplish your recovery goals.

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# BEYOND BEAUTIFUL

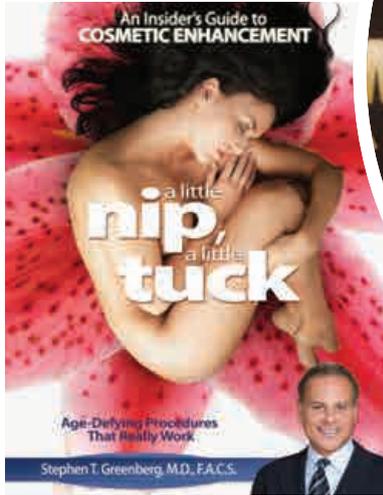
*Stephen T. Greenberg, M.D., F.A.C.S.  
Dominates NY Plastic Surgery*

A customized and personal approach to self improvement is the key to success. Dr. Stephen T. Greenberg reports that several recent enhancements in technology have helped make plastic surgery procedures safer, more natural and easier for the patient. With the multitude of procedures available, it is most important to find the right surgeon, who will guide and advise you in choosing the best and appropriate procedures.

Dr. Greenberg recognizes the importance of addressing each person's unique requirements, goals and objectives, and implements an overall plan (inclusive of diet and exercise), to help achieve both a beautiful look and realistic result. Dr. Greenberg is in high demand to treat celebrities from around the world, as well as the girl next door. At the apex of his craft, Dr. Greenberg is something of a legend. He is currently writing his second book as a follow up to A Little Nip, A Little Tuck. His radio show Nip Tuck Saturdays with Dr. Stephen T. Greenberg every Saturday at noon on 77WABC draws thousands of listeners each week. His newest product; Plastic Surgeon's Ultimate™ Scar Gel has patented, time released technology that is clinically proven to reduce the appearance of old and new scars as well as stretch marks. Dr. Greenberg is continually expanding the aesthetic arena by combining the use of cutting edge techniques with the latest technology.

He performs a variety of procedures, including breast augmentation, breast lift, breast reduction, liposuction, tummy tucks, body lifts, facelifts and eyelid lifts, customized to achieve beautiful, natural-looking results. What is new and exciting at this time is the Modern Mommy Makeover package, the perfect combination of breast augmentation with or without a breast lift, abdominoplasty with or without liposuction and labiaplasty with or without Viveve laser vaginal rejuvenation.

J Plasma is a one-of-a kind treatment to rejuvenate the face and body for a more youthful appeal. J Plasma Lipo and J Plasma Lift utilize a fusion of technologies to remove unwanted fat while



*Dr. Greenberg's beauty bible...  
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tightening the skin. Emsculpt® has recently been introduced in Dr. Greenberg's office as the newest non-invasive body sculpting procedure designed to effectively remove excess fat and rapidly reduce inches. Many times Dr. Greenberg recommends combining Emsculpt® with Coolsculpting® to non-surgically target those stubborn areas of fat resistant to diet and exercise.

Face-lift surgery is a cosmetic procedure that involves removing sagging skin and tightening muscle tissue of the face and neck to counter signs of aging. A brow lift (forehead lift) minimizes the creases that develop across the forehead, or those that occur high on the bridge of the nose and improves frown lines or a low brow.

Skin rejuvenation treatments such as Fractura and IPL Photorejuvenation improve skin tone, texture, remove sun spots and capillaries as well as minimize fine lines. Microdermabrasion, Hydrafacials and chemical peels are effective in exfoliating and refreshing the skin and can all be used in combination with each other, as well as with an at home regimen.

Dr. Greenberg's revolutionary skin care system, Cosmetic Surgeon in a Jar™, is recommended specifically to reverse sun and free radical damage, enhance elasticity and produce a younger look and a reduction in fine lines and wrinkles.

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### MIND AND BODY INTEGRATIVE MEDICINE AND IV NUTRACEUTICALS

BY LYNN BRANDON

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Given the lack of effective and safe antiviral drugs for Coronavirus, there needs to be more attention to supporting one's immune defenses by protecting cells and regulating immune responses. Below are three excerpts from an article in the December 2020 issue of the *Journal of Global Antimicrobial Resistance*:

- "Implementation of high-dose vitamin C therapy could dramatically reduce the need for high doses of corticosteroids, antibacterial and antiviral drugs that may be immunosuppressive, adrenal depressive and toxic, complicating the disease course."
- "In order to effectively fight the novel SARS-COV-2 virus, medical professionals should explore readily available Nutraceutical therapies with proven antioxidant, anti-inflammatory and immunosupportive properties."
- "Supplemental high dose vitamin C may also provide additional benefits for the prevention of viral illnesses, shorten the disease course and lessen complications of the disease."



Dr. DiFrancesco received her bachelor's degree from the University of Pennsylvania, medical degree from Temple University School of Medicine, and residency training at Mt. Sinai Medical Center. She is board certified by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology.

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# DISAPPOINTMENT

## HOW IT AFFECTS YOUR WELL-BEING



BY L.A. DAWSON

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**D**isappointment is a certain life circumstance. How you deal with disappointment is a choice. There is a reaction time where you feel the loss, change, or letdown. Then there is hope during a recovery time when we decide to go forward with lessons learned.

A problem arises if we reiterate a different scenario endlessly. Searching for a way to justify or figure out why and how we became disappointed just feeds the negative energy. There is a bottom line. Disappointment happened. Now what? If you keep searching for an answer that fixates on negative thoughts, you will miss the opportunities that experiencing a disappointment can present. Disappointment can teach you something new about yourself and others. It is powerful to take that information and evolve.

At Live and Heal Health and Life Coaching, my clients often report feeling uncomfortable and nervous from focusing on negative thoughts. They recognize that they need a mindset that is filled with hope. As they work through this dilemma, they notice positive changes.

### Here are a few simple tips to keeping a positive mindset.

- ✓ 1. Eat whole foods to feed a healthy brain.
- ✓ 2. Develop a simple mantra and repeat as needed: “I am healthy, happy, creative, and productive.” “Today will be filled with joy.” “I am positive, loving, and peaceful.”
- ✓ 3. Set positive intentions before you sleep for the following day.
- ✓ 4. **SAVERS:** This is an acronym for a positive morning routine, suggested by the author and success coach Hal Elrod.

**S** is for silence. This is the perfect time for meditation and prayer.

**A** is for affirmations. You can use above mantras.

**V** is for visualizations. Imagine yourself joyful!

**E** is for exercise. A simple morning workout releases endorphins.

**R** is for reading. Read an encouraging paragraph or two.

**S** is for scribing. Write in a gratitude journal.

- ✓ 5. Practice 5–7–8 breathing to keep your sympathetic nervous system calm. Breathe in for 5 seconds through your nose, hold for 7 seconds, and breathe out through your mouth for 8 seconds. Repeat ten times.

Keeping a positive mindset helps eliminate the negative reaction to disappointment. It can be achieved by following the simple tips above or by developing your own. If you’re practicing positivity daily, when the next disappointment arrives, you will see that you react differently. Disappointment happened . . . access and move on with lessons learned.

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# INSON DUBOIS WOOD

## INTERSECTING LIFE AND DESIGN: MASTERING THE ART OF LUXURY AND TIMELESSNESS

BY BLAIR BASS

“The greatest danger for most of us is not that our aim is too high and we miss it, but that it is too low and we reach it.” — Michelangelo



Greenwich: Traditional decor, photo by Mark Roskams

You know how challenging it is to find the right fit when choosing someone to design your current home or to help guide you about architecture and design before you purchase a new home. You want your desires for style, level of luxury, and budget to be respected from start to finish. You want your dream house or apartment to be a bespoke work of art that fills you with pride. To achieve this, do you opt for a famous designer? That answer is easy: Of course you do!

We are thrilled to profile Inson Dubois Wood, whose name is synonymous with luxury interior design and the multiple intricacies that come with it. This multi-lingual, global citizen has been transforming residential and commercial spaces from New York to throughout Europe and Asia. His spectacular work has captured the attention of who's who in New York. Among his many accomplishments and honored works, he had the privilege of working on a gut renovation of New York's second largest townhouse, a 25,000-square-foot home originally built in 1908 by the renowned architect Ogden Codman in collaboration with the famous novelist and designer

Edith Wharton. His pedigreed education includes a Master of Architecture from Harvard, where he studied under Frank Gehry, Rem Koolhaas, and Coop Himmelblau, and a Bachelor of Architecture from Cornell's prestigious undergraduate architecture program.

In awe of his phenomenal work, *Social Life* caught up with the virtuoso of interior design.

### How did you get your start in the glamorous world of interior design?

I guess you could say, in some way, I was born into interior design and architecture. My father, originally from Thailand, is a leading artist and my mother's being French meant vacations in Paris and the South of France. My stepmother also loved to entertain and grew up in a world we all dream of — chateaux in Cornwall and Devon on the western coast of England and later a fabulous townhouse on Weymouth Street in Marylebone, London, right next to the Royal Architecture Library.



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Quogue: Cape Cod with modern decor, photo by Mark Roskams

After graduating from Harvard, I spent years working at several large corporate design firms, working my way up to lead designer and eventually design director for Juan Pablo Molyneux, Charlotte Moss, and the late David Easton. And then about sixteen years ago, I decided to take the next step and start my own design firm . . . and I haven't looked back since.

**Can you tell us something about how you might begin a client relationship?**

One thing I like to do before deciding to work with a client is to have dinner with them to get to know their goals and desires, not just in regard to their home but for life in general. Design is about aspirational goals, not just for the home and its contents but also for the persons who will reside in it as

well as their extended family and friends. Whether it's fine art, investment sculpture, or a less pricey painting, it all needs to be aesthetically and spiritually pleasing. The way you design a home can help dictate the way someone will live in it with their family as well as how they can entertain friends and business colleagues. I then like to see their existing home to get a feel for what they like, what they don't like, and how they intend to use the new space.

Through this process, many clients have become lifelong friends, as well as repeat customers, sometimes involving collaboration on second, third, or even fourth homes. But it doesn't stop there. I've recommended things from wardrobe adjustments to classic cars to more personal lifestyle things



Quogue: Cape Cod with modern decor, photo by Mark Roskams

like exclusive vacation destinations, hotels, restaurants, boarding schools, colleges, and even future spouses. My goal is to be a matchmaker at every level. Life is short . . . we should aim high . . . just because . . .

