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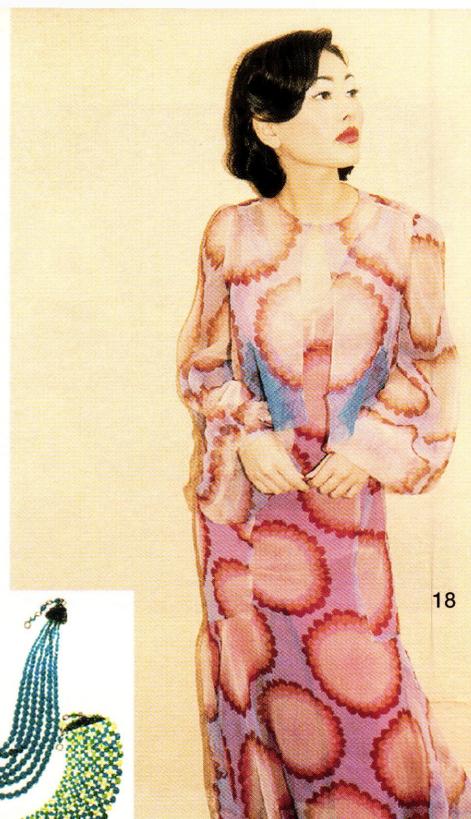
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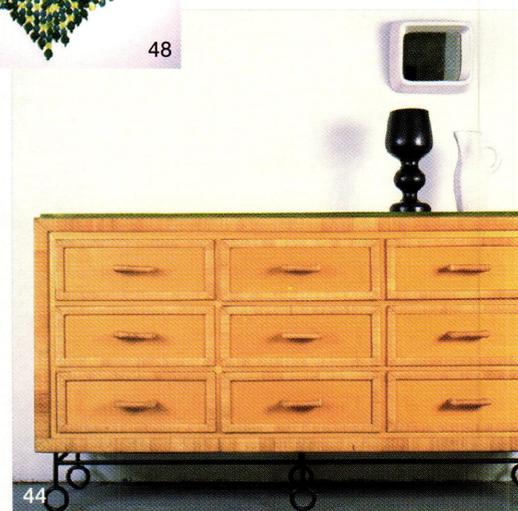
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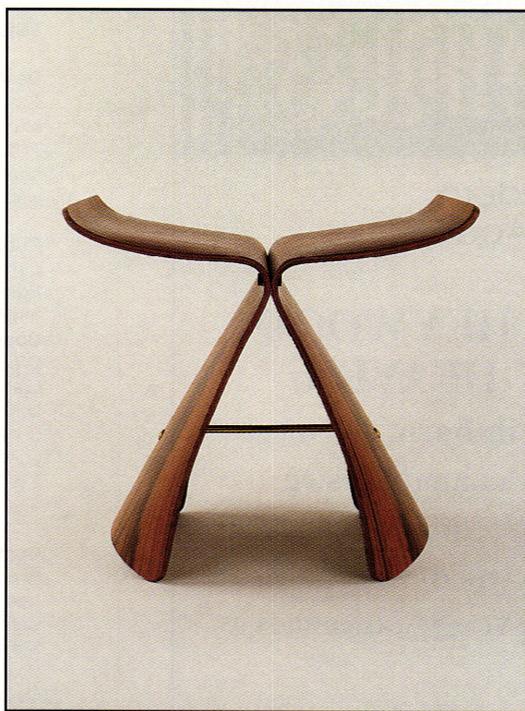


