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# A HOST OF MEMORIES



*After years spent acquiring treasured moments and cherished collections, one Southern interior designer beckons readers to her North Carolina home to enjoy stylish soirées, intimate gatherings, and the quiet moments in between.* TEXT KASSIDY ABERNATHY

**T**aking cues from her mother's knack for entertaining in the 1950s, Kathryn Greeley has established a well-earned reputation as the ultimate Southern hostess. Gathering friends and family to her quiet retreat, Chestnut Cottage, has allowed the interior designer to share what she describes as a spiritual attachment to the cedar shake abode nestled near the Blue Ridge Mountains. In her new book, *The Collected Cottage*, Kathryn extends the invitation to celebrate the values that transform a house into a home with all who





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*“THE ROOMS WE DESIGN SET A STAGE ON WHICH WE LIVE OUR LIVES. MY VISION WAS FOR CHESTNUT COTTAGE TO EXUDE WARMTH AND WELCOME.”*

—Kathryn Greeley

*When planning a gathering, interior designer Kathryn Greeley allows seasonal flora and fauna to establish her theme. Opposite: A spray of jewel-toned dahlias gathered from her flourishing autumn garden awaits a home amidst a harvest spread. This page, left: A mingling of celadon jasperware adds an elegant touch to a celebration in tribute to Winston Churchill, one of Kathryn’s personal heroes.*



seek inspiration from the entertainer extraordinaire.

Abiding by her philosophy that a home should be “collected, not decorated,” Kathryn and her husband, Wells, have amassed a cache of collections, ranging from an impressive assemblage of flow blue porcelain to barley-twist design elements and seasonal china patterns lovingly placed on the table for holidays. “If you find an antique that is appealing, and you truly love it, then I think it’s a good reason to collect,” says Kathryn.

Each chapter of her newest volume, divided into four seasons, captures the myriad ways Kathryn combines her passions of collecting and entertaining. From a candlelit alfresco dinner reminiscing on travels to Italy to a festive birthday celebration honoring Kathryn’s role model, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill, the sophisticated compère sets the stage, her home and garden, gracefully—each place setting a fond memory, every bloom in the bouquet a result of hours spent pruning in the crisp mountain air. The message found in each stunning photograph and beautifully written word is this: “Memories are so important, and I think the ones we create for friends and family are the true gift.”

➤ Learn Kathryn Greeley’s holiday secrets at [victoriomag.com](http://victoriomag.com).

