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The Gentle Art of Swedish Death Cleaning



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1 Are you nominating someone for this (NOMINATOR) or are applying to be considered yourself (HERO)?
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8 **IF YOU ARE NOMINATING SOMEONE, please tell us the following about that person:**
NAME CITY of residence STATE of residence EMAIL PHONE
N/A

9 **Please give us a short bio about yourself (or the person you are nominating). Include occupation, family life, and hobbies.**

Hi! I'm a world traveler, native Texan who has settled down and finally bought my first home, a condo, in Austin, Texas. I've lived and traveled and worked in many places around the world (and have lots of art and tchotchkes from my travels). I am a writer by trade and a social media manager. I write about tech and business and marketing and robotics for the American genius, and I write for either Austin's and have written for other local magazines and blogs about food drinks fun things to do travel tips, and nonprofits and small businesses in Austin, Texas, and in the Texas area. I also do marketing copy writing and blog writing for websites and various businesses. I am also writing a travel book from some of my experiences, and I have read some of my funnier stories at some of the local literary events in Austin. I love traveling and studying languages, I love finding a natural swimming hole and going swimming. I love people and new adventures and I always make friends wherever I go. Many of these relationships turn into lifelong friendships.

I am really into the local art, music, and food and beverage scene, both for personal interest and my blogging. I am the internal marketing chair for the Austin Food Blogger Alliance. I have my own blog, eatlikebloggerdrinklikepoet.com.

I'm gregarious but a bit chaotic sometimes. I am a recent breast cancer survivor who shared my breast cancer treatment journey on all of my platforms, keeping a mindset of positivity and gratitude. I inspired many of my friends to go get their mammograms and other health scans! Right when I was diagnosed with breast cancer, and was about to start treatment, one of my very best friends in San Antonio was put on hospice for stage four lung cancer. she has, since passed away, leaving her husband and her eight year old daughter behind. it's absolutely heartbreaking, and it's a reminder to me that life is precious and to appreciate every moment.

Why are you interested in going through the process of Swedish Death Cleaning? (or why is the person you are nominating in need of this process?)

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I have always struggled to keep the clutter at bay, not too successfully. And during my breast, cancer treatment, the whole time throughout which I worked, the housekeeping really just got away from me completely. It's really hard to motivate myself to get started, and often when I do, I will fall into a rabbit hole of memories and sentimentality, I have a great memory, and so many of my things, whether it is art a photographs or letters from the past bring back such fun memories. It's a constant struggle, but I am really ready to make a change. Between the pandemic and cancer, I realize that life is not guaranteed, and it would be an absolute disaster for anyone that would have to come behind me and try to sort through my things. I have one brother, and he never visits. I visit him and his family in Dallas, but it makes me really sad that they've never come to visit me here. I don't want the first time if they ever see my place for it to be a total disaster, and after I die. Hopefully, if I can be on the show and take a vantage of this amazing opportunity, I will have better resources and tools at my disposal to maintain my house in a much better situation. Maybe I can even convince them to come visit me. I also want to sort through some things that are passed down from my grandparents and great grandparents so that when I do go, my brother and sister-in-law will know what to offer to my cousins and their children versus selling them or throwing them away. I have some amazing art that I really love, but I have yet to hang most of it in my house. I get overwhelmed by all of it very easily.

Are you currently in a time of transition in your life? (i.e. - downsizing to a smaller home, recently divorced, newly an empty nester, in your later years and wanting to cleanse your things before you pass on, etc.?) Please explain.

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I am in a period of transition. I want to reclaim my life after breast cancer, and I'm looking for a full-time job with health insurance. I have been a full-time freelancers since September 2016. Health insurance in this country is awful, and freelancers are taxed out the wazoo, too. I need to transition to a situation where I can pursue my next career while still taking care of my household and my two rescue dogs, who are adorable, by the way. I have an amazing group of friends and family, who truly have supported me and lifted me up throughout my whole health ordeal and my whole life. I am so grateful for these relationships, and these profoundly caring, intelligent, interesting people in my life.

Who is currently living in the home that would be "death cleaned?"

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Just me. I am single with no children. I live here with my two dogs.

NOMINATORS ONLY: Please tell us how you know the person you are nominating. (What is the nature of your relationship, how long have you known each other, etc?)

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No response

What kind of dwelling do you (or the person being nominated) live in?

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Townhouse / Condo

Do you (or the person being nominated) own or rent the property?

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OWN

16 What is the approximate square footage of the dwelling?
1200

17 Is there a move out of this current dwelling anticipated in the next 6 months? Please explain in detail.
No. I hope to live here for a long time.

18 Has this dwelling ever been de-cluttered? Please explain in detail.
It has not been officially decluttered. Before the pandemic, I hired an organizer a few hours at a time to help me sort and organize. We got rid of a lot of old paperwork and other things, like old blongs and lamps and such. I got rid of a lot of things, including more than 250 books, when I moved to Austin from San Antonio in 2010, and I got rid of a lot more when I moved from my old apartment to this condo in 2017. I still have way too much!

19 Paint us a picture of this current living situation? (i.e. - is it overly cluttered, is it neat as a pin, are there messes hiding behind closed doors?)
It's absolutely a cluttered mess, I have piles in almost every corner.

20 Please upload a current photo of the person being nominated.



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21 Please upload a current photo of the EXTERIOR of the house where the death cleaning would take place.



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22 Eligibility Requirements and Release
Agreed on 04-25-2023

If you agree with the release language above, please sign below

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