**What do you love most about your job?**

Absolutely the people and pace, but I especially love the social aspect. I am drawn to the intimate nature of interior design where you are contemplating the funniest things like the sock drawer or lingerie storage. I was even recently asked to create a custom toothbrush. I love the extreme pleasure my clients get when the project is complete. Some want to be involved in every detail while others want to decide only on the major elements. They start off suggesting that my creative and

methodical process is bewildering, but end up saying they understand the method to the madness. I love that in design: The journey truly is the reward, whether antiquing in the South of France or redoing a metal patina 32 times to get it right.

**Do you have a favorite project or two you can tell us about?**

One of my favorite projects was a home I recently completed in Del Ray Beach for wonderful clients. I had designed their 16,000-square-foot baronial mansion in Greenwich, Connecticut, and was honored to be chosen again. This time, however, it was a contemporary villa and they wanted a modern luxe interior. I was consulted on much of the art and even flew down several of my secret artisanal vendors for wood



Del Ray Beach: Modern decor and Christmas theme, photo by Colette Lau

finishes and other craftsmen whose high-level skills were hard to find. Every piece of furniture and lighting was done custom, with custom samples made for approval — exhausting, time-intensive, and slightly nerve-racking — but in the end entirely worth it!

**Is there a signature style you're known for?**

Eclectic for sure! Having worked with people as diverse as Zaha Hadid and Charlotte Moss, I love blending styles — a traditional interior with modern furniture or vice versa. I was called a guru of eclectic design by Christopher Hyland, who awarded our firm the prestigious Christopher Hyland Award.





Del Ray Beach: Modern decor and Christmas theme, photo by Colette Lau

**What was it like to study architecture at Harvard under Frank Gehry and other powerhouses of modernism, and how did it influence your own unique style?**

Frank Gehry, Rem Koolhaas, Zaha Hadid, and Wolf D. Prix all left an indelible mark on my love for futuristic modernism and getting the impossible built. But the people I learned the most from were my fellow students. Some were actual astrophysicists teaching at Harvard, who then decided to become architects. My housemate taught himself four languages in three months and designed the Apple touch-screen in his free time. It was humbling to be around such brilliant minds.



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Quogue: Cape Cod with modern decor, photo by Mark Roskams

**In addition to your vocation as a designer, do you have an avocation or special interest?**

Yes, I have a love for sport and philanthropy. I generally strive to be the best at what I do, and I love sharing the joy of success with others. This comes through in my cycling. I began racing at nine, and continued racing at boarding school and then at Harvard. I, along with my close friends Ric Wolf and Alex Sanborn, created the longest-running charitable cycling team. Our nonprofit, Foundation Cycling New York ([foundationcyclingnewyork.org](http://foundationcyclingnewyork.org)), has given underprivileged youth the opportunity to pursue racing at the professional level. I continue to mentor and maintain close friendships with current and former team members. Founded in 1999,

Foundation Cycling New York has in 20 years sent 12 kids to the pro level in the United States and Europe and raised over \$3 million to ensure they succeed. Stewardship ranks as the most rewarding thing in my life — even above career achievements. My parents always told me to aim high and when I got there to pay it forward. It's truly an honor to watch others flourish with a little helping hand.

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# DESIGNER SPOTLIGHT

## JILL KAHN

### DESIGNING WITH HEART & SOUL

BY LISA KRAMER



Renowned for “getting it” when it comes to knowing what her clients want, the interior designer Jill Kahn takes her clients on a journey into their own hearts as much as the space around them. *Social Life* was delighted to come across some of Jill’s work and a plethora of positive reviews from her clients, so we made it a priority to virtual chat with her to learn more about what makes her approach and outcome so phenomenal.

#### What drew you to interior design?

Since I was a little girl I’ve been a very visual person. My mom lost her sight completely in an automobile accident when I was two years old, so growing up I was her “eyes” in many ways. I appreciated beauty in things like most people, but I was verbally painting pictures with all their detail to help my mom appreciate the beauty in things she could no longer see. Because of her disability, I understood the importance of functionality of space and how it is essential to living comfortably.

#### What would you say is the unique talent you bring to your work?

The unique talent I believe I bring to my work is my ability to put people at ease and also evoke a sense of excitement in them with what can sometimes be an overwhelming process. I think my clients truly see my love for helping and guiding them, and I believe this instills a sense of trust that is essential to my work.

“The personality of the space should reflect the personality of the client.”  
Jill Kahn, interior designer

#### Tell us about a notable project.

This project wasn’t the largest or most glamorous, but it meant so much to me as I took it on during unprecedented times: the quarantine. A couple who had just completed a large renovation and were scheduled to move into their new home within a couple of months reached out to me. They had sold almost all of their furniture and had no idea how they’d fill their new home with all stores closed down. I had to ensure my potential client that we could do this remotely — purchasing everything online. With their trust in me, a few months later the house was successfully completed and became their beautiful new home.

#### What is your dream project?

It would probably be something that has less to do with grandeur or unlimited budgets and more to do with sentimental value to me. An opportunity to design a beach house in the Lido Beach Dunes would mean so much to me. It’s exactly the section of the South Shore where I grew up. Not only would it be a labor of love, but also it would give me the opportunity to incorporate local history into the space and local artistry, which is something that always makes a home location even more meaningful.

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JEAN SHAFIROFF AT HOME



## MICHAEL L. LOMAX

JEAN SHAFIROFF INTERVIEWS DR. MICHAEL L. LOMAX,  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF UNCF

By JEAN SHAFIROFF

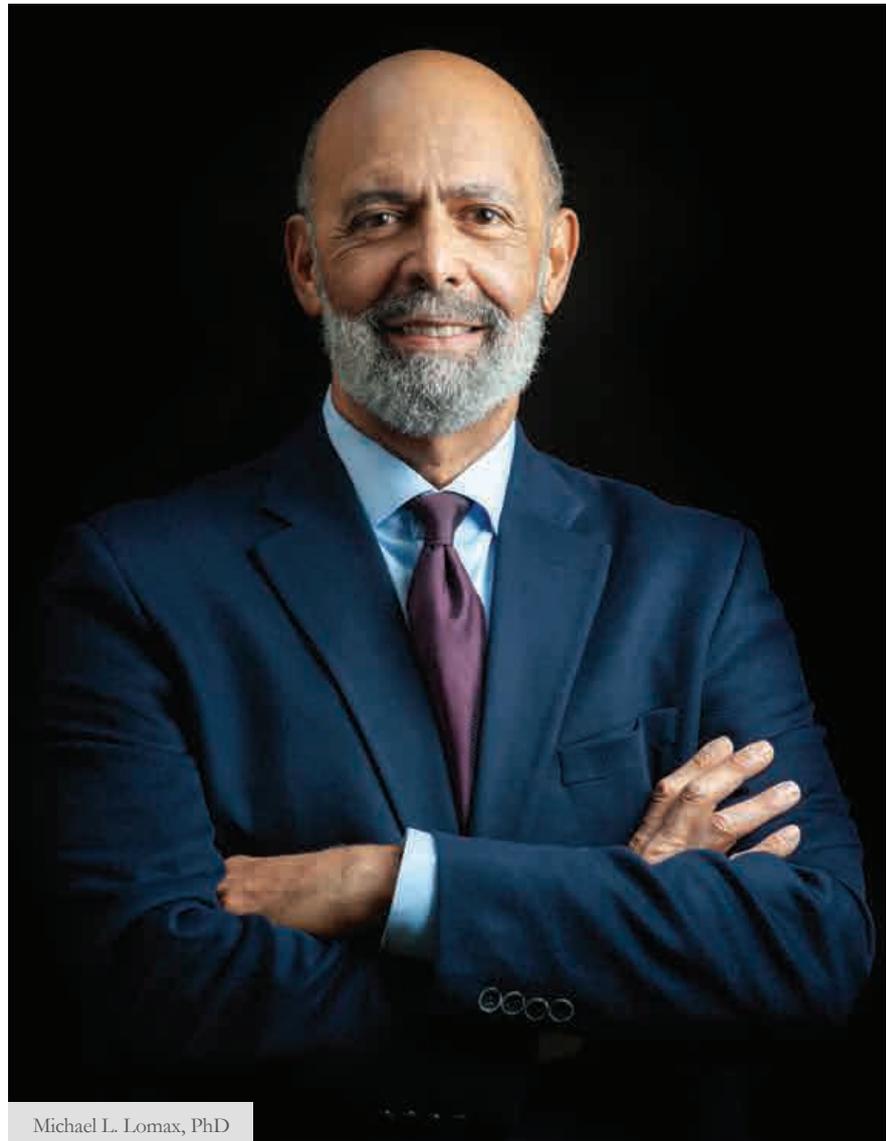
**Please explain UNCF for our readers.**

UNCF is one of higher education's most impactful assets. Since its founding in 1944, UNCF has provided its members — private, historically Black colleges and universities (HBCUs) — with financial and capacity-building assistance, enabling more than 460,000 students of color to earn a college degree. UNCF annually supports approximately 60,000 students across 1,100 colleges and awards 10,000 scholarships to deserving young men and women. Still, for every scholarship UNCF grants to a student in need, nine other candidates are denied for lack of funding.

**What do you hope your go-forward strategy will do to preserve the legacy of HBCUs?**

UNCF's strategy for the future is focused on prioritizing the sustainability and transformation of the UNCF network of 37 HBCUs so that they can continue to produce the next generation of leaders as we all adapt to today's new realities.

HBCUs account for only 3% of the nation's colleges and universities, and they enroll 10% of all African-American undergraduates. Yet they consistently punch above their weight, producing 17% of all bachelor's degrees earned by African



Michael L. Lomax, PhD

Jean Shafiroff, Photo by Michael Paniceca

Americans. And they produce strong, impressive results — educational, economic, and societal impacts for their students, the communities in which they are rooted, and for our nation. They remain true to their values and produce outsized results, annually contributing \$14.8 billion to the national economy and 134,000 jobs to their local and regional economies.

### How has UNCF addressed both the coronavirus and the social justice movement?

Every day, Covid-19 and social injustice exacerbate the challenges students and institutions must overcome. During even normal times, HBCUs face a funding gap and must stretch every dollar. UNCF has worked tirelessly to address the critical emergency needs of the member HBCUs and their students.

