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**EVERYTHING**

We've spent another year scouring Dallas for the best furniture, accessories, personalities—even the best organic mattress. The result? Our seventh annual Best of collection.

**We think this year happens to be, well, our best yet.**

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### Best Buzz Off

Most people break into a cold sweat at the thought of a swarm of bees, but **JANET ROWE** dives right in. Beekeeping since she was four with her father, Rowe gives lectures on beekeeping, is licensed by the state of Texas to remove bees, and of course, makes her own honey. Well, the bees actually make the honey, but she harvests it. The result? Local honey rich in protein, minerals, and vitamins made from the pollen of the wildflowers and fruit trees that dot our North Texas home. How sweet it is. *The Bee Charmer. 214-695-3425.*

### Best Chef's Secret

The ladies of **THE BARKING CAT FARM** initially set out to grow specialty cut flowers, but when word got out about the mad skills the ladies have at organic, eco-friendly gardening, they were "bowled over" by demand for fresh veggies and herbs. They still do flowers, but now they also grow a variety of produce such as sugar snap peas, dill, Lolla Rossa lettuce, and Swiss chard, which are quickly becoming the secret ingredients of top restaurants such as Parigi. You, too, can grab the greens for your home. For \$10 a week, you'll get a box of whatever's in season dropped off to designated locations. However, getting a spot on the waiting list is no easy task. *The Barking Cat Farm. 214-533-2532. www.barkingcatfarm.com.*

### Best Private Shipper

You never know how hard it is to find a reliable shipper until you need one. So whether it's fine art that needs to be specially wrapped and crated for overseas delivery or a batch of homemade brownies for your son at college, call **MARTHA AND ALLAN WOODCOOK**. For 20 years, they have been quietly providing impeccable personal shipping services, even gift wrapping presents prior to mailing. This family-run business is not only remarkably service-oriented, but also their pricing is considerably lower than most franchise postal shops in town. *Park Cities Postal Center. 3419 Westminster Ave. 214-373-4105.*



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### Best Reproduction Chair

So you're not an Italian aristocrat. That won't stop you from living like one thanks to this faithfully reproduced Dolphin Chair. It's one of a set of four Italian Grotto Chairs, hand-carved and water-gilded in 22-karat white and yellow gold. Just another stunning example of the outstanding quality of design produced by **MANHEIM-RUSEAU**. 972-387-4578.

### Best Renovation of a Tear-down

This **HIGH STYLE ARTS AND CRAFTS HOME** was purchased and carefully renovated by pharmacist Wayne Falcone, who had admired it for years on his way to work. After a 10-year effort, the house has been beautifully restored with the help of Dallas

antiques dealer Gerald Tomlin. Named after its former owner, opera singer Daisy Polk, the home now earns its keep as a bed and breakfast and has recently received historic designation from the city. *Daisy Polk Inn Bed & Breakfast*. 2917 Reagan St. 214-522-4692. [www.daisypolkinn.com](http://www.daisypolkinn.com).

### Best Reinvention

**STEPHANIE ANNE** was once Dallas' chicest children's store. No more. Boasting around 100 different china and crystal patterns, the store is now one of the best local sources for stylish tabletop and home decor accessories, including Fabergé porcelain plate settings, Italian Egizia stemware, and Varga crystal goblets. *Stephanie Anne*. 4346 Lovers Ln. 214-368-3025. [www.stephanieanne.com](http://www.stephanieanne.com).