Cultivated By Martin Filler Photographs by Michel Arnaud Rose Rose Tarlow has blossomed from Los Angeles furniture designer and antiquaire into one of the most influential tastemakers in America.

she had studied at Parsons and at the New York School of Interior Design. "At the time, Billy Baldwin was the hero," she remembers of the dean of American decorators during the late Sixties. "I admired him the most because everything he did was so clean."