

HB's Holiday Gifts

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Jewelry Trends for "Ring-ing" in the Season

As we ring in the New Year, jewelry design trends for 2008 are richer, warmer, bigger. Celebrities strolling the red carpet have recently turned up wearing enormous rings created to be noticed from across the room. Among the most popular of these include diamond-encrusted rings showcasing an oversized colorful gemstone in the center.

"The only consideration in deciding which finger to wear the bling is the ring size," says Nouha Hreish, owner of the Huntington Beach-based Noal Jewelry Designs. "As we've seen over the past few seasons, it's perfectly acceptable for women to wear these big rings on any finger."



Nouha adds that bangle bracelets this season can be thick or thin, colorful or monotone, and worn in matched pairs or stacked in greater numbers on both wrists.

"Ornate, regal brooch designs featuring cameos and vintage-style set stones can add subtle impact," she says. "And for earrings, popular designs include drop styles in longer, more linear designs and bold hoops."

But according to Nouha, "the purpose of jewelry is to bring attention to the wearer, should showcase her personality and be as sensuous and alluring as her clothing. Jewelry, like fashion, is equal parts style and art incorporating memories of the past and traces of the present."

At Noal Jewelry Designs, Nouha and her husband Albert aspire to create unique pieces of superior design and workmanship that speak to "sophistication, polish, grace, dignity and classic style" as well as that of the latest trends.

Their original designs are custom crafted for clients to "match their personality and style" and have been compared to the world's finest jewelry chains in terms of workmanship and a flawless finish at affordable prices.

"Chosen well, classic jewelry styles, such as a simple strand of pearls or a basic gold bangle bracelet, have longevity and remain popular despite the whims of fashion."

BrewBakers

The BrewBakers Gift Certificate IS THE BOTTLE! Good for anything at BrewBakers – Makes for that extra special stocking stuffer! “Don’t just sit there...brew something!” For more info, call (714) 596-5506.



Monkey House Café

Stop at Monkey House Café for your Christmas shopping, stocking stuffers, and holiday decorations. Pick up coffee, select premium teas, sweets, treats, and various gifts. This season we’re also featuring tropical gift sets from The Islands, original paintings, limited prints, as well as unique home accessories. Don’t forget about our various whimsical monkey-themed items that will bring a smile to any receiver. Custom gift baskets are also available. Monkey House Café is located at 18862 Beach Blvd., # 101 or call (714) 965-1135.



Old World Restaurant

Euro Markets Christmas goods have arrived, Advent Calendars, Stollen (Rum Raisin Holiday Bread), Gingerbread cookies, imported chocolate ornaments - Snowmen, Santa Claus & more. Call in your deli orders ahead of time to avoid standing in lines have us customize your Deli Platters perfect gift to bring to dinner choose for our wide selection of fine liquors & wines. You can also order online and have us send it directly to your relatives. For more info, visit www.oldworld.ws

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Lucci's Deli

Take all the work out of the season by having Lucci's Deli cater your annual holiday dinner. For only \$69.95, Lucci's complete catering service includes a 12 - 14 lb. turkey (feeds 10 -13), large stuffing, two dozen dinner rolls, large candied yams, large gravy and two 8" pumpkin pies. For more info, call (714) 968-4466.

Quadra-Knights

Have the fun delivered to your favorite gamer's door this holiday season with Quadra-Knights mobile video game theater, featuring all the latest and greatest games on the market for PS-3, X-Box 360 and Game Cube. For more info, call (714) 465-7012.



Hilton Waterfront Beach Resort

Hilton Waterfront Beach Resort has planned an exciting Christmas Day spread and live entertainment in the resort's Cielo Mare Ballroom on Christmas Day. Award-winning Executive Chef Jeff Littlefield has planned a lavish spread in celebration of the holiday. Diners can celebrate this special holiday with three seatings being offered throughout the day. The Christmas Day celebration will feature live entertainment and will offer three seatings at 11 a.m., 1 p.m., and 3 p.m. The price is \$75 for adults and \$19.95 for children, plus tax and gratuity. For more info or reservations, call (714) 845-8444.



Absolutely Fabulous Gift Ideas

The holidays always seem to present a particular challenge when shopping for the person "who has everything." But thankfully, this year, the issue is a moot point thanks to the existence of a specialty boutique aptly named Absolutely Fabulous.

Located in the Warner Dale Shopping Center at the corner of Springdale and Warner in HB, this unique retailer offers an abundance of truly eclectic gifts and home décor – from original art and sculpture to jewelry and artificial flower arrangements – you're likely find something to please even the most discriminating individual on your holiday list.

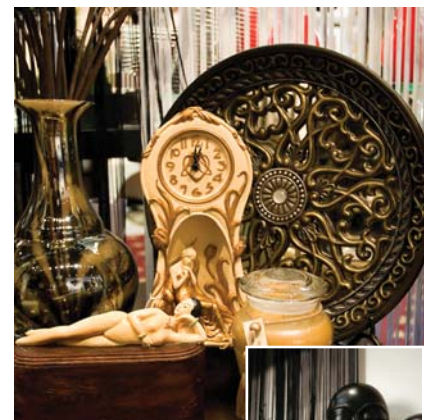
Among the most unique items Owner Diane Silverstein has on hand for the holidays include high-end designer bar sets encrusted with Swarovski crystals, Woodwick candles in hues of redwood that actually sound like a crackling fire when lit and exquisite Gold Rush candles.

"Shopping at Absolutely Fabulous is always such a fun experience," says Sylvia Hansink. "If I'm looking for a special gift for someone, I know I can always find something in here and I always end up buying something for myself as well. It's one of those places that you always walk out smiling, even though you've spent money."

Perhaps part of the reason for its success to date lies in its owner's own passion for shopping and keen eye for items "you can't find anywhere else."

A native of Manchester, England, Silverstein says after working for years as a rehabilitation nurse specializing in spinal cord injury, she ironically suffered a back injury herself that left her housebound for a number of years. Upon recovery, she decided to pursue a different career path – one that would combine her personal passions and allow for a creative outlet.

"For two decades, my husband Ronald and I would spend our leisure



time walking the aisles of trade shows and discovered the most wonderful interior décor, sculpture, art and jewelry. About a year ago, all the stars lined up for this store, I met the right people at the right time and am so blessed to be able to offer some really beautiful, rare items in such a warm, inviting community as Huntington Beach."

