

Choice Linens Celebrates 8 Years

OUR BELLTOWN BUSINESS OWNER OF THE MONTH

Klaudia Keller is a party girl! No, not *that* kind of girl. If you're planning a fabulous party, a big fancy wedding or a Bat Mitzvah, she's the lady to see. Her business, Choice Linens, sets the tables that turn an ordinary party into THE party of the year. Choice Linens furnishes linens (and such) for everything from small, intimate parties to elaborate dinners replete with politicians and nabobs.

Not all of us have the time to "Martha Stewart" an event, and this is where Klaudia's skills provide just the right touch of elegance. She chooses her palattes with the care of a Renaissance painter. Her tablecloths and hemstitched napkins are of rich, luxurious fabrics. She stocks tabletop accoutrements like centerpieces, votive candles, and silver

that is decidedly unique: chair covers. In fact, chair covers have become such an important part of the business that Klaudia has an entire workshop dedicated to this ultimate party fancy. She calls it "The House of Chairs," and it's located across the alley from her main shop. With this fantastic array of chair covers, she can turn any utilitarian stacking chair into a throne. She even makes fabric-covered privacy screens.

Klaudia has been in Belltown for eight years. For those of you who are new to Belltown, the Second and Bell area was once called Film Row. The historic building that Choice Linens now occupies was once one of the Paramount Studios Seattle offices. The back storage rooms – which are now filled with hundreds of



This is the place.



And this is the lady you want to talk to for all your party needs, big or small.

place-card holders.

When you walk into Choice Linens, your senses are pushed to their limits by the profusion of fabrics. Arranged on oversize hangers are tablecloths of rich damask and tapestry; brilliant brocades, taffetas, florals, plaids, stripes and tone-on-tone are stacked in a cupboard. Silken cloths on hooks display shimmering sheers in turquoise, mauve, burgundy and every hue in between. Bolts of juicy colored voile ribbons are lined up as if inviting you to pull them, coil them, let them trail behind you.

Klaudia embraces unique textures and materials: gold, pewter and ceramic are awaiting on a festooned table. Choice Linens has goblets in translucent Venetian colors of pale blue, green, and red, and candelabras stand tall, ready to bestow the magic of light on an evening's mood.

Choice Linens offers one custom creation

rentable party fabrics – were filled with reels of film in the 20's and 30's.

One of the other people you'll meet at Choice Linens is General Manager Bill Brouillard. Klaudia points out that when she first met Bill, he didn't know a thing about sewing, but now he does brilliant stitch-work (and he has excellent carpentry skills). She also employs an on-call staff to help with large events. With all of this attention to detail you can see why Choice Linens is such a sought-after business, and why Klaudia Keller is the ultimate Seattle Party Girl.

A great time to visit Choice Linens is during their annual sidewalk sale. Don't miss this opportunity to pick up a few decorator linens or bric-a-brac. Dates: Friday October 31st, and Saturday November 1st, from 10am–5pm. Contact Klaudia at 206-728-7731. Her web site is www.choicelinens.com



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