

**Interview Questions for Kristin Schell**  
**Author of *The Turquoise Table:***  
***Finding Community & Connection in Your Own Front Yard***

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“The Turquoise Table brought with it far more than I ever imagined.  
It led to a revival of community in the simplest place of all: a table in our front yard.”  
– Kristin Schell

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- Kristin, you placed a bright turquoise picnic table in your front yard and now thousands of people are doing the same. What’s the story behind that original table?
- How did your neighbors initially respond to the table? What has your Turquoise Table become for your community today?
- I hear you keep an “ibasket” on your table. Could you explain that and how it makes an impact on the Turquoise Table experience?
- What was your biggest surprise about the Turquoise Table?
- Your turquoise table has inspired a movement of “Front Yard People.” What does that term mean to you?
  - Follow-up: How has the Front Yard People movement grown around the country? We hear that you can find Front Yard People in many states.
- Why did you write your book, ***The Turquoise Table: Finding Community & Connection in Your Own Front Yard?***
- You write that “simplicity” is the most essential part of a turquoise table. Why?
- What’s the difference between hospitality and entertaining?
- What do you mean by the statement “Gather Small, Love Deep”?
- What are common hurdles to developing friendships and connection in a neighborhood?
- What about the introvert? The person living in an apartment? Anyone without a front yard? How can they embrace their neighbors and build community?
- As a mom of four, how have you engaged your teens and young children in the turquoise table?
- Tell us about some of the non-profit, community and retail partners embracing ***The Turquoise Table***. (Ronald McDonald House, Chick-Fil-A, Tuesday Morning)

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**Guest:** Kristin Schell (pronounced “shell”), author, blogger, mom

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