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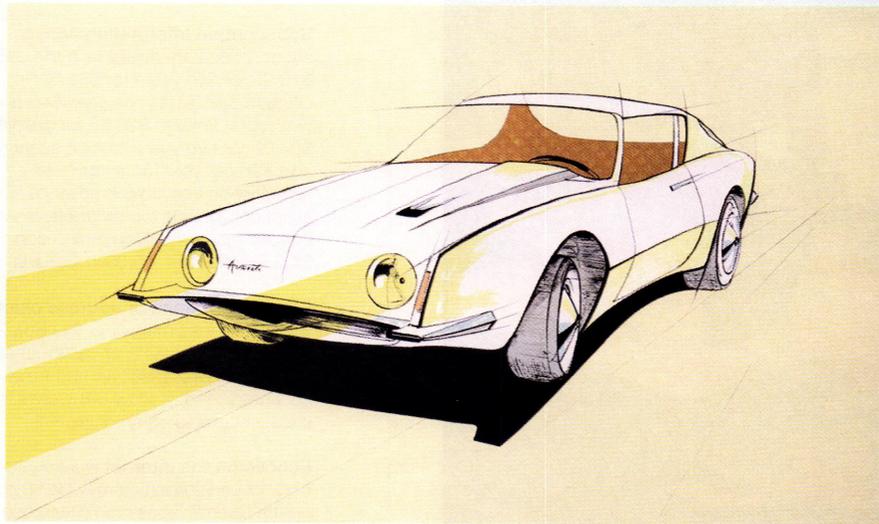
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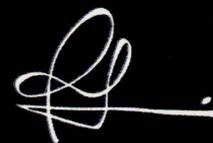
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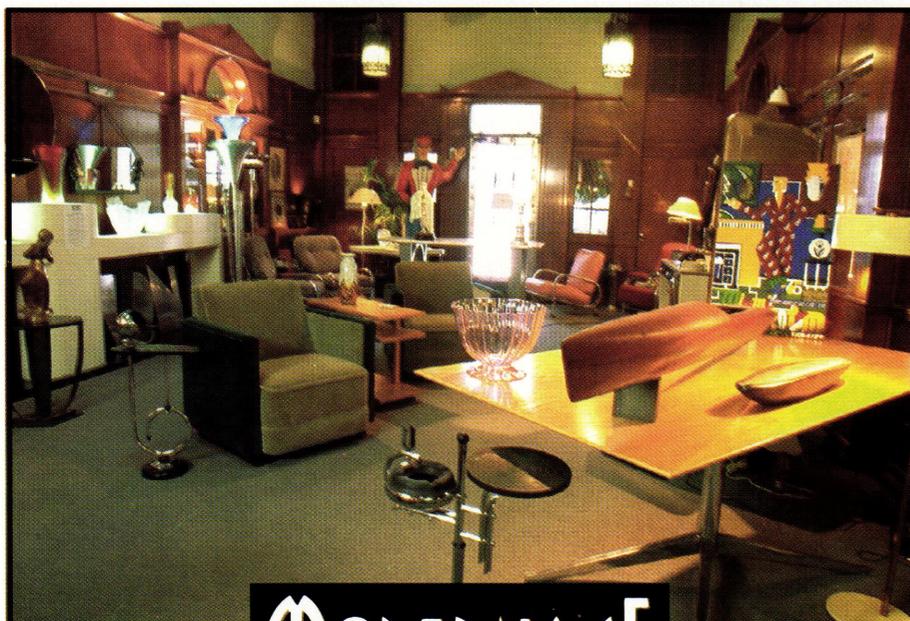


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First Knoll Collection

In homage to its distinguished history of design excellence, Knoll has reintroduced the first line of furniture commissioned specifically for the company: the Risom Collection. Created in 1941 by Danish-born designer Jens Risom, the reissued collection, offered from the KnollStudio line of modern classics, is comprised of a lounge chair, two side chairs, and a stool. ➤

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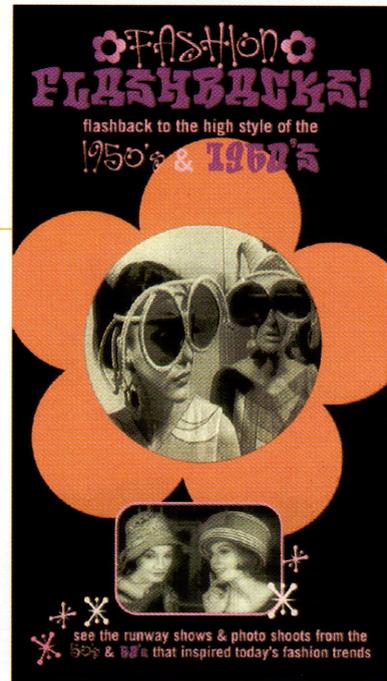
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The original Risom Collection was developed and designed by Risom at the request of the young entrepreneur Hans Knoll, who established his own company in 1938 at the age of 24. Knoll, a German immigrant, believed firmly in the Bauhaus principle of well-designed products for mass production, and offered a small line of furniture at his 444 Madison Avenue showroom. According to Risom, who met Knoll in 1941, "We decided to do something closer to what contemporary architects wanted, but could not get."

