

MY DC

# GREEN MACHINE

Small plants can have a big impact, at least when they're starring in **Holley Simmons'** terrariums and flower arrangements. The founder of **Sill Life** ([silllife.com](http://silllife.com)), an urban-gardening and floral-design company, revels in both making greenscapes in wee containers (think vintage fishbowls or gilded dinosaurs vases) and in teaching other people to do so at weekly classes. She schools budding leaf chiefs at the new and wonderful **The Lemon Collective** ([wearthelemoncollective.com](http://wearthelemoncollective.com)), a studio-cum-crafts school in Park View she founded with several other artists. Here's what she digs around DC. —Jennifer Berger



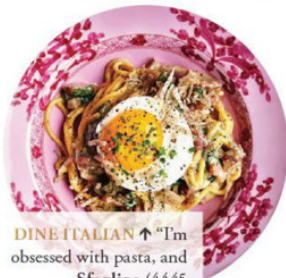
**BUY ART** ↑ "I often buy work or commission pieces from **Art Enables** (2204 Rhode Island Ave. NE, [art-enables.org](http://art-enables.org)), where artists with disabilities make and sell their wares. Shawn Payne's paintings are terrific!"



**THINK BIG** ← "I [always] pass through the **National Gallery of Art Sculpture Garden** (Constitution Avenue and Ninth Street NW). I particularly like the Louise Bourgeois spider sculpture. I love the idea that spiders are always working, always mending."



**COVER IT** ↑ "Nicole Crowder Upholstery (2950 Van Ness St. NW, [nicolecrowderupholstery.com](http://nicolecrowderupholstery.com)) mixes bold, modern fabrics with furniture that has vintage bones."



**DINE ITALIAN** ↑ "I'm obsessed with pasta, and **Sfoglina** (4445 Connecticut Ave. NW, [sfoglinad.com](http://sfoglinad.com)) has good, straightforward Italian food. There are just three or four ingredients in each dish."



**GO BOHO** ← "Ulla Johnson's dresses at **The Hive** (301 Cameron St., Alexandria, Va., [theshoehive.com](http://theshoehive.com)) are both structured and bohemian. They have these terrific 1970s cuts."

THREAD-TO-TOE

## STRIKE A POSEN

Zac Posen has leapt from the world of fashion feet first into the realm of footwear. His ready-to-wear designs already sweep across red carpets, envelop top models and create a frenzy of admiration among fans. Now, wearers can top off Posen-crafted gowns with an original slipper by none other. With each pair crafted in Italy, Posen has the perfect match for all of us: steep stilettos, heavy platforms wrapped in crocodile, dainty mules with satin ribbon enclosures and, our favorite, the Ines boot with a sweet swirl of buttery leather. The collection has the same design elements on which Posen has built his success, including anatomical lines to enhance shape, lush jewel tones, and a level of craftsmanship and luxury we have come to know and love. "Shoes really complete a look," explains Posen, "so I wanted to create something that was feminine, functional and special for the women I dress." —Jacqueline Zenere



Ines boot, \$725, by Zac Posen at Barneys New York, Georgetown

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