UNCF's work on behalf of HBCUs and their students is inextricably intertwined with the ongoing Black struggle for full citizenship rights, privileges, and protections. It is important that HBCUs are not merely sustained but are fueled and strengthened for the work ahead. UNCF is up for this challenge and needs increased support now more than ever!

### How can potential supporters invest in UNCF?

Despite our progress, we still can help only one in ten students applying for financial assistance. Recent data shows 39% of students who enrolled in HBCUs in the fall did not return to college the following year — due in part to a lack of financial resources. The need-based financial assistance UNCF provides makes the difference between a student dropping out of college or graduating with a degree and entering the professional workforce.

Diversity matters, and UNCF institutions and students are key components to impacting the national economic growth that will result in better futures for all Americans. Please visit UNCF.org to learn more about the breadth of UNCF programs. You can make a difference by (1) donating at UNCF.org; (2) supporting your local UNCF office; or (3) following us on social media to learn how you can become an advocate. We hope you will support UNCF and join in our decades-long mission of investing in young minds, because “A mind is a terrible thing to waste, but a wonderful thing to invest in.”

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For more information about UNCF locally, contact Diego Aviles, vice president, development — Northeast Region: [Diego.Aviles@uncf.org](mailto:Diego.Aviles@uncf.org)

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** In 2018, Jean Shafiroff served as a co-chair of UNCF's Hamptons gala.



Michael Lomax, Johnnetta Betsch Cole and Don Lemon  
UNCF Gala Hosted by Co-chairs Jean Shafiroff and Gregory Lowe II  
August 18, 2018 in East Hampton. Photo by Mark Saggiocco/PMC

### ABOUT MICHAEL L. LOMAX, PHD

Since 2004, Dr. Michael L. Lomax has served as president and CEO of UNCF, the nation's largest private provider of scholarships and other educational support to African American students and a leading advocate of college readiness: students' need for an education, from pre-school through high school that prepares them for college success. Under his leadership, UNCF has raised more than \$3 billion and helped more than 110,000 students earn college degrees and launch careers. Annually, UNCF's work enables 60,000 students to go to college with UNCF scholarships and attend its 37-member historically Black colleges and universities (HBCUs).

### ABOUT JEAN SHAFIROFF

Jean Shafiroff — philanthropist, humanitarian, advocate, TV host, and the author of *Successful Philanthropy: How to Make a Life By What You Give* — is a volunteer leader of several charitable causes. She serves on several charity boards: Southampton Hospital Association, NYC Mission Society, French Heritage Society, Couture Council of The Museum at FIT, Global Strays, The Jewish Board (honorary trustee), and Southampton Animal Shelter Foundation (honorary board). In addition, Jean is an ambassador for American Humane and the national spokesperson for its Feed the Hungry Covid-19 program. She is an ambassador for the Southampton Animal Shelter Foundation. She is a New York Women's Foundation Board alumna who remains very active with this foundation and women's issues. Jean has been honored by countless charities, including the American Heart Association, American Cancer Society, NYC Mission Society, and Stony Brook Southampton Hospital, to name a few. Jean is the producer and host of the TV show *Successful Philanthropy*, which airs four times a week through LTV studios in East Hampton and every Friday at 8:30 p.m. in Manhattan on MNN TV: Spectrum channels 34 and 1995, Verizon/Fios channel 33, and RCN channel 82. Jean holds two degrees: a BS in Physical Therapy from the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Columbia University and an MBA in Finance from Columbia Business School at Columbia University. Jean and her family reside in Manhattan and Southampton.

# ELIZABETH STRIBLING

JEAN SHAFIROFF INTERVIEWS ELIZABETH STRIBLING,  
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF THE FRENCH HERITAGE SOCIETY

BY JEAN SHAFIROFF

**I am proud to serve on French Heritage Society's board of directors. Elizabeth, you have been chairman of the organization since 2007 and on the board since 2002. Tell us about FHS's work.**

The goal of French Heritage Society, which has ten chapters in the United States and one in Paris, is to restore beautiful places of architectural merit in France as well as those of French inspiration in the United States. Since 1982, we have awarded \$13 million in grants to over 600 châteaux, historic properties and gardens. Such historic restoration is a way to promote French culture as well as to create bonds of friendship between France and the United States. In this same spirit, we also have an internship program for American and French university students to ensure that preservation skills are transferred to the next generation.

**This year has been challenging, especially for nonprofit organizations. How has the Covid-19 health crisis impacted French Heritage Society?**

Just like other charities, we have had to cancel our in-person fundraising events and member trips to France. In addition, we had to postpone most of our 2020 intern placements. Naturally, this has affected our operating revenues and we have had to take prudent measures. However, thanks to our chapters and members, our grant support is continuing on track. In addition, our board has been fabulously supportive of our operations.

**French Heritage Society started an emergency fund following the tragic fire at Notre-Dame Cathedral in April of last year. How much was raised and what is the status of the restoration work?**

FHS raised close to \$2.6 million from over 3,400 donors from 40 countries around the world. The outpouring of support was incredibly moving and a sign that Notre-Dame means so much to so many people. Work at Notre-Dame stopped briefly because of the coronavirus and restarted in early June. In July, the chief architect for historic monuments, Philippe Villeneuve, advised that the spire should be rebuilt exactly as it was. This information was enthusiastically received! In early September, the crypt that sits under the Notre-Dame courtyard reopened with an exhibition honoring Victor Hugo and Eugène Viollet-le-Duc [French architect and author, 1814–1879].



Elizabeth Stribling

**French Heritage Society is known for its fabulous galas and I have been a chairman of many! What can you share with our readers about the virtual Black & Red Ball that took place Thursday, November 19, and how can we support it?**

We were very pleased to host a virtual gala that was a wonderful success and a lively Francophile event! Jean, thank you once again for serving as a chairman of the virtual gala. We had an exciting evening. We honored the international designer Robert Couturier, and I interviewed Robert at his gorgeous French-inspired Connecticut property. The newly arrived French consul to New York City, Jérémie Robert, made a special appearance. Your readers can support our work by making a donation at [frenchheritagesociety.org](http://frenchheritagesociety.org).

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Guy Robinson, Elizabeth Stribling, Jean-Yves Le Drian

**While you have this deep love for France, many think of you as the ultimate New Yorker. In fact, in November you were named a Living Landmark by The New York Landmarks Conservancy. As vice chairman of New York development at the real estate brokerage COMPASS, you most certainly have an interesting perspective on the pandemic's impact on real estate in New York City. What can you share with us about that?**

I love this city, and I am thrilled to have been named New York Living Landmark! Covid has had a devastating health and economic impact on New York City. However, as in other former dire times, New York will rebound — its residents are a special breed. This fall, slowly but steadily, people are purchasing residential property. Each week shows increased sales. Although prices have in no way plummeted, values are to be had. I predict that many who fled the city will be back. Memory is short, the vaccine will arrive, the theatre will return, and many bored New Yorkers will be eager to flock back.

#### *ABOUT ELIZABETH STRIBLING*

Elizabeth Stribling has served as chairman of the board of French Heritage Society since 2007 and has served on its board of directors since 2002. On April 1, 2019, she sold Stribling & Associates, which she had founded in 1980, to Compass, a national brokerage where she is vice chairman, New York development. She has received multiple awards from the French government and in 2019 was promoted to the rank of Commander in the Legion of Honor.

#### *ABOUT JEAN SHAFIROFF*

Jean Shafiroff — philanthropist, humanitarian, advocate, TV host, and the author of *Successful Philanthropy: How to Make a Life By What You Give* — is a volunteer leader of several charitable causes. She serves on several charity boards: Southampton Hospital Association, NYC Mission Society, French Heritage Society, Couture Council of The Museum at FIT, Global Strays, The Jewish Board (honorary trustee), and Southampton Animal Shelter Foundation (honorary board). In addition, Jean is an ambassador for American Humane and the national spokesperson for its Feed the Hungry Covid-19 program. She is an ambassador for the Southampton Animal Shelter Foundation. She is a New York Women's Foundation Board alumna who remains very active with this foundation and women's issues. Jean has been honored by countless charities, including the American Heart Association, American Cancer Society, NYC Mission Society, and Stony Brook Southampton Hospital, to name a few. Jean is the producer and host of the TV show *Successful Philanthropy*, which airs four times a week through LTV studios in East Hampton and every Friday at 8:30 p.m. in Manhattan on MNN TV: Spectrum channels 34 and 1995, Verizon/Fios channel 33, and RCN channel 82. Jean holds two degrees: a BS in Physical Therapy from the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Columbia University and an MBA in Finance from Columbia Business School at Columbia University. Jean and her family reside in Manhattan and Southampton.

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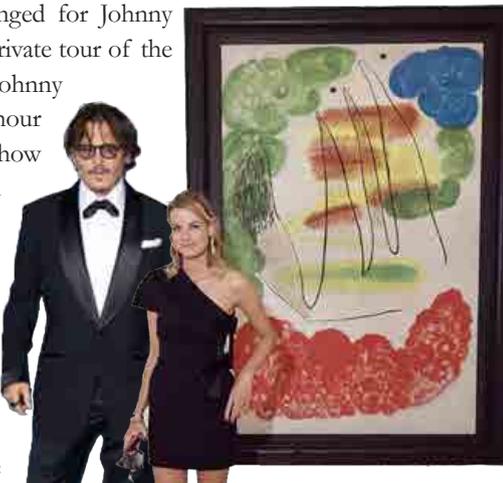
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PRINCE ALBERT, ISABELLE BSCHER, JOHNNY DEPP, REBEL WILSON, SUZANNE SOMERS, PETER THOMAS ROTH, ETAIN, FRIARS CLUB, HOPE NIGHT

## Prince Albert & Gallerist Isabelle Bscher

Prince Albert of Monaco and the glamorous gallerist Isabelle Bscher of Galerie Gmurzynska opened an exhibition by the painter Joan Miró at the Nouveau Musée National de Monaco. The prince enlisted Isabelle to curate the show and co-host the opening night dinner for 40 guests at the Monte Carlo Yacht Club. Stars included the designer Hedi Slimane and the actress Rebel Wilson and her new beau, Jacob Busch of the beer-brewing dynasty. The floral designers created an enormous wall of flowers in lush pinks and reds, reflecting colors used in Miró's paintings, which was the perfect backdrop for Rebel's fuchsia gown. Isabelle and Rebel flanked Prince Albert at the long dining table, which was festooned with flowers. The first of six courses featured double scoops of caviar — as if it were ice cream! The evening's entertainment was provided by a variety of bands and didn't end until the wee hours. The following day, Prince Albert and Isabelle arranged for Johnny

