

IT'S A MARKET, IT'S A PARTY... — it's all — GREAT FUN NEW AND NEXT IN NEW YORK

Anne Lee Phillips takes design notes.
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If you're as design-obsessed as we are, What's New, What's Next design market at New York Design Center is not to be missed. It's a jam-packed afternoon of product releases, lectures, meet-and-greets, and evening cocktails held in the more than 30 showrooms at 200 Lex. PaperCity participated for the first time this year, alongside beloved design mags *Architectural Digest*, *Elle Decor*, *House Beautiful*, *Veranda*, *The New York Times Style Magazine*, *Galerie*, and *Traditional Home*. We dashed from showroom to showroom for talks by **Alexa Hampton**, **Margaret Russell**, **Bunny Williams**, **Thom Filicia**, **Steven Stolman**, **Aerin Lauder**, **Visual Comfort's Gale Singer**. PaperCity alum turned wallpaper/fabric designer **Ashley Woodson Bailey**, Dallas' **Emily Summers**, and Houston designer and blogger **Paloma Contreras**. We paid our respects to New York Design Center president/CEO **Jim Drucekman**, who seemed to be everywhere at once. Then we returned to the expansive showroom of The New Traditionalists, with its handsome bar, to celebrate Texas tradition and design. The charming hosts, The New Trad's founders **Philip Erdoes** and **Brady Wilcox**, welcomed designers, architects, editors, and industry professionals for Goode Company BBQ, Tito's Handmade Vodka cocktails, and Dulce Vida Tequila margaritas. New Yorkers, as it turns out, are big fans of both Texas barbecue and spirits. Beautiful Lucchese cowboy boots were on display, and guests dropped in cards, hoping to win a pair. Architect **Bill Curtis** of Houston's **Curtis & Windham Architects** (Russell Windham was unable to attend) gave a fascinating talk about Southern architecture, and signed copies of the firm's book, *A Vision of Place: The Work of Curtis & Windham Architects* (Texas A&M University Press). We overheard more than a few asking Curtis about real estate prices and inventory in River Oaks, perhaps dreaming of leaving their less-than-capacious apartments behind.

WHO:

Austin-based designer **Sarah Wittenbraker**. The *Inside and DwellStudio* founder **Christiane Lemieux**. *Traditional Home's* **Tori Mellot**, fashion exec **John Kammeier**, **Elizabeth Blitzer**, **Liza Morten Gioia**, **Nan Philip**, **Billy Fisher**, **Raymond Schneider**, **Christina Juarez**, **Michelle Brunner**, **Kate Bergeron**, **David Harris**, and **Bobby Graham**.



Bill Curtis signing for Liza Morten Gioia and Billy Fisher

Elizabeth Blitzer
Christiane Lemieux



Tito's Handmade Vodka
bottoms up

Raymond Schneider
Christina Juarez

Bill Curtis, Holly Moore, Philip Erdoes



Paloma
Contreras

Monica
Bickers

David Harris, Bobby Graham, Brady Wilcox

Do ite the bar with Tito's
and Dulce Vida Tequila

Goode Co. Tiles to New York



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