

# The Menagerie is moving to the Carillon Building



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The Menagerie is excited to continue its 46-year history as the premier West Austin jewelry store at its new location in the historic Carillon Building. Stay tuned for the May opening date!

Vickie Roan began The Menagerie in 1978 as a home-based business selling jewelry that her friends desired -- baby bead necklaces and twisty bead necklaces. Five years later she made the decision to open a retail space in the Junior League shopping center where she expanded the business to include luxury home accessories and sterling gift items.

In 1997 she moved to Jefferson Square so that she would have the space to add bridal registry to her store’s gift offerings. She travelled to Europe to visit the world’s most honored companies and brought their items to Austin, so Austin brides no longer had to travel to Houston or Dallas to make their china, crystal, and silver selections.

The Menagerie has been listed for several years as one of the top 50 woman-owned businesses by the Austin Business Journal and was the oldest woman-owned business on last year’s list. When asked about this accomplishment her response was, “I am honored to be included but it is only because of my loyal customers it happened.”

The move to the Carillon brings her back to her initial business model which is listening to her customer’s desires and sourcing and securing and/or creating pieces of jewelry for them.



With a 46-year history in the retail business, Vickie has built a reputation for creating Austin’s premier luxury jewelry store by having a curated selection of luxury jewelry and designing one-of-a-kind jewelry pieces for her loyal customers.

One of her customers said this: “When being disappointed that I couldn’t find the perfect engagement ring a friend said, call Vickie! Her attention to detail and her vast resources for diamonds and jewelry craftsman are amazing. I took my friend’s recommendation and Vickie sourced the most beautiful diamond and made me exactly the ring I wanted -- and my now husband was excited because it was within his budget!”

Another customer said, “It’s my happy place!” A comment that many shared was “The Menagerie is known for its generosity of supporting our local charities. Vickie loves to give back to the community that supports her store.”

When Vickie is asked what her favorite part of the business is, she quickly responds, “Helping my customers, who are my friends, celebrate all of life’s gift giving occasions. Sourcing the perfect diamond for an engagement ring or hand engraving a silver baby cup for a newborn baby is an honor that I give thanks for daily.”



