

# STYLE & SOCIETY



by Courtney Frank

Do you feel it? There's a cool breeze in the air. It's amazing! The heat of the summer is over and we're now enjoying the weather that draws thousands of people to Florida every year. Luckily we live here, and if we can just hang in through those hot summer months, our reward finally arrives. With the wonderful cool weather comes the heart of the fundraising season. This issue, two special homes open to benefit a charity (one is available to the public to view); Buccaneers players strut their stuff in a fashion show fundraiser and the business community rallies around the arts community.

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## PRIVATE HOMES OPEN TO BENEFIT THE SPRING

Community-minded leaders recently opened their homes to benefit The Spring of Tampa Bay, a domestic abuse shelter.



**Maureen Rorech Dunkel** hosted a debut party fundraiser last Tuesday and kicked off the grand opening of the Mayfair House in south Tampa. This historic



Former Rep. Sam Gibbons and Maureen Rorech Dunkel at the Mayfair house. In 1947, Sam married Martha Hanley in the house, which was

then known as the Hanley house. Dunkel and her husband Dave now own the Mayfair house.



From left, Jorge Ibarra, BMW sponsor; Roy Hellwege, CEO Bank of Florida sponsor; Kim Hanna, executive director The Bolesta Center; Michael Gregory, Quality Brick Pavers Inc. sponsor; Gary Gordon, Fields BMW; Allison Tutwiler, Bank of Florida sponsor and fundraising committee chair; and Lorna Taylor Gregory, vice chair, The Spring

house is a showcase of designer "bests," with each room displaying a designer's work. The public can view the home until Nov. 18. (See our events calendar on the next page for details.) If you like what you see, most of the items are available for purchase. Twenty percent of the proceeds will go to The Spring and The Bolesta Center. For those willing to ante up more than \$2.5 million — the Mayfair house is available for purchase, too!

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David van Ling displays designs from his shop.



Dining room by Melanee Friscia of van Ling Design Associates



Designer Tom Lamb, who coordinated work on the Mayfair House, enlisted artist Theresa Beck to create the faux finished garage doors.



Stephen Gay and Pamela Iannacio in a room decorated with Casa Nova designs

### Mayfair Designer Showcase House

**Event chairs:** Maureen Dunkel along with Tamara Balbontin

**Design liaison:** Thomas Lamb

**Executive director:** Kim Hanna, The Bolesta Center

**Executive director:** Jim Brace, The Spring of Tampa Bay

**Grand foyer**

Melanie Rose, Paris Flea

**Formal living room**

David C. van Ling, van Ling Design Associates Inc.

**Formal dining room**

Melanee Friscia, van Ling Design Associates

**Kitchen and breakfast room**

Premier Concierge Design Services  
Jodi Jacolow and Carin Zwiebel

Luxe, a division of Samter Homes

**Family room**

Pamela Iannacio, Casa Nova/Addison & Co.

**First floor master bathroom**

Joanne Karpay, Joanne Karpay Decorative Art & Design

**Downstairs powder bath**

Maruchi Azorin Blanco, Villa Rosa Distinctive Linens

**Hallway and landings**

Charles Hanlon, CR Hanlon Antiques

**First floor master bedroom**

Charles Hanlon and Elinor Turkel, CR Hanlon Antiques

**Home theater**

Norwalk

**Bedroom and bath**

Sharon Yerrid, Crème de la Crème

**Bedroom**

Patti Wynne Thomas and Ashley Thomas Moran, Little Peeps

**Guest bedroom**

Karen Brown, Karen Brown Interiors

**Back porch/ front porch**

Jennie Smith, Jennie Smith Interiors

**Landscaping**

Shirley Pearsall and Jennie Smith, Sunrise Landscaping

**Foyer and Upstairs Bath**

Jeff Mosein

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**Sandy Juster** opened her plush Culbreath Isles' home to host a special cocktail party to thank board members who vigorously worked to make this year's annual breakfast for The Spring a fundraising success. The breakfast garnered



From left, Jana Owens, The Spring board of directors; Kathi Elliot, The Spring co-chair, Gift of Peace Breakfast; Chris Griffin, The Spring chair, board of directors; Sandy Juster, event host; Carl Lindell and Ann Sheppard

\$350,000, thanks in large part to major contributing sponsors such as **Patsy and Gene McNichols, Douglas and Lorna Gregory**, and various business sponsors, with The Tampa Tribune being among the list, the turnout of 900 people at the breakfast and last, but surely not least, the hardworking board members.



Courtyard of  
Mayfair House

Norwalk's  
general manager,  
Mary DeVincenzo,  
in the entertainment  
room



Jodi Jacolow is shown in a kitchen designed by her latest venture, Premiere Concierge Design Services.