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## Family Affair

Furniture produced locally by **Manheim-Ruseau**, available at **David Sutherland Showroom**, has a clientele list and history that reads like "Who's Who in Interior Design." For more than 70 years the company has served designers such as William Hodgins, Sister Parrish, Mark Hampton, and Victor Shargai. Manheim-Ruseau furniture was in Donald Trump's home when he was with Ivana; it's in the homes locally of **Gene and Jerry Jones**, the **Perot family**, and **Trammel Crow**. It's also been ordered up by local designers like Sherry Hayslip, Paul Garzotto, and Woods & Butler to name a few, says company president Jaime Brown.

In collaboration with designer **Jeffrey M. Swiggart**, Brown recently launched the Revisions Collection. Deco-inspired from the company's vast archives of more than 2,500 custom designs, the line was a bold move away from the company's traditional look, but it was a step Brown felt was needed for the future. "Graceful curves and clean lines," he says, "are where we feel the world is headed."

M-R's roots go back to 1932, when Don Ruseau opened an antique import store in New York City. The demand for antiques became so strong that he opened a reproduction facility that his partner, Jane Templeton, continued to operate and grow after he died. Eventually her son took over the company. Meanwhile, Manheim Companies, a manufacturer



Manheim-Ruseau's new Revisions Collection is Deco-inspired.

of English reproduction pieces, combined with Ruseau in the mid-'90s, and Ruseau moved facilities to Dallas not long thereafter. In 2002, Jaime Brown bought the Manheim Companies, forming Manheim-Ruseau, and the company came back into the family fold. How, you ask? Jamie Brown is Jane Templeton's grandson. **D**

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