The Menagerie’s new home



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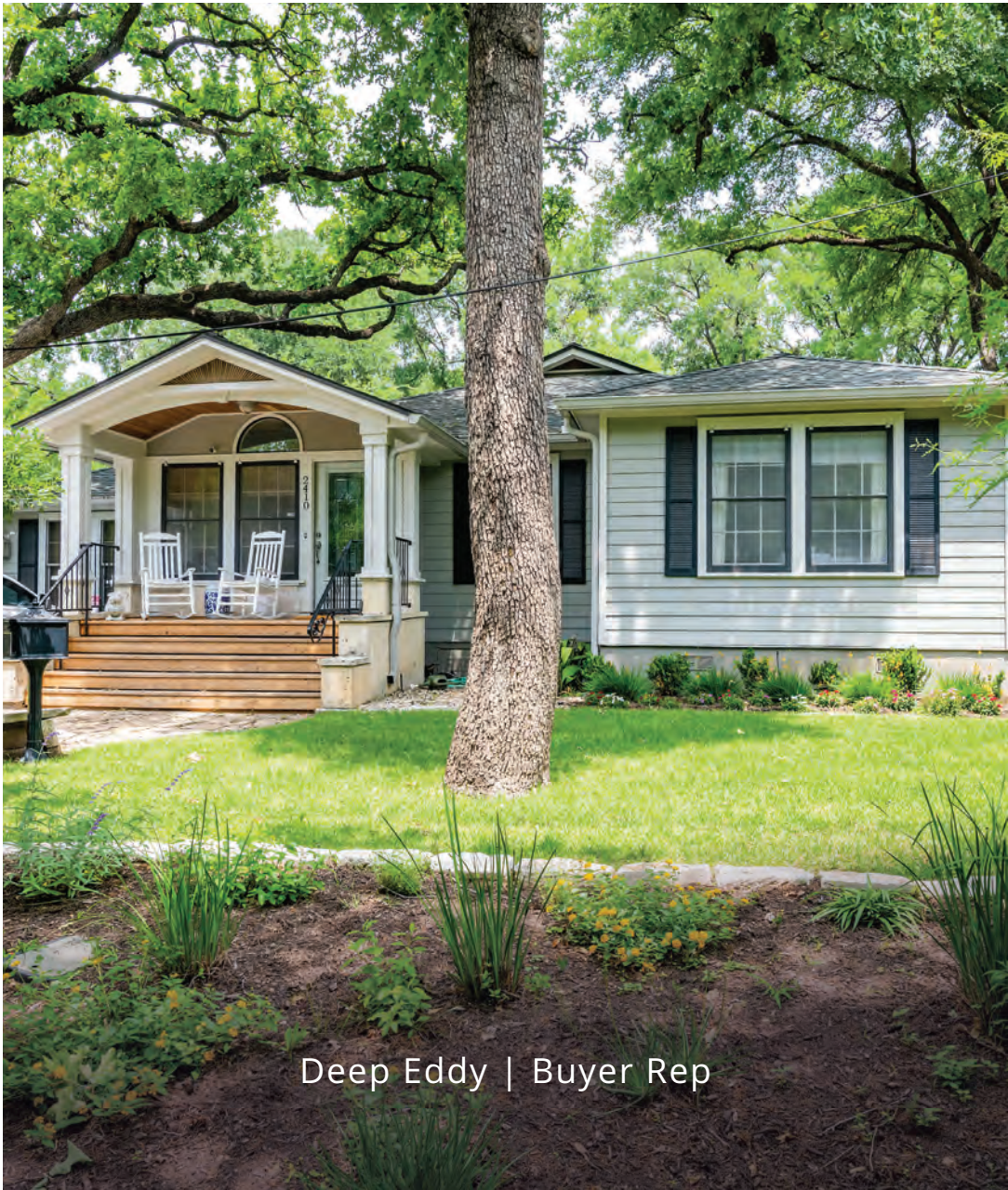
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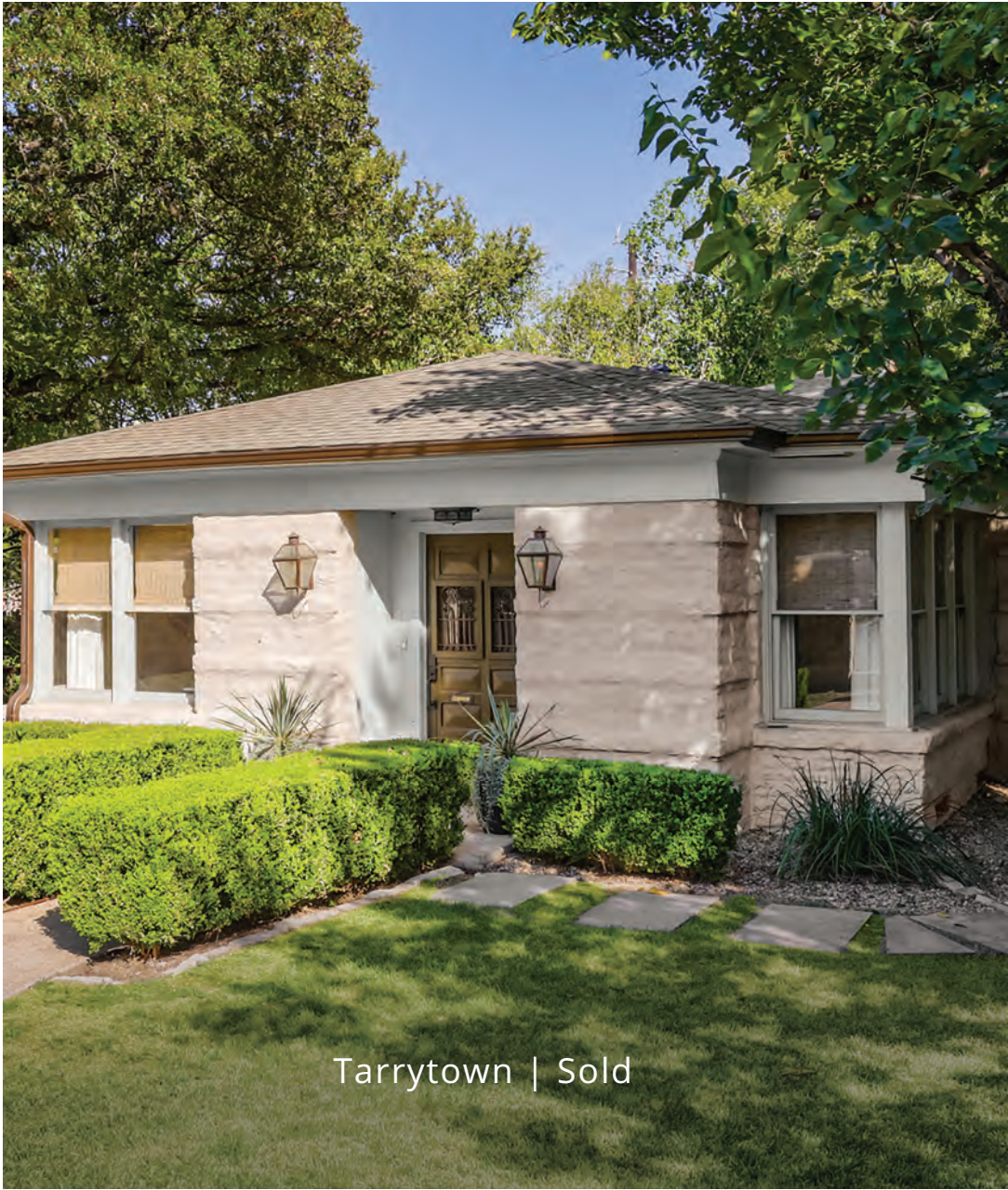
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A portrait of Blake Sayers Bell, a woman with long brown hair, wearing a white sleeveless top with a large white scarf and pink pants. She is smiling and standing in front of a dark background.

