











1. SWIM AT YOUR OWN RISK -

Design Army X Karla Colletto Swimear Line Pum Lefebure, Chief Creative Officer at Washington, DC-based Design Army, collaborated with Virginia swimwear designer Karla Colletto to create Swim At Your Own Risk. It is a capsule collection of fun, sexy black-and-white swimwear, available in January, just in time to take on a winter cruise or save for spring break. Sold at Everything But Water and Bare Necessities. Made in the USA. Prices available at retail locations. #SwimAtYourOwnRisk www.designarmy.com, www.karlacolletto.com (Photo by Dean Alexander)

FASHION, FOOD & FUN

2. THE ART OF BUYING JEWELRY – An Entertaining and Educational Guide

Award-winning journalist Marilyn Campbell's first book, The Art of Buying Jewelry was written for those who appreciate fine jewelry, but need guidance in their purchases. Whether building your own jewelry collection or buying for family and friends, this invaluable reference to savvy jewelry shopping offers insight into how to add personal style and versatility to your wardrobe, while also selecting quality pieces that enhance one's appearance and can be passed down from generation to generation. With Lindy Kavanaugh, Published by Gray and Boardman, \$17.99 hardcover, \$8.89 paperback. #AccessorizingAsArt www. grayandboardman.com, www.amazon.com



3. BEAUTY IN THE BALLET - The Washington Ballet's Sleepy Hollow

With limited shows of The Washington Ballet's Sleepy Hollow at The Kennedy Center, there's no better time than now to purchase tickets and give the gift of dance to your loved ones this holiday. Washington Irving's classic tale will be told through the expressive language of ballet. Creative art by Design Army will be seen throughout the city in early 2015. Seven performances from February 18-22. \$25 to \$125 per ticket. #InspiredDance www.washingtonballet. org, www.designarmy.com

4. A VERY MERRY MEAL – The Hay-Adams Overlooking Lafayette Square and the White House, The Hay-Adams Top of the Hay offers a holiday buffet that is unparalleled. With a wide array of poultry, fish, salads, stuffing and desserts made by world-class chefs, The Hay-Adams is a memorable way to spend the holiday. \$110 per adult, \$50 per children, seating times 10 a.m., 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. #LeadingHotelsOfTheWorld www.hayadams.com (Photo courtesy

of The Hay-Adams)







5. RANGE AND REEF - Where the Cooking Is Part of the Culinary Experience. Don't feel like cooking this upcoming holiday season? Hire your very own personal chef to prepare delicious meals from the range and the reef-Shrimp & Seafood Boils, Lobster & Clam Bakes, Grilled Ribs, Top Sirloin & Prime Rib prepared by Jim Holderbaum, who, after traveling to more than 60 countries, became inspired to pursue his passion for creating unique food experiences where cooking becomes part of the event. A one-of-a-kind culinary experience available year-round. Pricing depends on items selected. #DifferentAndDelicious www.rangeandreef.com (Photo courtesy Range and Reef)

5. TAKE IN THE CITY - The Hav-

Adams This two-hour Monuments at Night tour lets you experience the dramatic beauty of Washington, DC landmarks illuminated with holiday lights, while relaxing and enjoying a deluxe Champagne Goodie Basket. The two-night getaway package includes accommodations, private tour, your own White House chocolates, and a full American breakfast for two.

Packages start at \$529.

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hayadams.com (Photo
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HOME & GARDEN



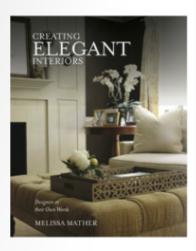
WREATH LOVE – Custom Wreaths of Potomac

In her Potomac, Maryland studio, floral artist Linda Hobbins creates custom wreaths, wall hangings, table arrangements, and more that "allow the individual elements, such as pods, leaves, branches and blossoms, retain their natural simplicity with minimal adornment so the elegance is unforced," said one happy customer. Her fresh, dried and silk arrangements bring joy from year to year and give "just the right amount of 'dress up' to a room." Prices vary. #FeastForTheEyes www. customwreathsofpotomac.com (Photo by Stacy Zarin Goldberg)

8. WARM & WELCOMING – Lori Graham Design + Home

Bundle up in style this holiday season with a beautifully natural and comfortable linen throw/blanket that graduates in tones of magenta pink with tasseled ends.

This warm 79" x 63" throw is a welcoming accessory in any space. \$280. #MagentaMagic www. lorigraham.com



9. CREATING ELEGANT INTERIORS – Designers In Their Own Words

Author Melissa Mather presents a collection of decorating tips from top tastemakers in interior design who provide insightful responses about how to discover one's personal style. A home should be beautiful, but also livable and attainable. Among the designers who contributed to Creating Elegant Interiors are Marika Meyer of Marika Meyer Interiors, Allie Mann of Case Design/Remodeling, Inc., and Jessica Parker Wachtel of GTM Architects. Published by Gray and Boardmand, \$18.32 hardcover, \$13.56 paperback. #DesignYourWay www.grayandboardman.com, www.amazon.com





10. SITTING PRETTY - Lori Graham

Design + Home Lori Graham Design + Home now features the great Gabriel-Scott line, including the Marx Stool, in its showroom. Making a sleek statement and the perfect gift, the stool is available in a black finish, \$850, or a brass base, \$1,350. #ChicForSure www.lorigraham.com (Photo courtesy of Gabriel-Scott)

11. EVERYTHING & THE KITCHEN

SINK - Boffi Georgetown For those who resolve to get neater in 2015, gift Boffi Georgetown's IKO freestanding towel holder series consisting of stainless steel rods with weighted bases in stone - they'll keep you organized. Known for its highend Italian kitchens and baths, Boffi also offers a variety of wardrobe items and accessories including the new Lotus mirror. Everything you need to add clean lines and high style to your home. #LookingGood www.boffigeorgetown.com (Photo courtesy of Boffi)



12. LIGHT & BRIGHT – Aidan Design

From Estiluz's Infiore pendant to Flos Smithfield suspension lamp, new lighting in the latest shapes, sizes and finishes will brighten up your kitchen and bathroom this holiday season. A large selection is available to peruse at Aidan Design in its new Silver Spring, Maryland showroom. Specializing in custom kitchens and bathrooms, Aidan Design is led by co-founder and senior designer Nadia Subaran, #LightingFromAPro www. aidandesign.com (Photo by Robert Radifera)

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13. NEW BATHROOM IN AN INSTANT -

ibby.com Inspiration Built By You, ibby.com, lets you design your own bathroom in minutes. Share the free interactive website with your family and friends during the holiday and choose from traditional, transitional and modern designs and various vanities, counters, tiles, faucets, showers and accessories to design a new bathroom you'll love... with fixed pricing available at design completion. Then contact the ibby.com team to build it for you - A very transforming holiday idea! #LatestInnovation www.ibby.com (Photo courtesy of ibby)



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Design House It's never too soon to purchase your tickets, and tickets for family and friends, for the 2015 DC Design House April 11 to May 10. The 2015 DC Design House will be at a new Mackall Farms home built by Artisan Builders in McLean, Virginia. With more than 8,800 square feet of living space on three levels plus a stone exterior and unique L-shaped floor plan that makes it feel like rooms were added over the years, the new home was designed to depict an Old American Farmhouse that blends in the Virginia countryside. \$30 per ticket. #2015DCDesignHouse www.dcdesignhouse.com (Rendering courtesy of Artisan Builders)