Hans Knoll and Jens Risom, on a trip around the United States, undertook the development process much in the way Knoll develops new products today; they conducted intensive market research, interviewing architects and designers across the country. The process took four months. With the information gathered, they returned to New York and Risom developed a line of wood-frame chairs with webbing. Given World War II restrictions, Knoll and Risom were limited to "non-critical" materials such as softwoods and discarded army parachute webbing, not strong enough to hold a person in mid-air, but great for chairs.

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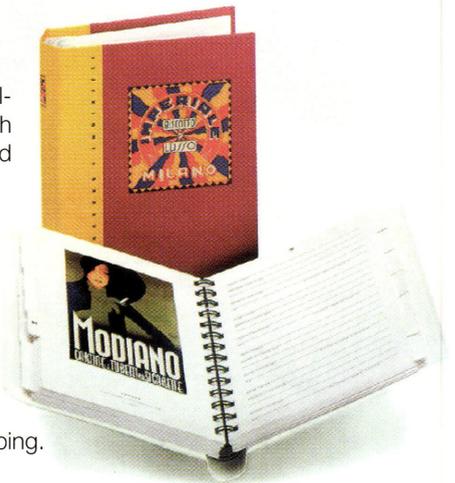
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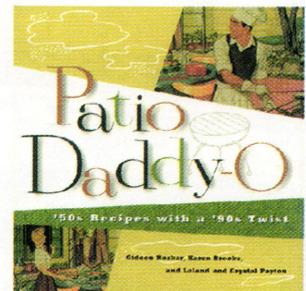


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Kress Stores

“Bringing Art Deco to Main Street USA”

For five-and-tens, Kress stores were unusually decorative. They had eye-catching facades and fine materials inside and out, such as marble and bronze. The company took great pride in the appearance of its stores, and their design influenced many other retailers.

Although the chain no longer exists, Kress stores have become icons of Main Street. They're such a well-remembered part of American culture that the late Hollywood store was recreated as part of the “Hollywood Boulevard” set at Universal Studios in Florida.

Architectural historians often praise the Kress stores. In the recently published *The National Trust Guide to Art Deco in America*, David Gebhard mentions them several times. Of the company's 1930s stores he says, “All of these are sophisticated designs and some, like the store in San Antonio, are outstanding examples of the popular Moderne style.” He also cites the “consistent quality” of the designs. In *Rediscovering Art Deco USA* by Barbara Capitman, Michael Kinerk, and Dennis Wilhelm, the authors state that “This chain store,

more than any other, was responsible for bringing Art Deco to Main Street USA.”

However, until now no one had examined the chain's architectural history in depth. Architectural historian Bernice Thomas has recently released a book which tells the story of the design of the Kress stores, inside and out. An exhibit currently on view at Washington's National Building Museum accompanies the publication of this book. The exhibit draws on Thomas's research and the Kress architectural records that Thomas found, which have been donated to the museum.

Thomas talked to *Echoes* recently about her research. She has a Ph.D. in Romanesque architecture from Boston University, but she also has a long-standing interest in the commercial architecture and design of the first half of the 20th century. The inspiration for the Kress project came on a visit to her hometown, Albany, Georgia, in the early 1980s. She drove into downtown Albany one morning and was suddenly struck by the beauty of the Kress store there.

While that image stuck in her mind, she took a job teaching at the Honolulu Academy of Arts. She discovered the huge Kress store in Honolulu's old downtown section, a Mediterranean-revival building. She decided there was a story in the Kress stores. Research at the University of Hawaii library turned up the fact that almost nothing had been done on the subject. The only references she could find were in Carla Breeze's two books on Pueblo Deco style.

