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Design Fair 2014 Learn. Shop. Connect.

Houston, Texas – **Design Fair 2014: Learn. Shop. Connect.** will take place **April 23 - 27, 2014**. Design Fair 2014 features vintage modern objects of the 20th century, as well as examples of cutting-edge contemporary design. A wide selection of carefully curated items will be available for purchase as part of the Design Fair, including furniture, glass, ceramics, lighting, books, metalwork and fashion. Visitors to the Fair will be able to meet the designers and exhibitors for an up-close and personal look at the pace-setting designs of today and the mid-20th century.

The Texas Co-Op, a special section of the Fair, features individual Texas-based designers offering one-of-a-kind products. These new and emerging product lines currently are in small-scale production and represent innovations in industrial and object design today.

New this year...**Talks Series**. Houston is experiencing rapid growth and receiving international recognition for its art, culture, food and economy. From urban planning and institutional design to commercial and residential architecture, an educational section of the Fair will highlight different design projects from all over the city through a series of short, informal talks during the Fair Days.

Design Fair 2013 kicks-off with a **free lecture**, *In Praise of Man-Made Nature*, on **Wednesday, April 23, at 6:30 PM** at The Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, Brown Auditorium. Presented in partnership with the MFAH Design Council. Lawndale and the Design Council are delighted to welcome **Karrie Jacobs**, founding editor in chief of *Dwell Magazine* to Houston.

Attendees should also mark their calendars for the most stylish gala of the year, the **Design Fair 2014 Preview Party**, chaired by Anne Breux on Friday, **April 25, from 6 – 9 PM**; then plan to keep shopping all weekend April 26 and 27 from 10AM – 5PM. Ticket sales for both events will benefit Lawndale Art Center.

Dates: April 23 – 27, 2014
Location: Lawndale Art Center
Co-Curators: Tatiana Bacci and Cecilia Márquez
Preview Party Chair: Anne Breux
Advisory Committee: Tatiana Bacci, Anne Breux, Cheryl Carpenter, Jenny Lynn Weitz-Amaré Cartwright, Scott Cartwright, Gabriel Cuellar, Michael Guidry, Garrett Hunter, Karen Lantz, Cecilia Márquez, Paula Murphy, Megan Silva, Cindi Strauss and Eleanor L. Williams

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Lecture:

In Praise of Man-Made Nature

Karrie Jacobs

The real lesson of New York City's celebrated High Line is not that every city needs an elevated linear park, but that the features of our cities that we've long disused, ignored and written off as blight are actually valuable components of our unnatural natural environment. Long regarded as liabilities, abused rivers like Newark's Passaic, the Los Angeles River and Houston's Buffalo Bayou are being transformed into assets. Even the most obstructive, no-man's-land-generating form of urban infrastructure—the elevated expressway—can, with skill and imagination, be incorporated into metropolitan form of nature. While Frederick Law Olmsted's 19th century landscapes afforded an escape from the urban life, the 21st century approach to man-made nature offers a deeper immersion into our changing cities.



Karrie Jacobs is a professional observer of the man-made landscape. For ten years she wrote the "America" column for *Metropolis* magazine about how ideas and strategies in architecture and design play out in the real world. She's currently a faculty member at DCrit, the School of Visual Arts' graduate program in design criticism, a contributing editor at *Travel + Leisure* and a frequent contributor to *Architect*. She is author of *The Perfect \$100,000 House: A Trip Across America* and *Back in Pursuit of a Place to Call Home* (Viking, 2006) and was the founding editor in chief of *Dwell Magazine*. Prior to launching *Dwell*, Karrie served as the architecture critic of New York Magazine and was also the founding executive editor of *Benetton's Colors Magazine*.

Wednesday, April 23, 2014, 6:30 PM

Free admission

Brown Auditorium, [The Museum of Fine Arts, Houston](#)

Caroline Wiess Law Building, 1001 Bissonnet

Followed by a reception

This free lecture is sponsored by [Poggenpohl Design Studio](#). Presented in partnership with The Design Council at the MFAH.



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Preview Party:

Friday, April 25, 2014, 6-9PM

Preview Party Chair: Anne Breux

Attire: Contemporary Cocktail

Tickets: \$75 per person / \$60 for Lawndale members
(includes admission throughout the weekend)

Shop early for the best modern and contemporary design at Lawndale Art Center. Nibble on tasty treats designed by CULINAIRE and sip Saint Arnold Brewing Company's brew amongst the finest selection of furniture, glass, ceramics, lighting, books, metalwork and fashion. You won't want to miss this chance to pick up your next treasure.

Tickets available at the door or in advance via PayPal and by contacting Lawndale Art Center at 713.528.5858 or by email at askus@lawndaleartcenter.org.

The Preview Party is sponsored by Saint Cloud.



Fair Days:

Saturday, April 26 & Sunday, April 27, 2014, 10 AM-5 PM

General admission for the weekend is \$5

Shop among a special selection of vintage modern objects of the 20th century, as well as cutting edge contemporary design. Meet specialist designers and dealers offering the finest furniture, glass, ceramics, lighting, books, metalwork and fashion for sale to collectors and enthusiasts alike.

Texas Co-Op:

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Talks Series:

From urban planning and institutional design to commercial and residential architecture, an educational section of the Fair will highlight current design projects from all over Houston. Join us for short, informal talks with local historians, planners, architects and designers during the Fair Days, Saturday & Sunday, April 26 & 27.

The Talks are still being planned, but we have confirmed the following speakers to date. Check back soon for more details!

Karen Lantz, AIA, of Lantz Full Circle Architecture, will speak about sustainable residential design.

Chung Nguyen, FAIA, of MC2 Architects, will discuss current green commercial and restaurant projects in Houston.

Anna Mod, Historic Preservationist, will speak about preservation in Houston.

Anne Olson, President of the Buffalo Bayou Partnership will talk on the bayou revitalization project.

Participating Exhibitors:

The following will offer a wide selection of carefully curated items including furniture, glass, ceramics, lighting, books, metalwork and fashion.

Exhibitors *(as of March 10, 2014)*

Antiques of River Oaks

Don Browne

Garman Furniture

La Nova Tile

Ligne Roset

Madison Lily

Myth & Symbol

Nannie Inez

New Living

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Pro Libertate Arts

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About Lawndale Art Center: Lawndale Art Center develops local contemporary artists and the audience for their art. Lawndale is dedicated to the presentation of contemporary art with an emphasis on work by Houston artists. Lawndale presents exhibitions, lectures and events, and offers an annual residency program to further the creative exchange of ideas among Houston's diverse artistic, cultural and student communities. Founded in 1979, Lawndale has owned its present location on Main Street in Houston's Museum District since 1993. With four galleries in its locally significant Art Deco building, Lawndale includes close to 500 artists annually in changing exhibitions. Over twenty exhibitions, informal talks and special events are offered yearly including annual events such as Día de los Muertos /Day of the Dead, Design Fair and *The Big Show*.

For More Information: www.lawndaleartcenter.org or askus@lawndaleartcenter.org or (713) 528-5858.

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