Depp to have a private tour of the Miró exhibition. Johnny spent over an hour perusing the show and talking with Miró's grandson, Joan Punyet Miró, about the paintings. Johnny confided, "I love Joan Miró. He didn't give a damn. He was completely free. [gmurzynska.com](http://gmurzynska.com)"



Johnny Depp; Isabelle Bscher next to artwork by Joan Miró

## Planetary Health Gala

Princess Charlene and Prince Albert hosted the Planetary Health Gala, which was held in a luxurious pavilion — built for the occasion — in front of the Monte Carlo Opera House. Among the stars at the black-tie fête were Kate Beckinsale, Helen Mirren, Sienna Miller, Sting, Tommy Hilfiger, Andy Garcia, Cindy Bruna,



Kate Beckinsale



Princess Charlene and Prince Albert II of Monaco

Maisie Williams, Reuben Selby, the supermodels Sofia Resing and Marianne Fonseca, as well as Rebel and Jacob. The prince asked Isabelle to curate the night's auction, and she persuaded Depp to auction off the painting by Miró titled *Femme, Oiseau*. The work was donated by Joan Punyet Miró and fetched \$1.6 million. The night's entertainment featured

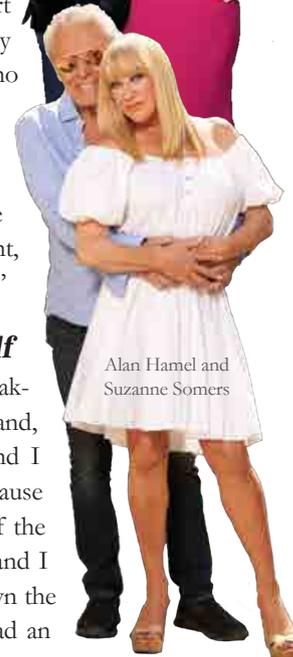


Leona Lewis

Leona Lewis and six different bands. Rebel also played auctioneer, selling off two week-long trips on a super-yacht for a total of \$1 million. Rebel quipped "I love luxury yachts, invite me!" Princess Charlene sold a water-biking experience with her for \$600K. The benefit raised over \$15 million for the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation. The after-party was held in the iconic Monte Carlo casino and the legendary nightclub Jimmy'z. At 6 a.m., some of the guests ended up at Tip Top, the principality's chic pizza joint. At the end of the weekend's festivities, Prince Albert paid Isabelle the ultimate compliment, saying, "You are responsible for all of this!"



Jacob Busch and Rebel Wilson



Alan Hamel and Suzanne Somers

## Suzanne Somers: Brace Yourself

Suzanne Somers is on the mend after taking a tumble down the stairs with her husband, Alan Hamel. Suzanne confided, "Alan and I took a break from our normal schedule because I have been struggling for the better part of the year with a fractured hip, and then Alan and I took an unfortunate fall while coming down the stairs at our home." She then jokes, "I had an

intense amount of pain after the fall that was not resolving — even after having tequila!” Somers revealed that she needed neck surgery, as she had two vertebrae out of place that caused extreme pressure on her nerves. However, this injury has not dulled her youthful attitude and glow one bit. The *Three’s Company* legend and her husband, Alan, invited all their fans to celebrate Suzanne’s recent 74th birthday (while she was in a neck brace) with a virtual cocktail party at Big Al’s bar, which is on their property. Suzanne also has a large collection of organic beauty products — including a neck cream! — that is available on her website. Also, her new book *A New Way to Age: The Most Cutting-Edge Advances in Antiaging* has just been released in paperback. Oprah Winfrey said, “Suzanne is a pioneer!” [suzannesomers.com](http://suzannesomers.com)

### Hope Night

Eric Dane, the *Grey’s Anatomy* star, and Audrey Gruss, the founder of the Hope for Depression Research Foundation (HDRF), led Virtual Race of Hope to raise mental health awareness. In October, Audrey debuted her new eaux de parfum, Hope Night, at Bergdorf Goodman, with all proceeds going to HDRF. Audrey recently hosted a PBS Town Hall on depression and gave \$30 million to fund HDRF’s research at top universities around the world. [hopefordepression.org](http://hopefordepression.org)



Ashley Judd and Audrey Gruss  
@ Hope for Depression

### The Friars Club Renaissance

The power attorney and Friars Club vice president, Arthur Aidala, says, “The monastery [Friars Club nickname] is having a renaissance. We were the show business culture of the Copacabana, Miami Beach, and Las Vegas. But what the club has to do is reflect the language people speak; and, therefore, we have to speak the language of today’s generation,” meaning

that the traditional and beloved Friars Club

is getting an update. This change in attitude has manifested itself in a change of décor and activities. The Friars Club, led by Aidala and the club’s dean, Larry King, is undergoing a top-to-bottom overhaul. Aidala says, “Everybody loves the idea of the Friars, but the building and what we offer is not in keeping with what young people want in a social club. So we decided that this was the time



Sofia Resing and Marianne Fonseca

to take this moment and reinvent ourselves physically, to match the coolness of our spirit.” The newly renovated club will reopen early next year. Aidala, who has two young sons, Luca and Arthur Aidala III, with his wife, Marianna Bertuna, is proud of the Friars Club re-design and hopes to continue to pay homage to the club’s greats, such as Frank Sinatra, Jerry Lewis, and Alan King, while appealing to millennial social-media culture. [friarsclub.com](http://friarsclub.com)

### Etain Health

Hillary Peckham, the co-founder of Etain Health, a family-run, women-owned medical marijuana dispensary, has opened its new flagship store at 242 East 58th Street. Clodugh, the renowned interior designer, created the space that boasts a two-story living wall. Peckham said, “We have re-imagined our brand, but what has remained consistent is our commitment to the well-being of our clients. We have created the highest quality and purest products to meet the needs of our customers.” [etainhealth.com](http://etainhealth.com)



Hillary Peckham

### Peter Thomas Roth

The skin-care mogul Peter Thomas Roth is releasing new products for the holiday season. These items include PTR’s Pro Strength 10% PHA Exfoliating Clarifying Liquid, which helps reduce acne and improve your skin’s appearance, and the Potent-C Power Scrub, a renewing and energizing facial scrub that helps recharge the skin. Roth’s new cosmetic kits will feature some of the brand’s most coveted products, including the Hydra-Gel Eye Patches, the Pumpkin Enzyme Mask, and my personal favorite, the Water Drench collection. [peterthomasroth.com](http://peterthomasroth.com)



Peter Thomas Roth

### Dr. Shawn Sadri

The renowned NYC dentist Dr. Shawn Sadri has clients who are CEOs, athletes, DJs, and TV personalities, including Yankees’ superstar Miguel Andujar, NBA Hall of Famer Alonzo Mourning, ABC anchor Ryan Field, Hip-Hop’s Method Man, Elijah McGuire of the Kansas City Chiefs, and speed skater Apolo Ohno. His full-service office on E 50th Street offers everything from cleanings and fillings to veneers and implants. [drshawnsadri.com](http://drshawnsadri.com)



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## HOT SHOTS

ATTORNEY SAL STRAZZULLO  
TOASTS WEILL CORNELL  
MEDICINE CHILDREN'S  
HEALTH COUNCIL

NYC attorney Sal Strazzullo, the founder of the esteemed Strazzullo Law, hosted a masked cocktail party and check presentation to Weill Cornell Children's Medicine Health Council. The evening also marked the opening of Strazzullo Law's new Tribeca office at 391 Greenwich Street. This is Strazzullo Law's third location in New York; a branch is in Naples, Italy. The five-figure check was sponsored by the Emilio Strazzullo Founda-

tion, named after the one-year-old son of Sal and Alison Strazzullo. The funds will support the vital work of the hospital's children's department, where Emilio was treated for a congenital heart defect. Doctors from Weill Cornell accepted the check virtually via Zoom. Before dinner, Sal underscored the importance of supporting our heroic healthcare workers who have worked tirelessly throughout the pandemic. Following cocktails, the group walked to Robert De Niro's Greenwich Hotel for an al fresco dinner at Locanda Verde, which was co-hosted by the public relations guru R. Couri Hay ([rcourihay.com](http://rcourihay.com)).

Guests included skin-care mogul Peter Thomas Roth; designer Jill Stuart; Janna Bullock; director/actor Steve Stanulis; Larissa and Peter Saveliev; Palm Beach Social Diary's Christine Schott and her husband, George Ledes; writers Beth Landman, Chris Cameron, Jennifer Gould Keil, and Julie Sagoskin; publisher Christopher Pape; fitness experts Devon Lévesque, Becky Moyes, Albert Matheny; and Zoe Bullock. Also in the mix were lawyers from Strazzullo Law. Couri reserved the entire outside terrace for the dinner; tables were dotted with orange and white pumpkins to herald the chilly weather.



SAL AND ALISON STRAZZULLO



R. COURI HAY, JANNA BULLOCK



STEVE STANULIS, SARA RICE



JILL STUART, PETER THOMAS ROTH



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## 22<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL ANN LIGUORI FOUNDATION CHARITY GOLF CLASSIC

Ann Liguori hosted her 22nd Annual Ann Liguori Foundation (ALF) Charity Golf Classic at the Maidstone Club in East Hampton, benefitting cancer research, prevention, and care. Recipients included the Samuel Waxman Cancer Research Foundation, Kids Need More, and St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. The honoree was Jason Dove, president of Platinum Inc., who accepted the ALF Business Honoree Award. Photos by Neil Tandy.



ANN LIGUORI, JASON DOVE, JIM HALPIN



TENNIS STAR KATRINA ADAMS



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## AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY HOSTED 15<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL TASTE OF HOPE

The American Cancer Society (ACS) hosted the 15th annual Taste of Hope virtual celebration. The event celebrated New York City's iconic restaurant industry and raised critical funds for cancer research and local patient service programs offered by ACS. This year's Taste of Hope recognized James Beard Award-winning culinary honorees Chef Michael White (Marea) and Chef Joseph 'JJ' Johnson (Fieldtrip), and featured a special performance by Sting. You can still support and make a donation at [tasteofhopenyc.org](http://tasteofhopenyc.org). Photos by LMG.