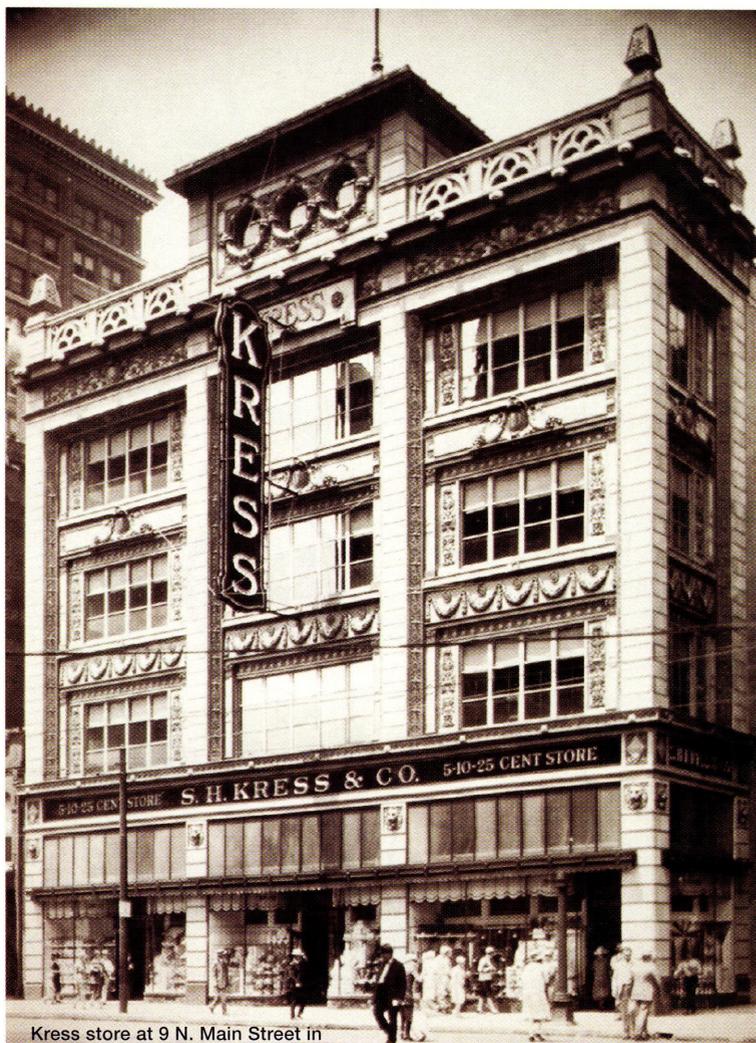
After several tries, Thomas interested the Samuel H. Kress Foundation, established by the chain's founder, in funding her research on Kress stores. One of her key discoveries was that many records of the Kress architecture division, thought to have been discarded, still existed. She found them stored in the basement of Genesco Inc., Nashville, which had bought Kress in 1964 to use the stores as outlets for its clothing.

The elaborate architecture of the retail locations was part of the company's image. Kress wanted a striking presence on Main Street. These days retailers who sell cheap usually look cheap, but Thomas cautions that in evaluating Kress stores you should not “mix up the architecture with the merchandise.” Many first-rate architects did retail and commercial jobs in that era.

However, Kress stores are unusually decorative and well-designed even for their era. To comprehend why, Thomas says, you have to consider another important influence on the design of Kress stores: Samuel H. Kress. He was a major art collector whose tastes influenced his stores. He's the reason for marble details and the many architectural styles (Art Deco/Moderne, Neoclassical, Gothic Revival, Beaux Arts, and Renaissance Revival, among others), Thomas says. She even found the Kress coat of arms worked into the decoration of several buildings.

Kress hired excellent people for his in-house architecture office. At one point, 100 architects and draftsmen were employed at Kress, Thomas points out. Edward Sibbert, who ran the architecture division for many years and designed many of the new stores and renovations, possessed an impressive background. He had a