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# Balcones Springs founder and owner Christine Baskin welcomes guests to her family-run summer camp and high-end event space

By Genevieve Poist

The moment I step foot onto the pebble path of Balcones Springs, it’s clear I’m somewhere remarkable.

Tucked neatly off of Hill Country Road 1431, the summer camp/retreat/event space/outdoor mecca is both homey and romantic. Every inch of the 250-acre property is carefully detailed — a bright tablecloth, a bouquet of fresh cut garden roses, a western scene stitched onto the hem of a pressed quilt.

Simply put, Balcones Springs is magic. So it’s no surprise its owner is magic, too.

Owner, founder, director, designer and showrunner of The Retreat at Balcones Springs and Camp Balcones Springs, Christine Baskin is known for everything except sitting down. One moment, she’s playing with campers by the lake; the next, she’s on the phone planning with a bride-to-be. Later still, she’s in the kitchen, donning rubber gloves to help scrub dirty dishes with her team at 3 a.m. And yet, she looks completely unruffled.

With 46 cabins, a dining hall, several pavilions, herb and vegetable gardens, and event spaces, the property has grown significantly since its founding in 1993. The lake and rolling fields are scattered with outdoor recreation, including a climbing wall and zipline, a fitness and yoga studio, horse barn with dozens of horses, goats, and donkeys, tennis courts and more. And yet more than half of the land remains untouched.

## CAMP BALCONES SPRINGS

Come summer, Camp Balcones Springs, or “CBS,” welcomes hundreds of children, but this camp offers an adventure beyond typical Texas camps, with smaller camper-to-counselor ratios, air-conditioned cabins, and specialized classes.

While Christine acknowledges the value of more rural facilities, she wanted to create a program that would allow children to get the most out of camp by being well-rested and comfortable in their lodging: “As a mother myself, it was important to me that my children eat healthy food

## THE RETREAT AT BALCONES SPRINGS

and not melt away in the Texas heat. Luckily, I’ve found that other mothers, especially millennial moms, are beginning to prioritize the same things for their children.”

