

GRANDEUR

LUXURY ON THE GULF COAST



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Perfect planners take charge

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gives back

It's off to the Beard House
for two Gulf Coast chefs

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GRAND TOUCHES

Serious soakers

There was a day, not that long ago, when an over-the-top tub had a whirlpool feature and room for two — and it still looked pretty much like a big bathtub. Not anymore.

— CINDY PIERCE



▲ **STRETCH OUT, SETTLE IN** — The copper soaking tub by Kallista (\$60,000) is nearly 6 feet long and 3 feet high and holds 71 gallons of water. The faucet set and hand-shower are included, meaning you won't have to pay anyone to pour buckets of steaming water in while you soak; oldhouseweb.com.

► **TOTALLY TEAK** — Based on its track record for outdoor furniture and boat decks, teak is a natural choice for an indoor tub. This one crafted of Danish teak (\$5,775) is nearly 5 feet long and holds 65 gallons. Better stock up on linseed oil; clawfootsupply.com.



◀ **HERE TO STAY** — We used to wonder what dinosaur eggs looked like. With its generous proportions and anything but archaic style, we predict the asymmetrical .25 Tub (\$8,500-\$9,000, depending on finish) is in no danger of extinction; waterworks.com.

▼ **BRONZE BATHING BEAUTY** — The Ottoman Imperial Slipper Tub (\$29,500) is made of solid bronze, sand cast and hand polished, and sits on massive lion's feet that are most fitting for the important impression it makes; clawfootsupply.com.



▲ **BATHTIME HEAVYWEIGHT** — Made by Clodagh for its Zen Bath Collection, this 5 1/2-foot-long beauty is crafted of cast concrete and weighs about 1,000 pounds (\$9,200, fixtures not included); clodagh.com.

