

DEEP IN THE HOLLOW

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Neighborhood: Preston Hollow North

What was your first job? I was a checker at a grocery store in Irving. Before scanners.

As a child, what job did you dream of having? I wanted to be a vet, a pilot, or a concert pianist.

Why did you choose to live in Preston Hollow? Large lots, big trees, and Preston Royal Shopping Center

What does Preston Hollow need? Fewer construction workers' cars lined up on residential streets

What do you want your epitaph to say? She gave generously, made an impact on others, and cherished her family and friends.

What is your biggest pet peeve? It's a tie between bad grammar and reality TV shows.

What is your guilty pleasure? Reading the newspaper front to back before anyone else is awake. This only happens in the summer.

What inspires you? Random acts of kindness

If you could go back in time, what advice would you give your younger self? Worry less and slow down.

What is your favorite drink? Champagne

What was the last song you sang along to? "Happy Birthday"

What was the last good book you read? *State of Wonder* by Ann Patchett

If you wrote a book, what would it be about and why? It would be a story about getting back to a simpler, kinder way of life, where everyone was civil to each other and good character was valued. And everyone would live happily ever after.

What is something people don't know about you? I get told once a week or so that I look like Princess Diana. Or Laura Miller.

Where was your favorite vacation? Paris, France

Where was your worst vacation? Paris, France

What would you include in a desert island survival kit? Sunscreen and a loaded Kindle

What was the greatest gift you've received? My wonderful family — husband Bill and daughter Katherine.

What was the worst gift you've received? A pill case. Very useful now, but not funny at the time

What's on your mind? Getting my daughter off to college this fall, and learning how to use the remote control and the camera before she leaves



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WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO HELP FIND A SAFE, PERMANENT HOME FOR AN ABUSED CHILD?



A BIG HEART AND A \$5 RAFFLE TICKET

ORIX Parade of Playhouses at NorthPark Center August 5-21

Purchase raffle tickets for your chance to win a dream-making playhouse while helping Dallas CASA ensure that abused and neglected children realize their dreams of safe homes.

19 houses are available for raffle, and one house will be auctioned online!

RAFFLE TICKETS: \$5 EACH OR 5 FOR \$20

Bonus: Purchase \$50 of tickets and receive one entry for a chance to win 4 roundtrip tickets on Southwest Airlines.

Tickets and auction information are available at NorthPark Center or dallascasa.org.

DRAWING SUNDAY, AUGUST 21, 4:00 P.M.

Winners do not need to be present to win

DALLAS CASA
STANDING UP FOR ABUSED CHILDREN



Jesuit Celebrates Graduation Of Inaugural Koch Recipients

Staying faithful to its fundamental philosophy of "Men for Others," Jesuit's Father Patrick H. Koch S.J. Alumni Association recently completed its sixth year of operations, with the announcement of its fifth round of scholarship awards to incoming freshmen.

Meanwhile, Jesuit's leadership is also celebrating a noteworthy milestone: the graduation of the young men who were the first recipients of this scholarship program for the 2007-08 school year.

As the representatives of the Class of 2011, they now stand alongside and are welcomed by all of Jesuit's alumni.

In 2007, the association started awarding a tuition-scholarship program to reward qualified incoming freshmen. Since then, a total of 56 scholarships totaling \$56,000 have been awarded.

In collaboration with the administration of area Catholic schools, 11 young men have been selected to receive a one-time \$1,000 tuition award for

the 2011-12 school year. The recipients are Arturo Amaro (St. Mark's), Collin R. Buechel (St. Patrick), David A. Davis-Ibancovich (Immaculate Conception), Alexander Hernandez (St. Mary of Carmel), Jacob A. Maras (St. Paul), Stetson T. McGahey (St. Augustine), Benjamin M. Metzler (St. Thomas Aquinas), Jourdan D. Nguyen (St. Joseph), Lorenzo O. Riddle (Prince of Peace), Nicolas N. Rodriguez (All Saints), and Samuel S. Truxal (Mary Immaculate).

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DALLAS DESIGN SUPPLY

SPECIAL ADVERTISING CONTENT

Decorating Tips From a Pro

Dallas Design Supply will host designer Ginnie Brand on Friday and Saturday, August 26-27, for free seminars on fall decorating inside and outside the home. An accomplished floral and visual display expert whose credits include residential and retail settings, Ginnie is a local favorite making a return appearance to Dallas Design Supply, a resource for display and design professionals on the campus of Dallas Market Center.

"I did an event here when Design Supply opened during the June Market, and there was such excitement that this place had opened," says Ginnie. "I'm happy to be back to create a little excitement of my own, to introduce all that's here to customers who haven't discovered it yet."

Customers of Dallas

Design Supply are florists, event planners, designers, real estate stagers and visual merchandisers (as well as qualified consumers affiliated with churches, schools or charities). These varied groups have a mission in common: to present the most innovative environments or stage the perfect event. Dallas Design Supply offers the materials they need to bring their creative visions to life, from seasonal décor, candles and party supplies to ribbon, silk botanicals, and floral containers and supplies. All merchandise is available off the shelf, with no minimum purchase.

Ginnie Brand's seminars are 10 a.m. Friday and Saturday, August 26-27. Autumn wreaths and fall décor are her focus, with special attention paid to use of deco mesh ribbon and cord for creating fall



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wreaths, gift baskets, and home or party décor.

Dallas Design Supply is at 2000 N. Stemmons on the east side of the International Trade Plaza, the two-story building to the right of the World Trade Center, between Oak Lawn and Market Center Blvd. Ample parking surrounds the facility's exterior entry. Hours and directions: 214-757-7715 or www.DallasDesignSupply.com.