During the “school” year, the property transforms from summer camp into a peaceful, cozy, and authentic glamping experience. All named after

“Couples come near and far to wed at The Retreat — Texans, and even a few Europeans, you name it! Because the property has so much untouched nature, it provides a blank canvas for couples to bring their wedding weekends to life while avoiding all the headaches that come with a rustic wedding. We

provide all the infrastructure to deliver on this rustic vibe without having to pull in a zillion different vendors to make it happen. It’s a one stop shop,” says Christine.

“What I never expected and am always so enamored with is how this place taps into your inner-child and encourages play, even for adults,” says Christine. “Of course, they’re enjoying wine

and cocktails and ‘glamping’ in our boutique cabins, but this is after blobbing or cannonballing into Lake Ted. It is really beautiful to me to witness how much summer camp bleeds into each stay. I feel like people tend to see these sorts of activities and experiences as mutually

various Texas heroes and decorated by Christine herself, no two cabins are the same.

Each possesses a distinct style with unique artifacts collected from her travels — from Mexico in the 1990s, to Texas flea markets and antique shows and work from her favorite local artists. This goes



Glamping at Balcones Springs

beyond the standard boutique hotel fare. The blend creates a “rustic luxury” experience that makes Balcones Springs what it is.

## THE RETREAT AT BALCONES SPRINGS

The rise of glamping has made The Retreat an ultimate destination for a wedding weekend.

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## Kacy Dolce is leaving her mark on the real estate industry.

Kacy Dolce has made significant strides in the real estate industry in her almost 15 years in the industry. She has broken through barriers and made her mark on Austin, Texas. She is known to go above and beyond for her clients while also taking on leadership roles in order to serve other agents in the Austin area.

Kacy was drawn to join the Austin Board of Directors to advocate for brokerage services and enhance professional development opportunities. She currently serves as the 2023 Secretary/Treasurer for the board. She also sits on the Texas Association of Realtors Professional Development & Member Benefits Committees, as well as with the National Association of Realtors on the Leading Edge Advisory Board. By using her strengths of thinking strategically and working collaboratively she leads and navigates these waters in collaboration with her colleagues.

Overall, Kacy continues to show her love for real estate and is someone who is highly skilled, motivated, and dedicated to not only helping her clients succeed but also leaving a positive mark on the real estate industry along the way.

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Balcones Springs' 10-acre Lake Ted



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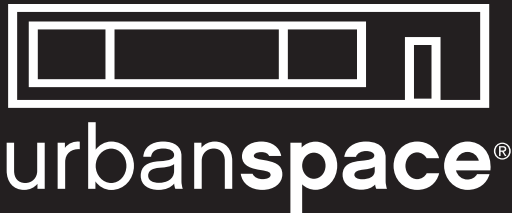
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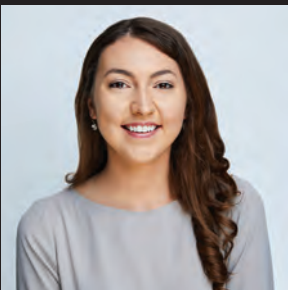
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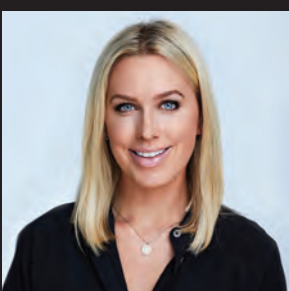
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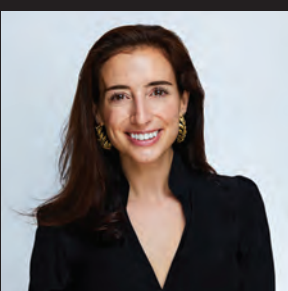
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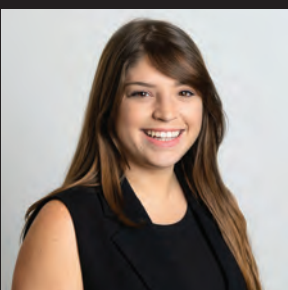
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