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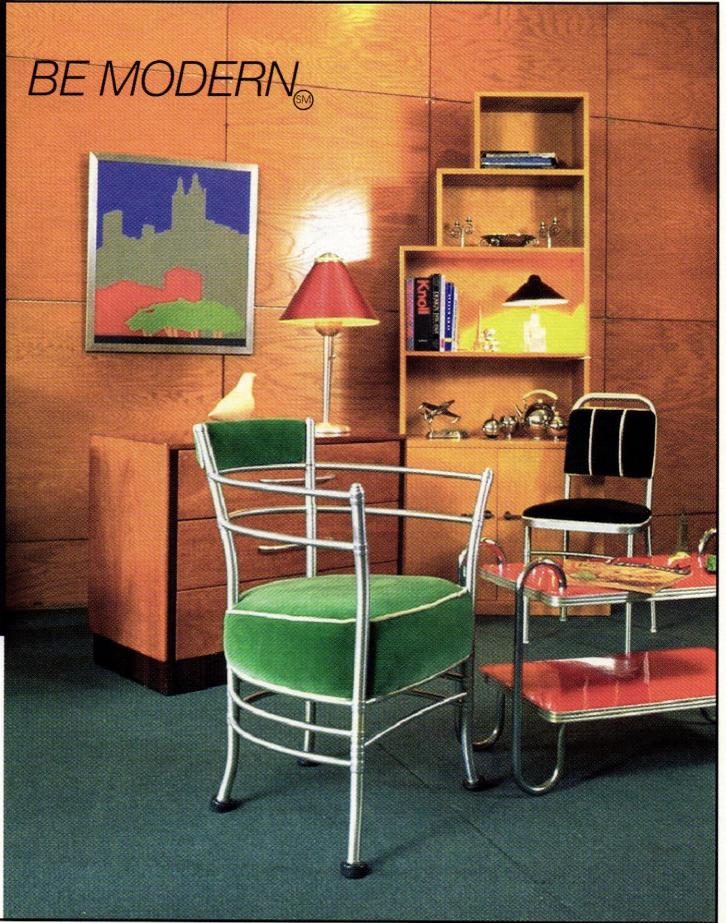
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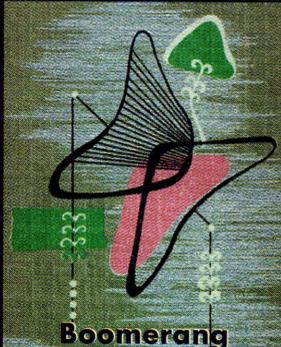
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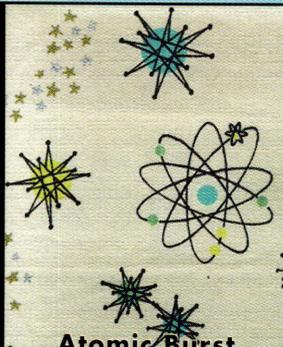
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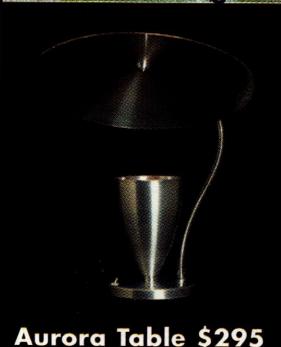
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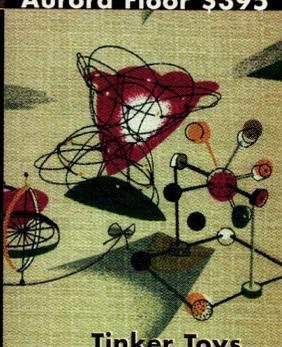
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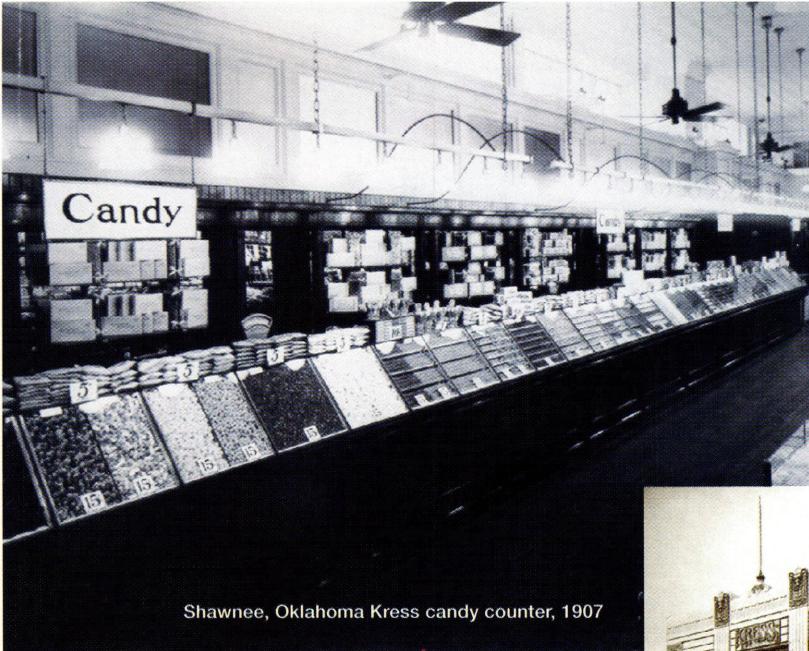


