

SCENE

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LAUNCH

TULUM COLLECTION
BY STYLEMEGHD

While 2020 brought its share of challenges, it also heralded a few silver linings—and we're not just talking about working from home. As it turns out, that was also the year of inspiration for the first product line from StyleMeGHD, the retail offshoot of the Scottsdale-based interior design firm Guided Home Design. "I had the pleasure of visiting Tulum in the fall of 2020, and by the time I left, I had found a new love for this tucked-away jewel on Mexico's east coast," says StyleMeGHD CEO Kristen Hancock. The result of this love affair is the Tulum Collection. Launched in February, it incorporates the sort of textiles and materials you'd embrace on a Mexican holiday—think linen, rattan, cane, rope, stone and ceramic. Notable pieces include textured plates, folding beach chairs, rustic linens and earthy vases that evoke Tulum's eco-chic vibe. StyleMeGHD followed this debut with its print collection in March. These original photographs, produced by the StyleMeGHD team while in Mexico, are some of Hancock's favorite pieces. All of this, however, is just the beginning. "We recently traveled to Joshua Tree, California, in an effort to style, capture and launch the second of our destination collections," Hancock reveals. Stay tuned for more vacation vibes. stylemeghd.com



POST MASTER

@LIFECREATED

WHO: Greater Phoenix area-based photographer and photo stylist Stephanie Studer.

WHAT: A curated selection of images that make you feel like you could use more creativity in your life. Botanicals, cool gray-and-white interiors, architecture that evokes sunny vacations and flat-lay photography (the last being Studer's calling card) all appear in the rotation.

WHY: Whether it's a collection of objets d'art or an interior space, @LifeCreated celebrates the essence of the perfectly composed shot.

IN HER WORDS: "I have a passion for the artistic side of still photography and small businesses, so connecting with budding photographers and creative brands is always a gift."

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ON THE HUNT

LORI CLARKE

There's something enticingly down-to-earth about Lori Clarke, principal of Lori Clarke Design. Maybe it's her Kansas City roots. Maybe it's the fact that she came to design as a second career, after studying fashion and then staying home to raise her three daughters.

Whatever the reason, Clarke is one of those designers who is as likable for her personality as her work. And that work, whether it's a French château-style estate or a reimagined brownstone in Central Phoenix, manages to be both richly detailed and decidedly unfussy—kind of like Clarke herself. To capture that relaxed vibe, *Luxe* sat down with the designer to learn her top picks for where to rest and recharge around town. loriclarkedesign.com



TALIESIN WEST

"The very talented docents are an extension of Frank Lloyd Wright. Every time I visit, I see something I hadn't noticed before."
franklloydwright.org/taliesin-west



MUSIC IN THE GARDEN AT DESERT BOTANICAL GARDEN

"This is an experience you can only have here in the Valley. They bring in the best local artists, and the experience takes place amid the beautiful desert, under the stars." dbg.org



FNB RESTAURANT

"They offer a menu that changes with the seasons, and the owners' hospitality is authentic. They pour their hearts and souls into bringing guests the freshest, locally grown, savory and colorful food here in the Valley." fnbrestaurant.com

CAMELBACK FLOWERSHOP

"Just walking in the door and smelling the combination of florals taps into happy childhood memories. They do the best job creating unique arrangements. And I love going during happy hour on Fridays after 4 p.m.—I can fill my home with scents and beauty at half the price!"
camelbackflowershop.com



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CELEBRATE

BONNER DAVID GALLERIES



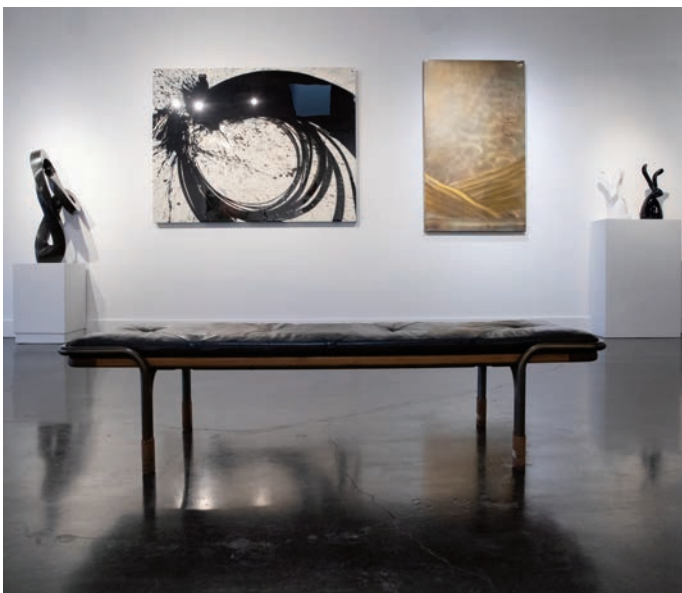
Everyone loves a birthday, and Bonner David Galleries, which celebrates its milestone 20th anniversary in Old Town this year, is no exception. The past two decades have brought plenty of change for owners Christi Bonner Manuelito and Clark David Olson. For starters, they opened a sister gallery in New York in early 2020. And their repertoire of

represented artists has grown to include upwards of 30 global creators who specialize in genres ranging from figurative to realistic art. Yet other things have stayed the same, like the gallery's resolute egalitarianism: Bonner David is known for warmly welcoming new and seasoned collectors alike. Here, Manuelito and Olson share their perspective on what 20 years in the art world has brought. bonnerdavid.com

Describe how your place in the art scene has evolved. After just five years, we found the need to double in size, which allowed us to be truer to our original theme of having traditional and contemporary art side by side. We understand that tastes are varied, and we want people to understand that they don't have to love only one style of art.

How are you celebrating your 20th anniversary? Twenty years is a long time, and we're fortunate to have thousands of collectors who've purchased work from Bonner David. Instead of having just a single event, we're hosting a series of four celebrations in September, October, November and December to focus on the different types of art we represent. For example, one will be a sculpture show, one for landscapes, one for figurative artists and one for abstract art.

What's next for Bonner David? We're always evolving. We just celebrated two years at our second location, half a block from the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York. Our goal there is to elevate our artists by giving them a much broader presence. And we have a few secrets in our pocket that we're not quite ready to reveal.



CHECK IN

AMBIENTE RESORT

They say good things come to those who wait, and Ambiente delivers on this promise. As North America's first landscape hotel, this adults-only property in Sedona pushed back its opening date from mid-January to May 2022—a delay that has only served to build anticipation. The resort consists of 40 cube-shaped accommodations, referred to as "Atriums." The collection appears to float over the landscape, with each Atrium perched upon stilts and crafted out of charcoal-colored metal that seems to blend into the surroundings. Floor-to-ceiling bronze-tinted glass affords nearly 360-degree views over Coconino National Forest and those red-rock monoliths for which Sedona is famous. Equally important, however, is the landscape architecture by Green Magic Landscaping, which not only sought to preserve every native tree on the three-acre property but also reactivate an ancient waterway that coils through the land. All this makes for a one-of-a-kind experience, even without considering the luxe amenities. In addition to smart-room technology, minimalist design and organic touches like live-edge wooden coffee tables, nearly every Atrium boasts a private rooftop deck with a fire pit and daybed where you can literally sleep under the stars. ambientesedona.com