STING



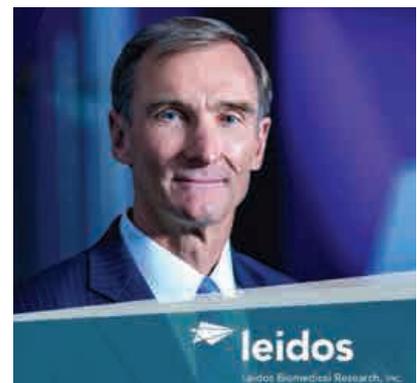
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JEAN SHAFIROFF

## SWCRF 23<sup>RD</sup> COLLABORATING FOR A CURE GALA

The Samuel Waxman Cancer Research Foundation (SWCRF) announced that the 44-year-old biomedical research non-profit honored Leidos chairman and chief executive officer Roger A. Krone at its annual Collaborating for a Cure Gala. The SWCRF recognized Mr. Krone for his commitment to improving health and communities through philanthropy and his prominence as a global leader. The award was presented at the virtual streaming of the SWCRF 23rd Collaborating for a Cure Gala that drew nearly 800 viewers. Photos by LMG.



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FOR ARTISTS & COLLECTORS

MAGO, Marsin Mogielski, and Alex Lerner hosted a celebration of the end of summer 2020, for thier Bohemian City art collective. The event took place at the residence of fine artist Michael McDowell. Artists, including Anthony Buscaino and Luciana Pampalone were able to mingle comfortably with guests, while enjoying outdoor art installations, as well as musical entertainment by Aaron Paul, and instrumental duo Duoyi Xi and David Hincapie. Photos by David Warren.



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JENNIFER Mc DOWELL WITH FRIEND



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ALEX LERNER



TERRY SARRO, MATTHEW MANZA,  
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BETH SHAW, SARA MYERS



MELISSA REICHBACH

BOHEMIAN CITY  
SAG HARBOR  
LABOR DAY EVENT

Bohemian City presented by MAGO, Marsin, and Alex hosted a successful shopping event at Havens by KVD in Sag Harbor, where shopping enthusiasts enjoyed purchasing featured art works, such as fashion accessories and printed pillows, while experiencing the exclusive scent of BDK Parfums from Paris. Artist Gabriel Aiello, actress Felicity Mason, and *Million Dollar Beach House* star Noel Roberts enjoyed Hampton Water and Cylinder Vodka. Photos thanks to Access Hamptons.



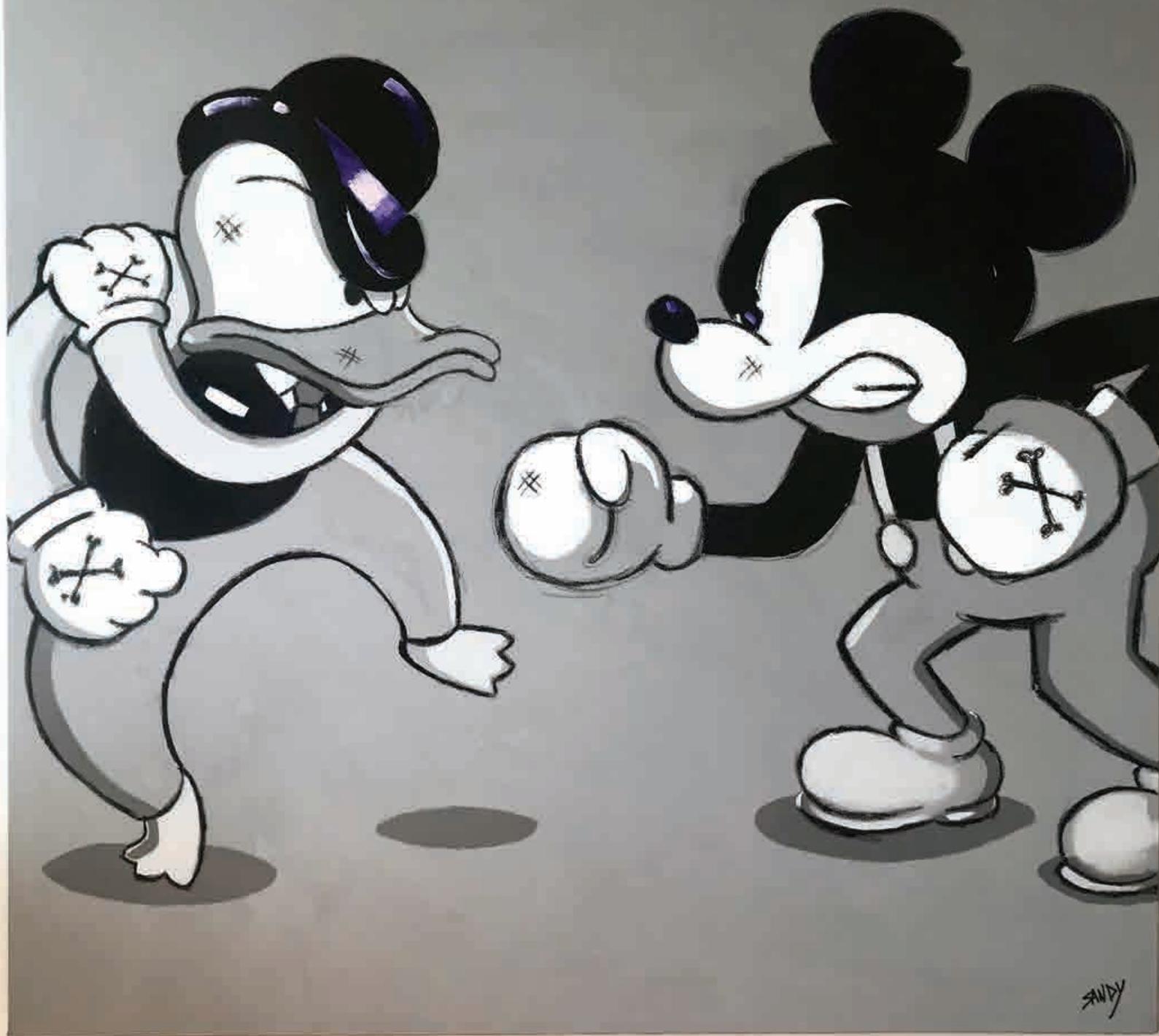
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## ABOUT RICHARD J. DEMATO FOUNDER OF RJD GALLERY, BRIDGEHAMPTON

By MAGO



*MAGO is an internationally acclaimed artist, specializing in graffiti and pop culture. He is also the curator at the RJD Gallery, specializing in Magical Realism, in Bridgehampton, and advises private clients. MAGO is experienced in the worlds of fashion, TV, video production, and photography, and this wealth of cultural knowledge he uses to inform this column.*

RJD Gallery has closed its Bridgehampton location and moved to Romeo, Michigan. I was fortunate enough to have worked as the gallery's curator, and I would like to pay homage to Richard Demato.

Many thanks to Christine Resnik, the Hamptons realtor who through the magical power of introduction gave me the good fortune of meeting the gallerist and mentor Richard Demato.

After a brief call, Richard set up an appointment. I pulled together my signature rock street-edge look and met Richard and his director, Eve Giovanni. I was hired on the spot. The entire team, including Heather Haux, were just as exciting and interesting as Richard Demato, who that day wore yellow sneakers, a rock tee-shirt, and badass jewelry. We both had crazy hair. It was a match made in heaven for this to be happening to me in the lovely town of Sag Harbor, in RDJ Gallery, the coolest gallery that focused on contemporary surrealism with an emphasis on narrative portraiture.

A season and two winters later, the gallery and the iconic Sag Harbor Cinema went up in flames in December 2016. Richard called me in tears to give me the bad news. But as soon as Richard made sure that the artists were taken care of, he developed a plan



MAGO and Richard Demato | Photography by Marsin Mogielski

and diverse talent. I was promoted to gallery curator, and in this position I truly flourished with his guidance, confidence, and belief in my ability to develop his vision. For this, I am so grateful. Richard Demato is a true gentleman, a man of his word, and an astute businessman who can always create a positive bottom line.

I know others in the Hamptons community will join me in saluting this one-of-a-kind man, and wish the best for the next chapter of RDJ gallery in Romeo, Michigan.

**RJD Gallery**  
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to reopen his gallery in Bridgehampton. Three months later, in April 2017, RJD Gallery occupied 3,500 square feet on Main Street in the heart of the Hamptons. The space, now hosting multiple galleries, came back stronger and fiercer than ever, and thanks for this also belongs to Joi Jackson Perle, who had joined our team.

Richard expanded RJD's vision within our niche market by representing international



## ADAM UMBACH

**Fine Artist; Brooklyn, NY**  
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Almost a lifetime ago, Adam Umbach exhibited in my very first curation of Bohemian City MIAMI during Art Basel. A few months later, and a week before the city shut down, he was part of the installation of Bohemian City NYC held in Hudson Yards, on the heels of the Armory Show. After the initial shock of the pandemic and quarantine, we pushed forward this summer in Sag Harbor with several exhibitions, including a solo show where Adam showcased his talent with a very exciting live painting demonstration. His work this summer inspired features in multiple publications, including *Social Life*. Adam talks below about his career and work.

“I just expanded my Brooklyn studio this fall to include a showroom space. The pandemic has disrupted how we traditionally view art, and I’m delighted to have a space where I can safely welcome clients, collectors, and gallerists to view my work and my process while keeping proper distance and ensuring privacy. It has also been a joy to plant deeper roots in the vibrant, creative energy of Industry City.”

Umbach is represented by Roman Fine Art in Sag Harbor at 11 Bridge Street | [damien@romanfineart.com](mailto:damien@romanfineart.com). They will be hosting a solo show of his artwork, which will be available for viewing both in person and online until February 28, 2021. Damien Roman has launched the careers of several contemporary artists. Adam is also looking forward to the virtual group show of small works with Monica King Contemporary, 516.888.1990 | [info@monicaking-contemporary.com](mailto:info@monicaking-contemporary.com)



*You Are Beautiful* (2020), oil, enamel, and oil on linen, 48 x 48 in.

