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Paris at Becca's, Kinky in Dallas and Hilfiger raids a Houston shop



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It was oo-la-la at the home of **John and Becca Cason Thrash** on Monday night when [Dior](#) and *W Magazine* joined forces to celebrate the American and International Friends of the Louvre. From the fabulous Dior gems in the salon to the delicious handbags in the dining room to the haute couture originals in the grand foyer, the accent was on Parisian style. And let's not forget the glamazons strolling through the expansive, art-filled house modeling fashions from the 2011 collection.

The hostess, who chairs the *Liaisons au Louvre II* in Paris next month, wore vintage Dior — a beautifully-embroidered, floor-length evening suit with mink collar. The remainder of the ladies turned out in full designer force for this evening of high style including **Greggory Burk** looking smashing in Givenchy. **Sarah Simon, Melissa Mithoff, Lora Clemmons, Kate Stukenberg** and **Nancy Golden** were among the well-heeled group that sipped champagne and declined the offerings of passed hors d'oeuvres.

In from Dior in New York was **Doss Alexander**, director of ready-to-wear and [fine jewelry](#), on hand to discuss the over-sized pieces by **Victoire de Castellane** that dazzled in two well-guarded vitrines. The morganite, the colored diamonds and citrines beckoned with price tags ranging from a mere \$5,000 to \$130,000 for a pink diamond confection.

Also in the Dior entourage was "esthetic advisor" [Stéphane Houy-Towner](#), who served as something of a couture historian as he explained in great detail and with animated passion the origins and design intricacies of five pieces by [Christian Dior](#) himself and by **John Galliano**. Displayed on mannequins, the ensembles were flown in from the Paris archives just for this soirée.

In the mix of those either signed up for or contemplating joining Becca in Paris for the three days and nights of heady Louvre partying were **Joyce and Hugh Echols, Susan and Mike Plank, Monsour Taghdisi, Judith Oudt, Raquel Segal, Sue and Lester Smith** and many more.

A hit with Hilfiger

[Cheeky Vintage](#) owners **Denise Hazen** and **Tina Davis** are kicking up their fashionable heels in excitement over the recent visit from a [Tommy Hilfiger](#) rep. The buyer picked up more than 30 pieces of [vintage clothing](#) to use on display in his flagship store on Fifth Avenue in New York and for Hilfiger's new flagship store on the Champs Elysees in Paris. Among the items that are headed for fashion world stardom — as props, rather than on the rack — are Cheeky Vintage skirts and dresses.

The shop on Richmond specializes in vintage clothing in pristine condition from the 1950s through the 1980s. Handbags, hats, dresses, jewelry, etc. fill the boutique.

Kinky kicks it up in Dallas

Texas troubadour/political philosopher **Kinky Friedman** and friends are taking **Ted Swindley's** amusing play [Becoming Kinky Friedman](#) on the road and the most recent stop was a reading at the [Rosewood Mansion](#) in Dallas. Joining Friedman for the musical fun were **Ruth Buzzi** and husband **Kent Perkins, Carolyn Farb** and **Little Jewford**. (When it came time for Jewford to dance in the play, Buzzi jumped in and joined him.)

Notables in the audience enjoying the play and joining in the Tex-Mex brunch that accompanied the reading included **Caroline Hunt** and **Charles Simmons, Barbara Womble** and **Rex Morgan, Angus Wynne, Charles Ward** and **Pamela** and **Ignacio Martin Duarte**.

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