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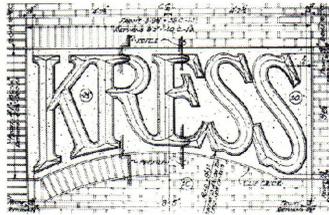
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degree from Pratt Institute in engineering and a degree in architecture from Cornell. Under his stewardship Kress stores moved from Beaux Arts-influenced designs to a thoroughly modern architectural vocabulary.

The company even asked Fernand Léger to do the window displays for the flagship store that opened on New York's Fifth Avenue in 1936. They offered him \$10,000 for a few months' work but Léger declined, saying in a letter to his mistress that "the money is good but it's dog's work."

Thomas did the bulk of her research while based at the National Gallery of Art in Washington as a visiting scholar at the Center for Advanced Study in the Visual Arts. She visited many of the surviving Kress stores in person.

The National Building Museum exhibit is noteworthy because records for commercial architecture often don't survive, especially from corporations that no longer exist. (Genesco sold some stores to McCrory Stores in 1980, but S.H. Kress & Co. itself was liquidated in 1980 and 1981.) So these records - 7,000 photographs, 6,000 architectural prints and drawings, plus documents - are an important legacy for researchers.

The late 19th and early 20th centuries saw the rise of many variety-store chains, according to Alan Aiches, the National Building Museum's curator of collections. The largest chains, in terms of the number of stores, were Woolworth's and Kresge, Aiches told *Ech-o-es* in an interview. Kress was probably fifth or sixth in the nation.

What made Kress unusual, Aiches says, is that its stores were designed by an in-house team of architects. That gave the stores a consistency in interior and exterior design that the other chains couldn't match.

The interior layouts of Kress stores were pretty standard, but exterior decorative elements often reflected the store's location, Aiches adds. For instance, the Phoenix store had Southwestern decorative elements on the facade. Similarly, the Santa Ana, California store

was done in Spanish Colonial Revival style.

Kress stores built during the Depression were extremely well planned, down to the last detail. The basic interior layout didn't differ much from other five-and-tens: open space containing solid wooden counters on the floor and against the walls. Company architects plotted out the exact location of these counters. For instance, counters formed aisles down the length of the store - placed crosswise, not lengthwise - so customers could easily get to the back of the store but had to pass many counters of merchandise in doing so.

Lighting was also an integral part of the plan. Uniform lighting was provided by rows of ceiling fixtures. The exhibit says Kress claimed to use more wattage in its lighting than the competition, to provide a brighter selling floor.

Exterior and interior colors were included in the plan as well. Regardless of the facade's material, the color had to be buff or a similar hue. Many of the facades were polychromed terra cotta, which was very attractive. Interiors had tan-and-cream walls with ivory trim; the neutral color scheme focused attention on the merchandise. In order to get the exact color the company wanted, building contractors had to buy the paint from Kress.

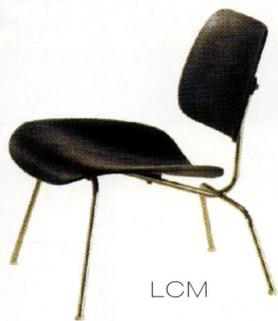
Even the employees were part of the color scheme, the exhibit notes. The uniforms worn by Kress saleswomen were light tan with brown trim.

Every detail of the store was specified in the Kress plans. Stores that didn't have hardwood floors had marble terrazzo flooring inlaid with strips of bronze. The company specified the three kinds of marble to be blended with the terrazzo, as well as their proportions and the size of the marble chips.