“It’s a dream to exhibit in a solo show in Sag Harbor with an East End established gallerist like Damien Roman, and I couldn’t ask for a better start in the gallery world of New York City than with Monica King. In a year where we’ve all had to survive so much deprivation of community, I’m grateful to have the support of my communities along the way as I’ve developed as an artist. It’s exciting to begin sharing this news, and I hope you’ll stay tuned for more updates to come.”



## NADINE ROBBINS

**Portraiture Artist; Rhinebeck, NY**  
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Named one of *Buzzfeed’s* “Top 100 Figurative Painters Working Right Now,” Nadine’s portraits have been acquired by prestigious private collections, including the Howard A. & Judith Tullman Collection in Chicago and the Count-Ibex Collection in Germany. Recently, Robbins was invited to participate in the exhibition *3 Americans...*

*contemporary American greats*, which is on until April 16th at the Arnot Art Museum in Elmira, New York. This nationally-recognized museum and exhibition features three masters of representational art. Robbins’s paintings are a refreshing complement to the museum’s growing collection of contemporary work. Her paintings will also be on display at MEAM, Barcelona’s museum of modern art, for International Women’s Day, from March until June 2021.

Throughout the history of art, the desire to capture one individual’s intimate details in one specific moment has been consistent. A professional portrait painting is an



*Burger Hill* (2020), oil on linen, 48 x 72 in.

intimate objet d’art of priceless spiritual value that can become a family touchstone.

Nadine Robbins lives and works in Rhinebeck, New York, and would be delighted to discuss your interest in commissioning a portrait painting or a visit to her studio.

## ANDREA McCAFFERTY & KAT O'NEILL

The White Room Gallery; Bridgehampton  
thewhiteroomgallery.com | 631.237.1481



B-Cawz exhibition, a DANDELION



The owners/directors of The White Room Gallery, Andrea McCafferty and Kat O'Neill, are experienced curators and artists who show an eclectic mix of contemporary artists from various genres and mediums, including pop, abstract, photography, sculpture, and mixed media. Mr. Brainwash, Russell Young, Craig Alan, Nelson De La Nuez and Joe Stefanelli are a sampling of the eminent artists The White Room Gallery represents. The gallery exhibits year round and its current show, *B-Cawz*, features work from famous street artists, including images woven into rugs, to help impoverished artisans. On view until January 17, it will be followed by *Love on the Brain*, *Wild Life*, *Rock N Roll Never Dies*, and *Master Minds*. Inspiration meets execution. Go to the gallery site for info/dates.

**The White Room Gallery**  
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## ARTIST CALL BOTTLE DESIGN CONTEST

Cylinder Vodka is looking for the next top artist to design an exclusive limited-edition bottle. All you have to do to enter is post your picture on Instagram and tag [@cylindervodka](#) and [@accesshamptons](#). The winner will be announced in March 2021 and will receive an exceptional prize, be featured on a special segment of *Access Hamptons*, and much more!



Stelios Stavrianos at Bohemian City East Hampton

Cylinder began with its founder, Stelios Stavrianos, who embarked on a mission to channel and master his appreciation and knowledge for mixology and distilled spirits. Stelios quickly saw a gap in the taste and quality of the vodkas available at the time and was determined to create a spirit that would set the bar for the spirits industry. Cylinder is widely known in the community as “the bartender’s vodka” because of its origins, as bartended inspired and crafted. You’ll find three years of master crafting and unparalleled smoothness inside each and every bottle of Cylinder. Follow [@thestelios](#) and [@cylindervodka](#) on Instagram for the latest posts and visit [cylindervodka.com](#).



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# GABRIELA GIL

RADICAL *TIME AND SPACE* SERIES IS HER FIRST NEW YORK SOLO EXHIBITION

BY SALOME LANGVIN



*A La Playa (To The Beach)*, 2020



*Noche de Ronda (Night Stroll)*, 2019

Gabriela Gil — a painter, sculptor, and former dancer — has announced her first New York solo exhibition. The Honduras-born, NYC-based artist showed the first volume of her *Time and Space* series from Thursday, December 3 through Sunday, December 20, 2020. The show was in-person in Soho as well as virtual. Gabriela explains, “Timing was important in this project, because I was purposely taking advantage of the Covid lockdowns to present this body of work in creative ways.”

“I’ve been working on this series for two years,” Gil says. “My previous work was more figurative, and this new series breaks away from the figure completely. This is making way to abstract work that explores line, color, and rhythm.”

In volume one of the series, Gil showed roughly 20 highly detailed miniature sets, inspired by the handmade nativity scenes she saw as a child in Latin America, each with small paintings. The miniatures were displayed alongside large-scale paintings from the series.

Despite having worked on the project for years, Gil says that the Covid-19 pandemic recontextualized her vision. She says that she is leaning into the fact that people have been exposed to high-level digital content during the Covid-19 lockdown — the time during which she created the second half of the series.

“We are all consuming content on this tiny screen,” she says. “So the idea was to create a play on perception. A lot of my paintings in this series are really big. I wanted the virtual exhibition itself to become an artwork.”

Gil has moved throughout South America and North America for her entire life and that “constant migration” shaped her multicultural perspective and nurtured her “interest in art as a way to transcribe personal experience using a unique visual language.” This series was heavily inspired by Latin America — its colors, its textures, its dances, its nature, and its warmth. Gil says that this series didn’t encompass her entire Latin American experience. Rather, she was exploring her roots or as she says, “going back to my roots with *Time and Space*, with the intention of building from there. If we can’t actually go somewhere physically, what is a way we can travel to a different place without really going?” she says. “And if I could only show the content virtually, on the tiny screen, then why not flip it on its head, go all the way and do something that would be harder to do in real life at a physical showing.”

**Gabriela Gil**  
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# COVID-ERA COCKTAILING GARNISH & SERVE

BY SHARON ROTH

When 2020 arrived, many heralded the new decade with Roaring '20s-themed New Year's parties, never imagining how this year would actually unfold — perhaps even forgetting how the exuberance of the '20s of the last century arrived right on the heels of the last major global pandemic.

But we are a resilient bunch, and months of hand washing, sanitizing, and masking also included soaring alcohol consumption as we discovered new ways to unplug and connect. And while our holiday plans this year may have looked different from the last one or the many to come, we will all find our own ways to celebrate.

Whether on a Zoom or socially-distanced party, or simply curling up with loved ones, here are a few deliciously warming — even healthy — 2021 seasonal concoctions simple to craft at home:



## Lockdown Warmer

### Ingredients

1½ ounces bourbon  
½ ounce Laird's Applejack /  
or your favorite calvados  
½ ounce tea  
1 teaspoon maple syrup  
Apple chip or peel for garnish

Very complicated: In a mixing glass with ice, stir bourbon, applejack, tea, and maple syrup for 10 seconds and strain into your glass of choice. Garnish and enjoy.



## 2021 Toddy

### Ingredients

1½ ounces strong brown liquor  
such as brandy, whiskey, or rum  
1 tablespoon honey  
½ ounce lemon juice  
1 cup hot water  
Lemon wedge, cinnamon stick,  
and/or star anise for garnish

Even more complicated: Combine all. Can set on fire for further effect. (Put out fire before drinking.)



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2¼ ounces Knob Creek Rye  
1 ounce Carpano Antica vermouth  
2 dashes Angostura bitters  
1 teaspoon Tempus Fugit Fernet  
Angelico (or Fernet Branca)  
1 teaspoon Tempus Fugit Gran  
Classico (or your favorite amaro)  
Luxardo maraschino cherries for  
garnish

Just a little fuss: Combine all ingredients in a mixing glass with ice to the wash line. Stir for 45 revolutions, adding ice as needed. Strain into a chilled coupe glass. Garnish and serve quickly.

And finally, not exactly wintery, but with sunny resort feel . . . and some vitamin C!



## Tangerine Q-tini

### Ingredients (Serves 4)

4 ounces freshly squeezed lemon  
juice  
7 ounces freshly squeezed orange  
or tangerine juice  
2 ounces simple syrup (equal parts  
water + sugar dissolved)  
4 ounces Cointreau liqueur  
7 ounces good vodka  
Ice

Add tangerine juice, vodka, Cointreau, and simple syrup to a pitcher. Stir, then fill a cocktail shaker half with ice and drink mixture almost to the top. Shake for a full 30 seconds. Strain into a martini glass and drink up!

Wishing all safe, healthy, and happy New Year — and raise a glass to a better 2021!

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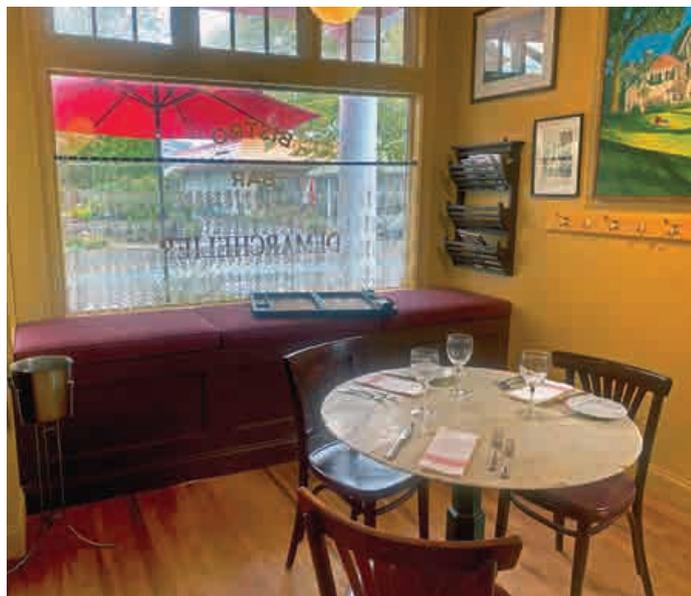
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# DEMARCHELIER BISTRO

BRINGS TRADITIONAL FRENCH FARE TO GREENPORT

BY ELIZABETH DARWEN



The family-owned and operated bistro Demarchelier Restaurant officially opened this November, in Greenport, bringing a taste of France to the North Fork. Situated in the charming shopping village, the incarnation of the Upper East Side classic is currently located in the heart of Greenport on Main Street.

Unlike the Upper East Side restaurant that closed its doors after 40 years in business, the Greenport location is more casual and extremely cozy. From marble-top tables and the antique bar top (which was brought over from the former location) to the outdoor seating and colorful paintings by the owner's father (the famed artist Eric Demarchelier), the atmosphere of Demarchelier makes it the perfect sojourn in the North Fork for a quick bite to eat, a romantic rendezvous, or a nice meal with your family and friends.

