on the scene

THIS MONTH'S DESIGN BEAT by ingrid abramovitch

ART In the late 19th century, many of the best American artists of that generation relocated to the City of Light. "Americans in Paris, 1860-1900," at the Museum of Fine Arts Boston from June 25 to September 24 (mfa.org), is a visual chronicle of the period, when U.S. expats filled Left Bank art ateliers and tried their luck at the prestigious Paris Salon (frequently ending up, instead, in the more pioneering Salon des Refusés). Along the way, they created some of the most iconic American paintings of all time, from Whistler's Mother to John Singer Sargent's then-provocative Madame X, both represented here, along with Mary Cassatt's domestic interiors and luminous garden scenes, such as Three Sisters—A Study in June Sunlight (1890) by Edmund Charles Tarbell, right. The exhibit moves to New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art in October.





GARDENS

The transformation of one of New York's oldest public spaces, the Battery, into one of its most magnificent continues.

Landscape designer Piet Oudolf's Bosque, a public garden located within a grove of 140 London plane trees, is now the setting for a pair of wood-and-bronze food kiosks designed by Weisz + Yoes Architects. Visitors to the garden in Lower Manhattan can dine at outdoor tables with a view of New York Harbor, the battery.org.

SHOPPING House & Garden's Keeping Up columnist, Glenn Recchia, has relocated to Portland, OR, where he has opened GR Scrub, a store devoted to, as he puts it, "clean-niks like myself." Our Mr. Clean stocks nontoxic cleaning products for everything from wood floors to butcher-block counters. Tap him for expertise and great advice on cleaning just about anything. 503-236-8986.





Choosing the perfect sofa is 'hard enough without getting all Freudian about it. Yet where would psychoanalysis be without Freud's couch? On the occasion of the 150th anniversary of Freud's birth, Vienna's Sigmund Freud Museum has organized "The Couch: Thinking in Repose." On view until November 5, the show includes Freudian divans and an Otto Wagner daybed, along with artwork and period films. freud-museum.at.