Kress stores were opulent, and the finest of them (called Superstores) were luxurious for their time. It may seem counterintuitive to build in this fashion during a depression, but this was a deliberate - and canny - decision. The company realized the Depression wouldn't last forever, and used the Depression years to prepare for the > 74



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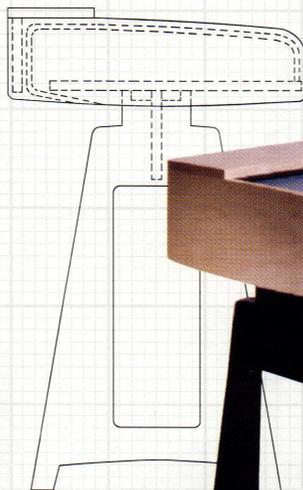
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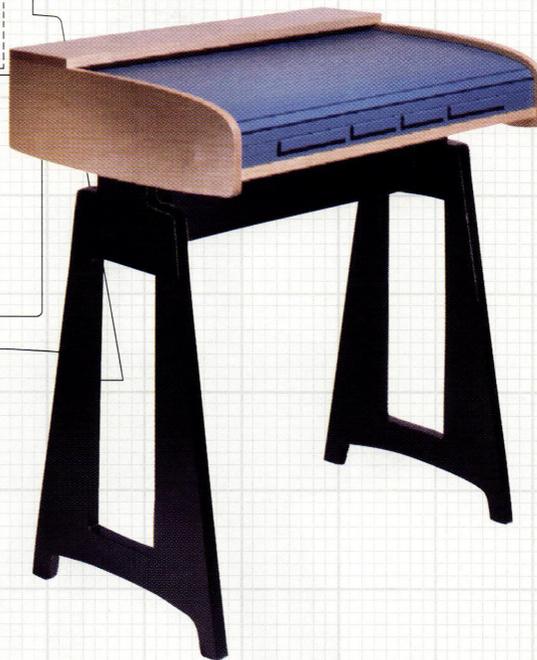
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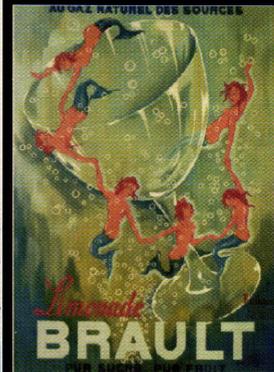
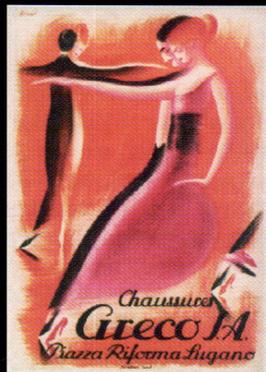


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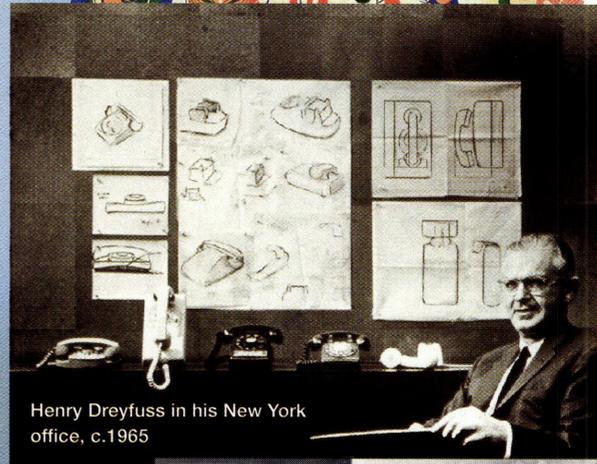
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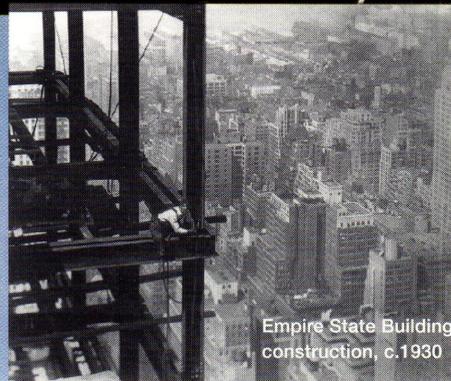
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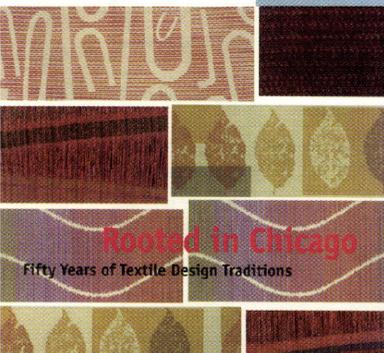
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Occhi vase, 1959