The owner, Emily Demarchelier, explains, "Greenport is very much a village where people are walking around and shopping and stopping at several different places, so I wanted to attract people who don't necessarily want to sit for a whole meal, who want to have a little bite to eat, taste a few things, have a few glasses of wine, and then go on to the next place."

The bistro is not just your ordinary restaurant — in fact, there is nothing like it in North Fork dining. It has so much Parisian inspiration that Emily Demarchelier has heard people raving, "Wow this is incredible! It was like I just traveled to France!"

Imitating a café in France, here you can expect to find small popular plates like artichoke hearts with warm goat cheese, grilled

octopus with chickpeas, and cheese fondue. Specialty dishes include roasted salmon with mixed vegetables, steak tartare with pomme dauphine, and duck confit with spinach. Last but not least, you can't leave the bistro without trying one of the desserts like the chocolate fondant or crème brûlée.

The menu, created by the executive chef, Michel Pombet, is paired perfectly with a wide range of predominantly French wines. Demarchelier has partnered with North Fork's Macari Vineyards to exclusively carry its wines. Bottles range from \$40 to \$250. The libations menu also includes cocktails such as la Provence martini and grapefruit rosemary mule, aperitifs, cider of Normandy, beers, Champagne, and dessert wines.

For more information, including the full menu and drink list, visit [demarchelierrestaurant.com](http://demarchelierrestaurant.com).

## Demarchelier Bistro

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# S. OTTOMANELLI & SONS

## QUALITY MEATS DELIVERED TO YOUR FRONT DOOR

BY HARRY BRADS



Since 1900, the family-run butcher S. Ottomanelli & Sons Prime Meats has been a New York City staple. Now, with many New Yorkers waiting out the Covid-19 pandemic in the Hamptons, Ottomanelli is delivering its top-quality chops from Manhattan all the way to Montauk.

“Right now, people are thinking about their health,” says Frank Ottomanelli, who operates the innovative Ottomanelli butcher/restaurant concept in Woodside, Queens. “People want transparency. They want premium quality all-natural meats that are antibiotic free, steroid free, growth hormone free. I am making it easy for New Yorkers who are concerned about going into a shop right now to access that.”

For more than 120 years, the Ottomanelli name has been synonymous with the best dry-aged steaks, pork, poultry, and wild game meats money can buy. Frank Ottomanelli continues that tradition today, cherry-picking the best hanging beef from the best dealers in the business and delivering it anywhere in the New York City area.

“I’m dealing with some of the same vendors that my father dealt with in the 1940s,” says Ottomanelli. “We’ve been doing it so long,



We have these relationships going back four and five generations and that means that we get to select the best quality.”

That old school approach to business even carries through into the digital age through ottomanelli.com. When you order a prime aged porterhouse steak — or any other specialty item or steak — you’ll receive Ottomanelli’s signature service to the moment your order arrives at your door.

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# A SOUTH FORK IN THE ROAD

## WINING, DINING, AND SLUMBERING IN THE HAMPTONS

BY KAREN HOLLY BERLINER



Bell & Anchor



Claude's Restaurant



Union Sushi and Steak

Many of the Hamptons restaurants, shops, and lodgings that would have closed not long after Labor Day now plan to remain open indefinitely to accommodate the many homeowners and renters who are staying in the Hamptons during the pandemic. Lodgings, too, are open, hoping to accommodate the family and friends who come to the Hamptons to visit residents or take a break from the city, or even to offer longer-term rentals. Restaurants have installed heat lamps and tents for chillier weather. Some offer limited indoor dining and most offer take-out and curbside pick-up.

For lodging, The Southampton Inn is a classic and welcoming pick. Rates are now much reduced from their seasonal highs. Monthly rates through March are available for those looking for a longer stay but don't want to rent an entire house. Longer-term rents include utilities, housekeeping, garbage removal, and landscaping services. Surrounded by magnificent estates, historic homes, museums, galleries, unique shops, and some of the finest restaurants, this inn offers 90 guest rooms stocked with high-end amenities, grounds consisting of several acres of manicured lawns, and gardens complete with leaf-gazing opportunities. All-weather tennis, croquet, and volleyball allow a diversity of activities when possible and safe.

In house, Claude's Restaurant, offers delicious meals, including popular breakfast and lunch courses. The restaurant has expanded into the bar area and part of the ballroom to allow for social distancing. Perhaps take a picnic basket (complete with rosé, champagne, fruit smoothies, or home-made iced tea) to your table in the courtyard, on the pool patio, the lawns, to your guest room, or nearby Agawam Park. The inn has been strictly following CDC protocols, recently implementing a mobile Ultratech UV/ozone light to sanitize guest rooms and public areas with even greater efficiency. Pets are welcome in select rooms, and children under 12 stay for free.

Besides Claude's, a popular dining option in Southampton is Union Burger Bar, which is celebrating its one-year anniversary. With restaurateur and owner Ian Duke and the award-winning executive chef Scott Kampf at the helm, this restaurant offers a comfortable and casual dining experience, featuring an assortment of specialty gourmet burgers, hand-cut truffle fries, creative milkshakes, decadent desserts, and a robust selection of craft beer and small-batch bourbon.

Ian Duke and his partner David Hilty, the owners of the Southampton Social Club and Union Burger Bar, have proudly introduced Union Sushi and Steak, a modern twist on the



Main Street Tavern



Highway Restaurant &amp; Bar



T-Bar Southampton

classic steakhouses of days past. The French-American-inspired menu features dry-aged steaks as well as a sushi and sashimi menu, bringing a pop of an Asian fusion vibe.

T-Bar Southampton (a sister to T-Bar of Upper East Side fame) features a wide range of dishes from sushi to shrimp and from duck to Black Angus steak.

Bell & Anchor in Sag Harbor is a seafood restaurant with a New American spirit and industry veterans David Loewenberg and Sam McClelland at its helm. The dining room features a panoramic waterfront view of the Mill Creek Marina with nautically inspired décor to match. The menu is eclectic, from vegan lasagna to steamed mussels with coconut milk, lemon grass and Thai chiles to lobster, duck, and steak entrees.

The Bridgehampton eatery Elaia Estiatorio is another great find, with its executive chef, Radu Grigore, hosting outdoor dining that captures the spirit of Greece in an idyllic setting. Elaia Estiatorio also offers unique cook-at-home packages such as a mixed grill combo of lamb chops, marinated chicken fillets, burgers, and more, to grill and enjoy at home, complete with easy instructions. (Order 24 hours in advance.)

Highway Restaurant & Bar in East Hampton has a favorite neighborhood-restaurant feel. Here you'll find a menu of

seasonally inspired New American cuisine from the executive chef, Anand Sastry, and the chef de cuisine, Justin Finnelly. Their menus, including wood-fired pizza and sushi, give a big nod to both urban and global influences.

Amagansett's Main Street Tavern, from the team behind Highway Restaurant & Bar, with Yusuf Lovett as the chef de cuisine, opened this past summer with all-American, tavern-style favorites and an extensive bar program. This dining spot is one of the first and only newly opened restaurants in the Hamptons to tailor its bones to our Covid-cautious world. It debuted with outdoors-only dining in a 54-seat open-air beer garden and limited-capacity bar. The socially-distanced indoor restaurant opened in the fall.

Gurney's Montauk Resort has 146 rooms, suites, and oceanfront cottages. Scarpetta is its upscale restaurant featuring an elegant Italian menu of pastas made in-house and locally sourced ingredients. "Scarpetta at Home" is a private chef service that allows you to dine at Scarpetta's in the safety and privacy of your own home.

It's always a good idea to check a shop's, restaurant's, or lodging's website for the latest information about hours and specials as well as to see if reservations are necessary.

# LAND. SAND. SEA.

## THREE DISTINCT RESORT EXPERIENCES ON TURKS & CAICOS

BY ROBYN FREEDMAN



The Shore Club

This time of year we all miss the warmth of the sunshine, while the world spins and gets crazier by the day. This year in particular we need a vacation to warm our bodies and put our minds at rest. We are blessed that the beautiful island of Turks & Caicos is a quick flight away. Within hours you can be watching the waves roll in on a beach or watching the night's starry sky. A vacation in Turks & Caicos is exactly what we need: a vacation that is much more extraordinary.

Turks & Caicos has earned a Traveler's Choice Award and a World Tourism and Travel Council Safe Travel's stamp. It's a perfect winter getaway . . . and year-round getaway because the weather is warm and non-humid all year long.

I just came back from Providenciales, familiarly known as Provo, the largest of the 40 reef islands and cays that make up the Turks & Caicos archipelago. I've been coming here since the early 1980s because I fell in love with T & C, its people and culture.

TurksandCaicosTourism.com has lots of info for things to do, from entertainment to horseback riding; places to visit, from expansive beaches to hidden coves; outstanding places to eat, from casual to elegant eateries; and fabulous accommodations, from rentals to investment properties.

Three resorts, one on Providenciales and two on separate cays are described below. Each is gorgeous and sumptuous, and each is managed for ecological sustainability and benefit to the larger community.

Each five-star resort offers impeccable service, beautifully appointed rooms, multiple choices for dining, and many activities and expected resort facilities for adults and children. Villas at each property are spacious (up to six bedrooms), and offer a range of amenities that might include private concierge and housekeeper services, and a private pool and terraces. Each resort is special in its own way. Three separate worlds. Yet each would be the perfect place for a destination wedding or other special event.



■ **The Shore Club**, on Provo, is tucked away on Long Bay Beach, one of the world's most perfect stretches of white sand. The main colonial estate house offers 110 rooms and 38 suites. The property seems to emerge from the surrounding dunes and greenery. The Dune Spa is a magical spot. Individual open-air cabanas are set near the ocean for a paradise backdrop to ensure total privacy and relaxation. Two treatments (out of many choices) that transported me were the Spa Journey and the Dune Ultimate Organic Facial. The Half and Half-Moon Couple's Massage and Champagne is a ten on the romance scale. This resort has four pools, including an adults-only lap pool. The Shore Club has three restaurants and three bars.

SUI-REN is a fine-dining restaurant that offers a menu combining Japanese and Peruvian cuisine, under the helm of the executive chef Marin Davies. Visually the food was stunning and each bite was incredibly delicious. You dine to the sounds of lapping waves and wildlife in the distance.

