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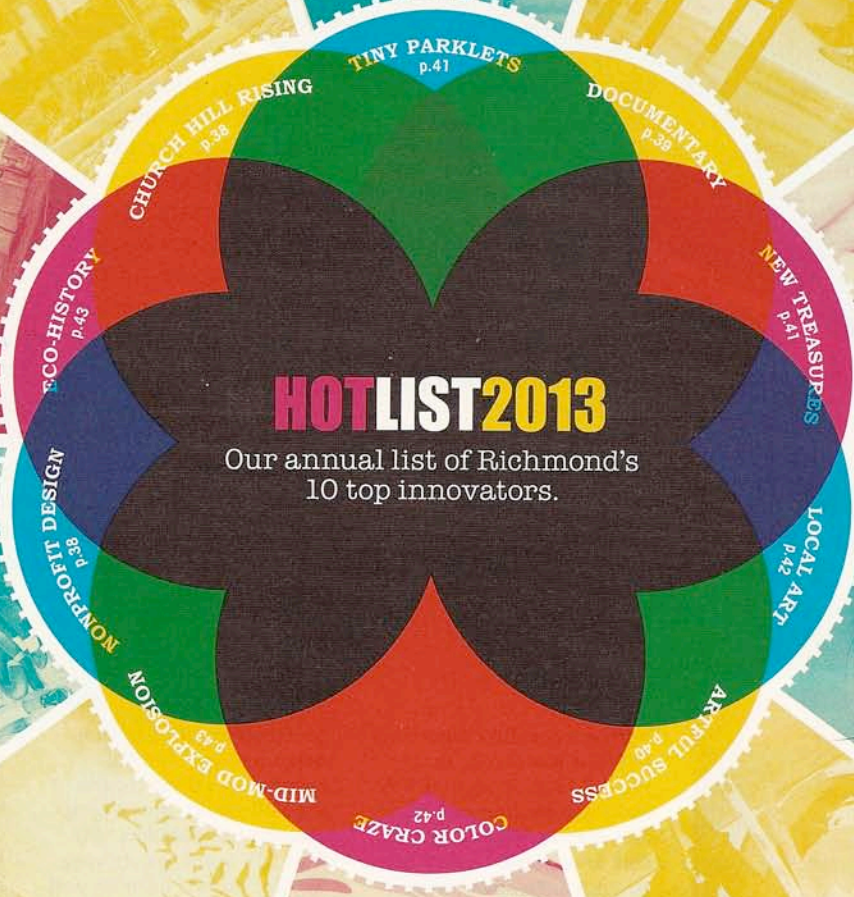
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Exploding Color



For the past 20 years, interior designer Susan Jamieson of Bridget Beari Designs has been creating beautiful spaces for clients in Richmond and around the world. In 2011, she started her own paint line, Bridget Beari Colors, with Fine Paints of Europe. With a new line of fabrics and wallpapers debuting this spring, Jamieson will extend her design influence even further.

With the help of Sarah Rowland, a local graphic designer, Jamieson collected inspiration from the files of patterns she has collected from magazines

and her travels. The resulting collection comprises 10 wallpapers in three colors, and different sets of 10 fabrics, Carter and Co., a local company, will hand-block the wallpaper. Her designs include a wood-grain pattern and Greek key motif in colors like lime green and cobalt blue. "Classic and traditional with a twist," Jamieson says. Both collections will coordinate with Jamieson's paints for Fine Paints of Europe and will be available through her website, bridgetbearidesigns.com, and at The Rue on Grove Avenue. —JRH



Meet the new queen of the First Fridays Art Walk.

Meghan Barbato comes with an impressive resume that includes an MBA from the College of William & Mary and stints developing eco-tourism marketing for the Galapagos Islands and anti-smoking guerilla marketing for the innovative Y Do You Think campaign.

Now she's stepping up to lead the popular downtown art walk, drawing on years of experience at the event as a vendor with her husband, artist Phil Barbato. As First Fridays' first 10 years helped define the rebirth of Broad Street, Barbato hopes the next 10 will define the reconnection of the city's core to the people in the counties as something that happens more than once a month.

"If we can build up First Fridays and build up the energy of people on that single night once a month, it's going to spill over and it won't be long before a Wednesday afternoon feels like [a] First Friday, too," Barbato says, touting the things to do in the city's new Arts District. "It can be the world's cheapest date if you want — you can come, see all the art you want, maybe buy a cup of coffee ... or you can hop over to Lemaire, spend more than \$100 and stay at the Jefferson [Hotel]." —CD



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