

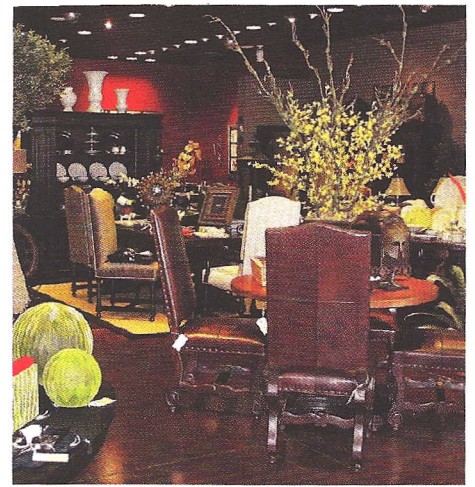
new & notable

by arden ward



idea house & farmstead now open

SITUATED IN THE HEART OF THE TEXAS HILL COUNTRY, The Progressive Farmer's new Idea House and Farmstead is now open to the public. This 4,000-square-foot home located on eight acres of land in Fredericksburg, conceptualized by *The Progressive Farmer* magazine, illustrates a theme of conservation and preservation of natural elements. Throughout the property, features such as a natural trail, casita, portable workshop and outdoor kitchen highlight the theme, keeping nature as the central focus. Looking for inspiration? The warm interiors and natural features of the home evoke the charm of the Hill Country and inspire visitors with the ease of country living. Now through Oct. 28, Elm Grove, the 2007 Idea House and Farmstead, is open for public viewing Wednesdays through Sundays. Explore the many facets of the home that was designed by a team of experts including local interior designer Jennifer Eggleston and developer Cool River Ranch. If a weekend outing to Fredericksburg isn't in your cards, don't miss the opportunity to take a virtual tour of the Idea House on The Progressive Farmer's Web site. Visit Elm Grove to get inspired and make a difference; a portion of the admissions will be donated to the Gillespie County Historical Society. 253 Kruse Hill Drive, Fredericksburg, (888) 834-4046, www.progressivefarmer.com/farmer/house.



heather scott home & design

Chic Home Fashions in North Austin

Austin's newest home décor boutique, Heather Scott Home & Design, is now open in The Arboretum. After noticing a lack of boutique home stores carrying upscale, unique goods in North Austin, owners Heather Blue-Harkovich and Scott Harkovich have combined their love for design and retail to provide the growing area with sophisticated, chic home furnishings, accessories and gifts. Inspired by their backgrounds in interior design and retail sales, this new endeavor lets the couple spend more time together while pursuing individual passions. Lines carried include Vanguard and Patagonia upholstery, Redford House and Classic Home case-goods and Beatriz Ball. Heather Scott Home & Design is also the only store to carry a line of hand-embossed Italian dinnerware imported from Tuscany, the favorite of owner Blue-Harkovich. Stop in and speak with Heather, formally trained at the Interior Designer's Institute of Newport Beach, Calif., for chic design advice. Heather Scott Home & Design, 10000 Research Blvd., Ste. 103, 342-6899, www.heatherscotthome.com.



new online resource from tim mcintyre

RENOVATING, BUILDING OR DESIGNING A HOME? In early March, Austin-based award-winning residential architect Tim McIntyre launched the Domicile Educational Resource Center, "to help demystify the often confusing design and construction process." This online resource center features regularly updated information to assist individuals in making informed decisions, especially in the early stages of residential design projects, as well as an active Q&A section for advice directly from McIntyre. The online resource center is located at www.tmcintyre.com under Building Blocks.