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heating up. Not a feminine, little-girl pink, but an empowered pink. The catalyst is critical health issues from breast cancer to AIDS awareness. This sophisticated pink, which has a bit of yellow in it, can be seen in products ranging from kitchen blenders to the polka-dot (another big summer trend) bed in a bag, shown here, from Target.

**Garden photo contest**

This week's winner is Elizabeth Aprea of New Baltimore. "Our favorite spot to enjoy a breeze in August is under our grape arbor," she says. "Planting the arbor was a better choice for our family than planting a large shade tree -- it suits the courtyard-type European landscape we prefer." Aprea wins a copy of Wendell T. Webber's "Nico De Swert Living with Flowers" (Abrams, \$40). Is your garden your summertime pride and joy? If so, enter our garden photo contest. Each week, we'll publish the best photo and award that green thumb with a garden book. Go to [detnewsgardens.buzznet.com/cat/](http://detnewsgardens.buzznet.com/cat/) to upload your photos. Be sure to include your name, address and daytime phone number.

**Excellent read**

Mary Carol Garrity's new book, "Feather Your Nest" (Andrews McMeel, \$24.95) arrives in bookstores in September, and it's a stunner. This time around, Garrity, whose weekly column appears in Homestyle, focuses on the details that give a home its unique personality. A tip from Garrity that illustrates this photo from the book: "Use ordinary, everyday items in innovative ways that make them extraordinary. Consider my friend's way of incorporating a stuffed hunt mounting (complete with antlers!) by flanking it with a delicate grouping of china plates."

**A name to know**

Christopher Guy Harrison, whose elegant furnishings can be seen in such venues as the Bellagio in Las Vegas and the movie "The Devil Wears Prada," is a design star. Interior designer Susan Murphy of iContact Designs Inc., 23940 Woodward Ave., Pleasant Ridge, met Guy (as he is known) at the High Point, N.C., furniture market this spring and was duly impressed. And now her firm will be offering his distinct luxury line. "Christopher Guy is for the discriminating client who appreciates hand-crafted artistry," she says. Guy's trademark Chris-X or Kris-Kros dining room chair, \$1,497, is shown here. Learn more at [icontactdesigns.com](http://icontactdesigns.com) or call (248) 584-0007.

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