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## On the Town

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### FLY AWAY HOME

When a copy of *The Birding Life: A Passion for Birds at Home and Afield* by Laurence Sheehan—an entire tome dedicated to capturing people and places inspired by the winged creatures—dropped onto our desk, we were intrigued. When we realized one of the featured homes, a Brooklyn loft riddled with taxidermy and radiating natural energy, belonged to a pair of K.C.-bred sisters, we were blown away.

A little more digging also informed us that Hollister and Porter Hovey have just been tapped by Rizzoli to produce a coffee-table book of their own for 2013. So we caught up with Hollister to talk tomes, design and her uniquely natural style.

### Congrats on the book deal! What can we expect?

The book is about legacy and a push for readers to collect items that evoke their true, inherent passions and joys. If we sit back and think about those early years and all the wonderful firsts—first loves, first adventures, first moments we understood our parents—a smile will come to our faces. Why not incorporate things that evoke those memories into things you buy for your home?

How would you describe your style to someone who hasn't seen your blog ([hollisterhovey.blogspot.com](http://hollisterhovey.blogspot.com)) or photos of your home?

The backbone of my apartment and my blog is an emphasis on great looking, quality things that have stories behind them—be it stories of adventure, love, war, evolution or a great day at the flea market.

The loft I share with my sister looks like a bright, fresh iteration of an old gentlemen's club mixed with a cabinet of curiosities and a few feminine touches. However, instead of sticking with the classic neutrals of menswear, we've been inspired by the color and pomp of military regalia, which, ironically, often ends up making men look like exotic birds.

Where did you live growing up in Kansas City?

We started out in Overland Park, but transplanted to Mission Hills.



Inside Hollister and Porter Hovey's Brooklyn Loft

### Did your love for taxidermy come from your folks?

We didn't have taxidermy but there were always horn pieces, Anglo-Indian porcupine quill boxes and tortoise shells sitting around. The place was kind of like a never-ending DIY project for our parents. They whitewashed all the floors, installed French doors on all the closets and painted the walls beautiful colors. My room was pale pink with a wonderful set of 19th-century wood canopy twin beds from the governor's mansion in Lincoln.

### What do you miss most about your hometown?

I still consider Kansas City one of the prettiest cities in the U.S. I've spent hours bragging about the Art Deco downtown and J.C. Nichols' maniacal suburban planning over drinks with East Coasters.

### What's on your loft wish list right now?

We've found loads of amazing things at the beautiful shop Holler & Squall on Atlantic Avenue in Brooklyn. They have a taxidermed monkey that I'm just dying to buy.

### ALL ABOUT EVE

Check out what K.C.'s party people will be up to on New Year's Eve!

**Power & Light District.** Ball drop at midnight, cash confetti and four DJs rocking KC Live! [powerandlightdistrict.com](http://powerandlightdistrict.com)

**Convention Center.** Atlantic Express provides the soundtrack for a soiree set against the backdrop of the Kauffman

Center. \$99 each (couples discount for \$190 until Dec. 2). [ticketmaster.com](http://ticketmaster.com)

**Scottish Rite Temple.** The annual party for young professionals features four floors and eight bars. Prices start at \$59.12. [nyekc.com](http://nyekc.com)

**Bluestem.** The 7-course New Year's Eve menu rings in at \$130 per person (plus \$65 for wine pairings). Or opt for a more low-key cel-

ebration with a special bubbly-fueled \$30 menu in the lounge. [bluestemkc.com](http://bluestemkc.com)

**Hotel Phillips.** If you haven't seen the results of Hotel Phillips' multi-million dollar renovation, treat yourself to a stay downtown. For \$259, you get a room, breakfast for two, valet parking and tickets to P&L's NYE party! [hotelphillips.com](http://hotelphillips.com)