

My Visit to Waco, Texas

travel



Food catered by Sherri at [Mad Dash Mixes](#)

For all the fans of HGTV Fixer Upper, this post is for you!

Last week I traveled to Waco, Texas for a social media seminar. The week was packed with presentations and I was blessed to meet some wonderful women, who are very successful influencers.

Green Door Lofts



Staying at the [Green Door Lofts](#) is a special experience. I really wish I had taken more pictures of our accommodations. Our room is very spacious with a full kitchen, living room, 2 bedrooms and 2 baths. The best part is that I was able to share this space with my two dear friends, Andrea from [Design Morsels](#) and Chas from [Chas' Crazy Creations](#).

Very bohemian in decor, the Green Door Lofts is the ideal place to stay if you are traveling with family or a small group



KariAnne from [Thistlewood Farms](#)-so grateful for her fabulous presentation

In addition to the seminar, some of the fun excursions during the week included touring 3 local vacation rental homes. Not only did we meet the owners/proprietors but also learned about the history, restorations and decor strategies of each.

The Morrow House



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The first stop is the Morrow House. The 1886 Eastlake gem was weeks away from being demolished and was saved and restored (thankfully!). It has been featured in Cottage Style and

Modern Farmhouse magazine. The owner, Kimberly, graciously provided hors d'erves and cocktails during our tour.



This 3 bedroom, 3 bathroom home (sleeps 8) is beautifully appointed and much of the original details and architecture still exist.





For more information about The Morrow House, click [here](#).





South Haven by HavenCraft

The second tour is a series of 3 homes owned by the same individual. Robin and her husband are investing in remodeling homes in Waco and turning them into vacation rentals. Robin and her sister, Bree, collaborate on design and decor. Each rental has its own "theme". The first one, South Haven, is a sweet blue cottage with a Southern decor vibe.





Popcorn treats provided by #offthecobpopcorn



Beautiful Full Kitchen



This 4 bedroom, 3 bath sleeps 10. For more information on the South Haven house, click [here](#).

Haven House

Next, we visited Haven House, also in Waco. Sorry for the different size images~some are mine and some are stock photos from their website.



Beautifully appointed full kitchen.



Lots of wainscoting!





For more information about this 3 bedroom, 3 bath home, click [here](#).



The third property that Robin and Bree are renovating is not finished yet. However, it is a Sherwood Forest theme! These gals are very creative and you can tell that giving guests a special experience is very important to them.

Giveaway!

