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Dear Subscriber,

I am delighted to inform you of the following events:

Spirit-Boutique.com launch

House & Garden is delighted to announce the launch of **Spirit-Boutique.com**, the ultimate hand-picked online collection for stylish living. The Spirit of Summer and Christmas Fairs in association with *House & Garden* present a brand-new online store in which to shop and search for original gifts and accessories all year round. With new boutiques joining each week, you will discover a growing collection of unique and stylish home products, fashion and gifts, all hand-picked for their quality and originality. Shop online at www.spirit-boutique.com and be inspired by this collection of exclusive and exquisite boutiques just a few clicks away.

House & Garden event with Farrow & Ball at Le Manoir Aux Quat'Saisons: Wednesday, September 12

On Wednesday, September 12, 10.30am–3pm, *House & Garden* is hosting an inspirational talk, *Colour in the Home*, by Joa Studholme, Farrow & Ball's international colour consultant, with a Champagne tasting by Perrier-Jouet, followed by a three-course lunch specially devised by Raymond Blanc, at Le Manoir aux Quat'Saisons, his two-Michelin-star-restaurant in Oxfordshire. Tickets cost £120 per person and include wines, coffee and petit fours and a gift bag, as well as free entry into a prize draw to win a personal Farrow & Ball colour consultation. To book, send a cheque, payable to 'House & Garden', with your name, address, telephone number and email address, to Julia Page, Le Manoir aux Quat'Saisons, House & Garden, Vogue House, London W1S 1JU.

Introducing: Good London Builders

Good London Builders makes the process of enlarging and renovating your home painless and efficient – no matter what size the project. Owner Rory Gordon and his team can help at every stage of the process, ultimately introducing you to excellent building teams (they manage over 40 of London's best builders). He promises to get the right team on your job at the right price. If you engage Good London Builders as project managers, they will introduce you to architects and interior designers, if you wish, or work with you directly if you prefer. Rory and his team will be on site daily and will send you photographs so that you can monitor progress from the comfort of your office or home, no matter how far away you are – he has worked with clients as far away as New Zealand. Rory eliminates all stress by taking overall control of a project, informing you of the status and only getting you involved when you really need to be, ensuring projects are delivered on time, on budget and exceeding expectations every time. 020-7978 5097; www.goodlondonbuilders.com

House & Garden design talk: Sunday, September 23

Ben Pentreath, one of London's leading architectural and interior designers, and a renowned exponent of contemporary English style, will talk on *English Decoration: Some Observations* at Decorex, SW3 on Sunday, September, 23, 12.15–1 pm. Ben's eponymous interiors shop has been featured widely in leading design publications and his blog, www.benpentreath.com/inspiration, has been named one of the 20 best interiors blogs in the world by *The Sunday Telegraph*. He is also a regular columnist for the *Financial Times*. His architectural practice has worked on projects from new housing developments for the Prince of Wales to private houses in the UK, Ireland and the States. In his new book, *English Decoration*, he presents a major new survey of the best of English style. The talk is open to the trade only and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis; there is no additional charge on top of the general admission fee.

House & Garden design lecture: Tuesday, September 25

British-born, Los Angeles-based interiors and textiles designer, Kathryn Ireland, will be in conversation with Susan Crewe at Focus/12, at Design Centre Chelsea Harbour, SW10, on Tuesday, September 25, 3–4pm. Kathryn is the author of four books, including the upcoming *Timeless Interiors* (October 2012, Gibbs Smith) and is a featured designer on Bravo TV's *Million Dollar Decorators*. She launched her first collection of signature fabrics in 1997, and operates her showroom in West Hollywood, California. Her clientele of celebrities and tastemakers includes Steve Martin, Julia Louis-Dreyfus and Arianna Huffington. Her signature style has been described as comfortable, bohemian and family friendly, with large doses of colour and a lack of orthodoxy. Tickets cost £15 and include tea and a book signing following the talk: to book, call 020-7352 1900, e-mail enquiries@dcch.co.uk, or visit www.dcch.co.uk.