



Tim Gonzales, Bill Arning at 'Exit'



Vika Filippov, Anna Ataeva at 'Rathe'



Bernar Venet, Mayor Annise Parker at 'Venet'

## CREATIVE COOL

Art lovers celebrated in style at these three soirees! Deborah Colton, Carolyn Farb, Lester Marks and Exit Art, the acclaimed New York non-profit, invited partygoers to a cocktail party at Colton & Farb Gallery, with sales from donated artist portfolios benefiting Exit. ...

The colorful shindig "Sounds of the Bay" at Laura Rathe Gallery had guests sipping cocktails beneath the paintings of abstract expressionist Tony Magar. ... At Hermann Park, guests celebrated acclaimed artist Bernar Venet, who brings his steel sculptured works to a nine-month exhibit in the park. —GH



Wayne Davis, Sharise Linson at 'Rathe'



Amy Purvis, Scott Peveto at 'Venet'



Bill Hunter, Jim Hatcher, Jamie Johnson at 'Rathe'



Deborah Colton, Mark Epstein, Carolyn Farb, Charles Kramer at 'Exit'





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BY SHELBY HODGE

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The Houston art scene enjoyed a noteworthy start to 2010 Wednesday night when [Deborah Colton Gallery](#) launched a print portfolio exhibition from [Exit Art](#), the critically acclaimed non-profit art institution in New York City.

**Deborah Colton, Carolyn Farb and Lester Marks** hosted the evening that began with a benefit reception featuring the portfolios that mix

works from preeminent artists with that of emerging talents. (Exit Art's associate director **Audrey Christensen** will conduct a gallery talk and tour of the portfolios at 2 p.m. Saturday at the gallery, 2445 North Boulevard.)

In the mix were Contemporary Arts Museum Houston director **Bill Arning**, Galveston Arts Center's **Clint Willour**, **Andrew Abendshein** and **Eloise Frischkorn** plus gallery artists and photographers **Jay Rusovich**, **Nathaniel Donnett** and **Michael Meazell**. Art patrons and collectors included **Leigh and Reggie Smith**, **Marthann Masterson**, **Kent Shaffer**, **Kristy Phillips**, **Rob Taylor** and loads more.

The second act took place in the River Oaks home of Farb where Exit Art board members and out-of-town guests were honored with a down-home Tex-Mex feast from Abuso Catering including board chair **Charles**



Photo by Shelby Hodge  
Gregory Fourtqcq



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the Exit Art opening at the Deborah Colton Gallery

When **Gregory Fourtqcq** abandoned New York City for hometown Houston in July, he cast about for a business endeavour that would play to the strengths he developed as vice president of retail for Calvin Klein, Donna Karan and finally Carolina Herrera.

Pals in Houston were thrilled at the prospect of having the handsome and charming Fourtqcq back at home base. When his parents threw a 50th birthday party for Fourtqcq at River Oaks Country Club last year, it was standing room only.

Fashion was a likely arena for Fourtqcq. He fixed on Moo Boo, a children's clothing line founded by University of Houston accounting grad **Trinh Nguyen**, and became an investment partner. The beautifully handcrafted, uniquely designed little girl, dress-up dresses are sold in 80 specialty stores around the country, including Tootsies, where Fourtqcq made the entrée.

But Fourtqcq is not a man to sit still. He has expansion on his mind. Look for the Moo Boo label to grow to include well-fitted blouses and shirts for women in price points not to exceed \$250. The company is in the early design stages. Stay tuned for further developments.

## Sight 'ems

A slew of notables pouring into RDG and Bar Annie Wednesday night where we found **Daria Lexington** making her first public outing since the death of her long-time companion **John O'Quinn**. She was tete-a-tete with real estate developer **Rob Wilson** and wife **Bess**. At various tables around the bar were author **Jo Barrett**, **Rosanne Rogers** and Dr. **Aashish Shah** making a romantic duo and **Monsour Taghdisi** with **Catherine** and Dr. **Cenk Ozdogan**, underwriters of next week's glam UNICEF benefit, "An Evening with Lucy Liu". . .

And out Los Angeles way, interior designers **Sheridan Williams** and **Sylvia Dorsey** dining at Giorgio's in Santa Monica with their daughters **Kristen Nix** and **Elizabeth Fertitta**, respectively, after a day of shopping for Sheridan and **John Eddie Williams'** new home in River Oaks and for Dorsey's Longoria Collection in Uptown Park. At another table **Mary** and **Vincent Kickerillo**, who have a home in Santa Monica, and **Kelli Kickerillo Forester** entertained **Veronique Peck**, widow of **Gregory Peck**, and **Barbara Sinatra**, **Frank Sinatra's** widow. The Kickerillo clan got an eyeful when **Taylor Swift** and **John Mayer**, songbirds playing lovebirds, came in later. And none of these people were going to the UT/Alabama game, imagine . . .

**Beth Sanders Moore** celebrating her birthday in the wine library at Tony's where **Melinda Berkman**, **Diane Connally** and **Karen Johnson** hosted. The lunching ladies, who woofed down the divine ice cream bombe dessert, included **Karen Mayell**, **Donna Vallone**, **Diane Lokey Farb**, **Mary Lee Merrett** and **Kelli Blanton** . . .

Lunching at various tables in Grotto 610 **Michael Holthouse**, **Francis Page Jr.**, **Clyde Drexler** and **Jon Culberson**.

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