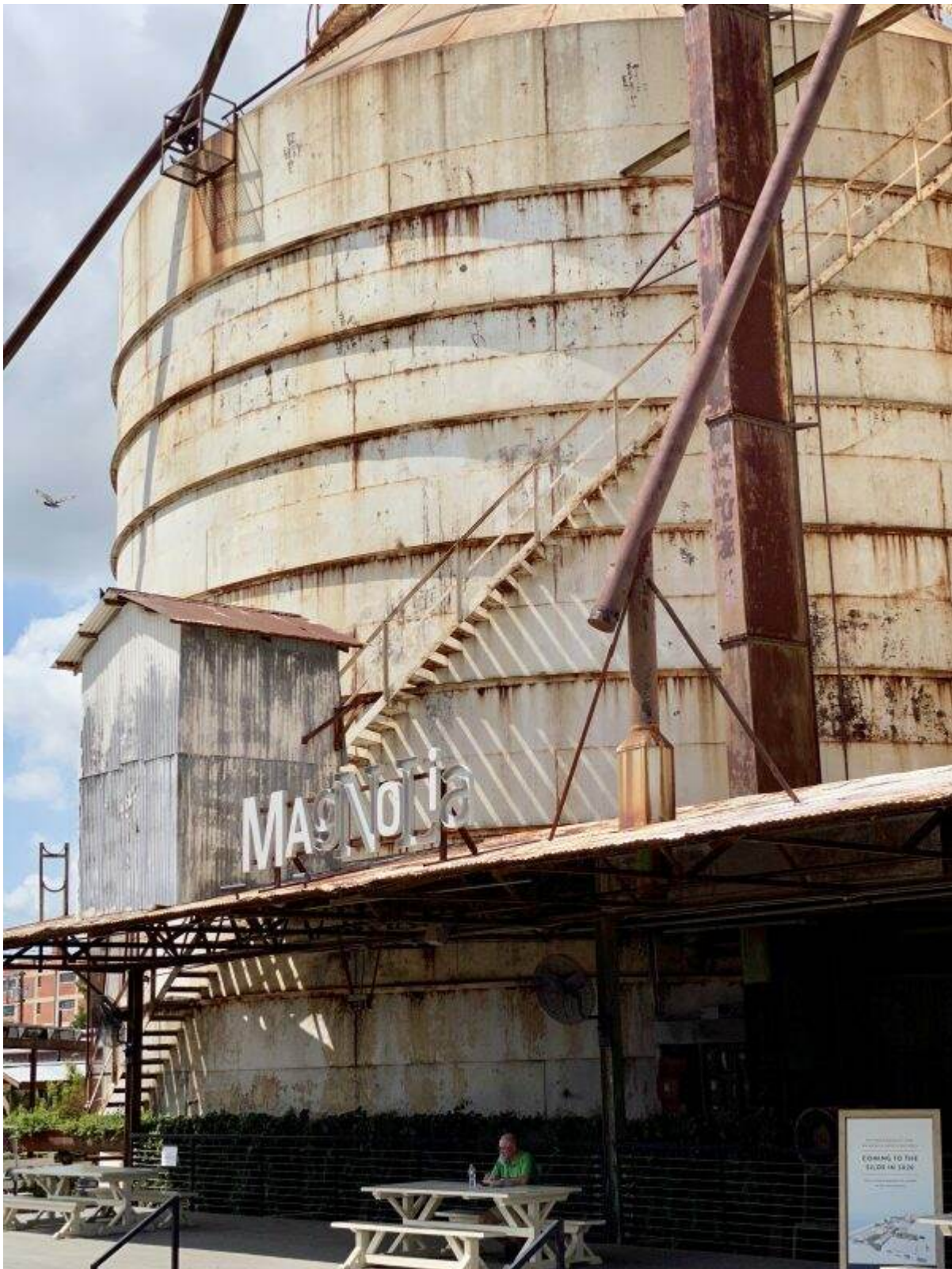


\$100 Giveaway!!!

At the end of our tour, Robin presented all of us with a \$100 Voucher off of any of their properties! So if you are planning on going to Waco in the future, and you are interested in the HavenCraft properties (Haven House, South Haven or the soon to be Glen Haven), please let me know. I would love to give this voucher away to someone who will use it! I only have one coupon and it's good until August 2022.

Just leave a comment after this post and say you want the coupon. If I get more than one request, I will put names in a hat and someone will be the lucky winner!

Market at the Silos



The Silos at Magnolia

On another day, we went to [Magnolia Market at the Silos](#) because you cannot go to Waco, Texas and not see what Chip and Joanna Gaines have contributed to the community. Many of the

outdoor spaces are closed due to the virus and fortunately, there was no line to get in.



The store is beautifully merchandised and the selection of faux flowers is quite spectacular. I don't think we have as many artificial flower suppliers as they do in Waco. You are

given a Magnolia bag when you arrive, but we left with them unfilled.



Andrea from [Design Morsels](#) and Chas from [Chas' Crazy Creations](#)
With no crowds, it is easy to get through the store quickly.
If you like the farmhouse style (shiplap, chippy paint, beaded chandeliers, signs with heartfelt messages), there are lots of

choices here. It is not my jam so the few things that were of interest, I can order online.



Magnolia Bake Shop

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The Magnolia Bake Shop had a small line but I am more interested in the lovely window boxes they had on the building, which were filled with succulents.



On my morning walk near Baylor University

The weather this time of year in Waco is hot and HUMID. Something this Arizona resident is not used to! It is hard to determine whether you can fill a weekend here, because now many things were closed and tours cancelled.

I am happy I saw the town and met a few business owners who are trying to make a go of it in difficult times. Like most things, the Silos feel bigger on television and I was a bit underwhelmed. It appears that Chip and Joanna are still building new destinations in Waco, which some people like, and others not.

It is truly nice to be back home and sleeping in my own bed! If you missed yesterday's post about airline travel in these trying times, click [here](#). Have a happy Tuesday and thanks for checking in today.

Mary

Several vendors donated supplies and gifts to all participants in the conference. I would like to personally thank all of them for their generosity. If you are ever in Waco, please support these businesses. Many are online. It's a tough time for so many people. Lending a helping hand may make a difference.

Food and packaged mixes by Sherri at [Mad Dash Mixes](#)

Signature Root Beer Float by [Heritage Creamery](#)

Popcorn: Waco Blend by [Off the Cob](#)

Cookies by [Milk Bottle Cookies](#) (which were to die for!)

Coffee by [Thirst Coffee](#)