The Colonnade offers poolside and beachside dining where you can enjoy exquisite meals à la Caribbean, like Caribbean shrimp curry and snapper Escovich as well as casual choices from an Angus beef burger to pizza. [theshoreclubtc.com](http://theshoreclubtc.com)



■ **COMO Parrot Cay** is a 1,000-acre private island reef with its own resort. Sip Champagne for the short boat ride to pure bliss and complete privacy. Here you can nurture your body and your soul and rediscover the magic in a special relationship.

One of the amenities that makes this resort unique is its COMO Shambhala wellness and retreat center: fitness, yoga, pilates, swimming, sauna, Jacuzzi, and more. You can also choose from three Ayurveda therapies to help you relieve stress, detoxify, and improve your nutrition. Expert consultants can design a custom program that will meet your specific needs. The wellness center also offers a range of massages, facials, and baths, some with a definite Asian influence — a great way to start or end your day.

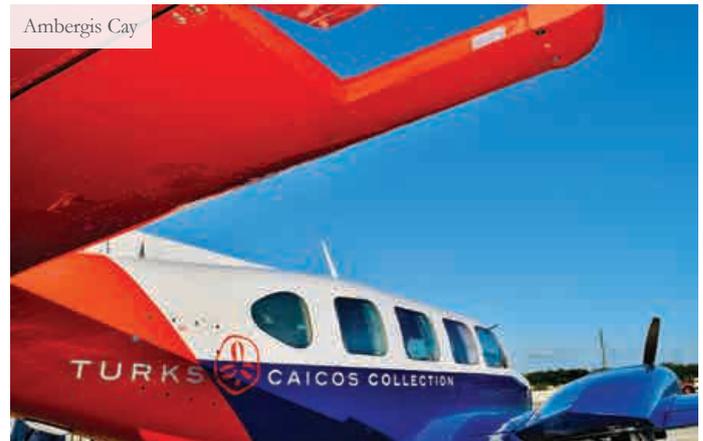
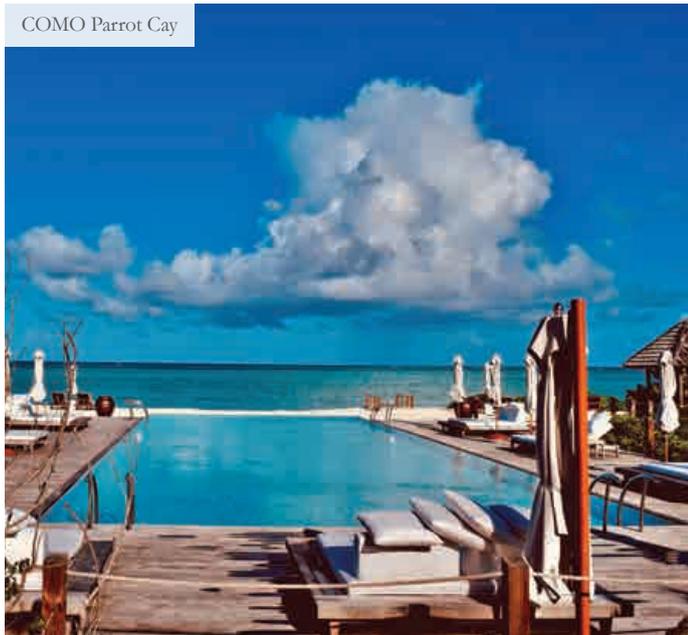
Accommodations include garden and ocean views from rooms, suites, semi-attached houses, small and large villas, and estates that include house and villa properties on expansive grounds. Some properties come with private pools and private beaches. A personal butler attends to the needs of the guests and their families. Golf carts are provided to each guest to get around the lush property.

There is plenty to do, including a private mango grove kayak tour—relaxing and educational. Other activities include snorkeling, waterskiing, tennis, windsurfing, COMO also has a curated kids' club



that offers art, nature, and cultural experiences. Kids can also enjoy pampering with a kid's massage.

The restaurants and room service menus feature healthy Caribbean dishes, Asian, modern Mediterranean, and Italian cuisines. The room service menu is a culinary dream that offers fresh fish, Wagyu beef tenderloin, king prawn, and the Parrot Cay Angus burger, a must during your stay. The Lotus Restaurant is known as one of the best in all of Turks & Caicos. One of its specialties is extraction-based juices, including The Waterfall, Muscle Milk, and Daily Clean & Lean Greens — great for immunity and energy. [comohotels.com](http://comohotels.com)



■ **Ambergris Cay** is part of the Turks and Caicos Collection. This all-inclusive resort on a private island includes gourmet meals, all beverages, and a daily spa treatment. You can also take a boat ride to fish for lobsters that an Ambergris chef will prepare for you on a nearby deserted island. Along with the expected resort activities from bicycling to snorkeling, Ambergris Cay offers guests bone fishing.

Ambergris Cay has its own 5,700 foot runway, the longest in the Caribbean. You can fly directly to Ambergris Cay in a private jet in about three and a half hours from New York, or fly from the Providenciales airport in about 20 minutes.

The resort's combination of wildlife and exquisite accommodations will make you fall in love with this cay. Many different pathways wind throughout the property, revealing something new at every turn. When making the decision to visit Ambergris Cay, consider its ultimate privacy and being treated like royalty. You can choose to join other guests or vacation as if you were the only one on the island throughout your stay.

The resort offers airy and modern rooms, suites and villas. Twenty three- and four-bedroom villas, with private butler service — along a 3.5 mile powder-white coastline — assures the ultimate in privacy. All accommodations are beautifully decorated and have the most up-to-date amenities. You can also buy property at Ambergris as vacation home or investment.

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## Dining in Turks & Caicos

In addition to the gourmet dining at the resorts mentioned earlier, you can also enjoy culinary artistry at several restaurants on Provo. Seafood, of course, is the star on every menu in Turks & Caicos. Advance reservations are required at Coco Bistro and The Beach Club.

Coco Bistro



■ **Coco Bistro, Grace Bay Road, Providenciales.** The garden seating is divinely romantic. Ancient palm trees seem to hug you as you dine in this magical setting. You will long to return again and again. Coco Bistro is popular with locals as well as tourists — testament to its consistent quality and Caribbean authenticity. Coco Bistro's cuisine captures the island's culture. Some of the dishes I've enjoyed here include conch two ways, tempura lobster fritters, wahoo sashimi followed by grilled Caicos lobster tail, herb-crusted roasted rack of lamb, blackened grouper filet. The West Indian-style shrimp curry with coconut rice is a must to share. Coconut pie dessert. You'll thank me...and you're welcome!

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The Beach Club



■ **The Beach Club** is at the Amanyara resort on the Northwest point of Providenciales. The entrance to the hotel itself will leave you breathless. The restaurant is set on Amanyara's beach. Multiple decks offer panoramic sea views and a comfortable breeze makes for the ideal seaside lunch. Recommended dishes include freshly-caught grilled seafood and sushi, crudite conch ceviche, Nam Jim chicken, and the veggie burger made produce from the onsite organic garden. Have a before- or after-dinner drink at the hotel bar and marvel at its sky high circular ceiling. While you're on the property, take a look around. The property is a continuous kaleidoscope of beautiful images. **amanyara@aman.com, 649.941.8133**

da Conch Shack



■ **da Conch Shack**, This iconic Blue Hill Beach restaurant and bar is known for its famous conch fritters and its famous celebrity sightings. Listen to authentic Caribbean sounds play while enjoying traditional and inventive dishes at this hot spot. Its motto is, "Feel da love at da Conch Shack." The conch for your conch salad will be harvested from the sea right before your eyes. This restaurant is also famous for its chowders and some of the best fried lobster tails on the island. Here you can dance to reggae while drinking delicious rum punch at sunset. **daconchshack.com, 649.946.8877**

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# THE CHANLER AT CLIFFWALK

## THE JEWEL OF NEWPORT

BY INNA DESILVA



While we New Yorkers love the Hamptons, we hold a special place in our hearts for Newport, Rhode Island. Its glamorous Gilded Age mansions, a yachting scene, and fabulous restaurants make this an alluring place for a mini break. This year I decided to try Newport in November for a change of scenery.

I wanted a luxury hotel with fireplaces, water views, and a historical vibe. The five-star Chanler at Cliffwalk had everything I was looking for and some wonderful surprises. Built in 1873 for Congressman John Winthrop Chanler and his wife, Margaret Astor Ward, the mansion and its surrounding two and half acres was known as Cliff Lawn. This is the only mansion from the Gilded Age that currently operates as a hotel. The accommodations include fourteen rooms and six villas, all with either ocean or garden views.

The hotel has the kind of personal service one is used to in Europe. When I let the hotel know I was stuck at the Amtrak station because Ubers were scarce, the front desk arranged for a private driver. And when I arrived at 9 p.m., my dinner was waiting for me in my suite. Later, I enjoyed an after-dinner drink in the gorgeous bar downstairs. It was a treat to be in a beautiful hotel bar, something I have sorely missed over the last eight months.

This top-notch operation is overseen by the proprietress, Lani Shufelt. She has an extensive history in the hospitality field and has a degree from Le Cordon Bleu in Paris.

I stayed in the Empire room, decorated in rich linens and custom upholstery and overlooking Easton Beach. It has a fireplace and a bathroom with a heated tile floor and a walk-in spa shower — everything for days of luxuriating indoors. The Chanler is certainly the perfect place for a proposal, honeymoon, or anniversary.

The Chanler's restaurant, Cara, is run by Jacob Jasinski, the executive chef. Jasinski honed his skills under such geniuses as Daniel Humm and Eric Ripert. I love what he does with breakfast. This often-overlooked meal rates a ten at the Chanler, with such items as lobster eggs Benedict and ricotta pancakes. I was lucky enough to taste his three-course prix-fixe dinner at Cara, where he adjusted ingredients to meet my dietary needs. The dining room is out of a fairytale and had several honeymoon couples enjoying themselves. As I was leaving the dining room, the chef handed me homemade chocolates without dairy. I was amazed at this personal touch. On my way upstairs I picked up a classic movie and retreated to my suite — beyond happy.

PS I left the hotel only twice, each time for a morning outing along Cliff Walk, a three-and-a-half-mile promenade overlooking the ocean and other mansions. It is literally just beyond the front door.

**The Chanler at Cliffwalk**  
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