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## this week in home décor

### Week ending June 20, 2008

Hello. This week in home décor:

### Dallas market celebrates Christmas this month

If you are in Dallas for the gift show this week, check out the demonstration house decorated for Christmas. You'll find a **4,200-square-foot, nine-room house that is fully furnished and decorated for Christmas** with exhibitors' products. It's located in the Grand Pavilion of the Trade Mart. As part of the "Home for the Holidays" market theme, the International Floral & Gift Center (IFGC) will be decorated with Christmas trees from resident showrooms.

The [Dallas Total Home & Gift Market](#) kicked off on Wednesday and runs through June 24. The Holiday & Home Expo (permanent floral, seasonal décor and related decorative accessories) runs concurrently.

**DMC organized a strong roster of keynote speakers** for Friday and Saturday.

They are:

- **June 20. Kelly Peterson** (Hearst Publications) presents "Home Rules: A Comprehensive Survey on How Americans Create Their Most Lived-in Rooms."
- **June 20. Joe Ruggiero** (designer for Sunbrella Fabrics) presents a fashion show bringing indoor and outdoor fabrics to the runway.
- **June 21. Tre Wilcox** (Bravo's "Top Chef" contestant) discusses his appearance on the reality TV show.
- **June 21. Mary Carol Garrity** (owner of retailer Nell Hill's and the designer of The Mary Carol Home Collection) presents "Becoming a Destination Store."



Mary Carol Garrity at the winter Chicago gift show.

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## A product we like

"Flowers in a Blue Vase" is a hand-painted oil on canvas and stretched on wood by **Dutch Touch Art Co.** It measures 31 inches square, and custom sizes are available.

The company, run by mother-daughter team Barbara von Schreiber and Shawn Silver, designs and imports decorative oil paintings. It is a source of modern-classic canvasses.

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*A hand-painted oil from Dutch Touch Art Co.*

## Home décor people

**Birthday greetings to:** Atrium Foliage's wise-cracking, dog-loving, essay-writing **Kathy Lang Albright** (June 26). Belated wishes to Abbiamo Tutto's ever-cheerful **Donna Marie Territo** (June 17).

## Companies

**Crate and Barrel** and [DonorsChoose.org](#) received the **Cause Marketing Forum's** Silver Halo Award, honoring companies that "do well by doing good" through joint projects that are both profitable and promote social causes. Since 2006, Crate and Barrel and its customers have given more than \$700,000 to public school classrooms through a Giving Card program created by DonorsChoose.org. See all the winning companies at [Cause Marketing Forum's](#) website.

**Green Frog Art** received an [iParenting Media Award](#) for its [Old World crib](#), which has recognized for its safety, quality and design. **EGO** won a 2008 red dot product design award for its [Café glass series](#) designed by Steffen Schmelling.



*Award-winning crib from Green Frog Art*

## For Ohio retailers only

If you have a home décor store in Orrville or Wellington watch for me on June 20 and 21 as I complete [the Great Ohio Bicycle Adventure](#). Then it's back to the office on Monday.

## Datebook

In Columbus, Ohio, the [Gift, Garden and Home show](#) runs June 20 to 24. The Northeast Market Center, Billerica, Mass., hosts its [Summer Holiday Show](#) June 21 to 25. [Market Square](#) has two shows in King of Prussia, Pa. (June 24 and June 26 to 28).



**Here before you know it:** [the Atlanta gift show](#) (July 8 to 16). See more shows at [Datebook](#).

That's it for this week.

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