Furnishing fabric from Lille,
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Design Italian Style

The innovative, sexy style that flourished in the decorative arts in Italy during the 1950s is being enthusiastically celebrated with an exhibit currently on view at Barry Friedman, Ltd. Along with more than 40 pieces of the finest art glass from the period, Friedman is exhibiting original furniture designs by two of Italy's most important architect-designers: Carlo Mollino and Carlo Graffi. Boldly energetic and highly identifiable to the genre of the *Italian Fifties*, the beautiful and colorful vases and the sleek and seductive tables and chairs demonstrate clearly the creativity and uniqueness of this style.

Proponents, or perhaps even creators of what was to become "Italian Fifties" in furniture design, Carlo Mollino and Carlo Graffi developed a fashion of building furniture which was defined by intricate construction and flamboyant appearance. Characteristic biomorphism of the period was refined with elegance and sophistication by

these two eccentric personalities. This show boasts of having sculptural chairs, an organic upholstered sitting group, the undulating "Arabesque" table and one of the premier Mollino designs, a futuristic roll-top writing desk, which was once described as a "cocoon of louvers perched on four insect legs." Works by these 20th century masters are rare to the market as production was primarily through commission, and the finished objects were sought after at the time and during subsequent years.

A comprehensive range of glass vases, vessels, and bottles by Bianconi, Venini, Poli, Barovier, Ponti, Martens, and others will be shown alongside the furniture. With startlingly beautiful forms and extraordinary colors, the collection assembled by Friedman with the assistance of Italian glass expert Usha Subramaniam exemplifies the divergence of production of the successful Italian glass workshops from Murano.

The exhibition is on view from May 1 through

July 11. Gallery hours are Monday - Friday 10am to 6pm, and Saturday 10am to 5pm. For further information call (212) 794-8950.

Avant-Garde by the Yard

Between 1880 and 1930, western architects, artists, and technicians struggled with the effects of industrialization on both the decorative arts and the craftspeople who produced them. *Avant-Garde by the Yard* explores the evolution of design and style during this period, through 41 European and American high fashion furnishing textiles. The exhibition was organized by Otto Charles Thieme, Curator of Costume and Textiles at the Cincinnati Art Museum, from that museum's permanent collection and will close August 31, 1997.

The earliest pieces in the exhibition introduce the revival styles and realistic florals so popular (and ubiquitous) in the Victorian era. Artists such as Candace Wheeler, C.F.A. Voysey, and Rene Beauclair are highlighted in the following section of the exhibition, devoted to the late 19th century development of the British and American Arts and Crafts Movements and Continental Art Nouveau.

As the Arts and Crafts philosophy spread throughout Europe, it took on forms suited to local and national styles. Particularly influential was the Wiener Werkstätte, founded in Vienna in 1903. While the Werkstätte followed the basic philosophy of the Arts and Crafts movement, its designers rejected naturalism, using forms more stylized and geometric than most of its contemporaries.

This movement away from naturalism became the reigning theme of early 20th century avant-garde design. While traditional and revival styles held sway in much of the mass market, French and German artists applied principles from contemporary paintings to the decorative arts. The second half of the exhibition shows the increasing influence of fine arts movements such as Cubism and Futurism on textile design in the early 20th century. French designers such as Paul Poiret, Raoul Dufy, and Paul Rodier are highlighted, along with examples from important German workshops. Together they illustrate the path to the stylized Moderne, and then to the abstract Modern.

Few exhibitions of early modern design have concentrated solely on textiles, and few textile exhibitions include so many pristine, uncut lengths. *Avant-Garde by the Yard: Cutting Edge Textile Design 1880-1930*, on view through August 31, 1997, is a remarkable opportunity to view these textiles, many of which were purchased by the Cincinnati Art Museum at or near the time of their manufacture. A fully illustrated catalog (\$24) is available for purchase from The Textile Museum Shop.

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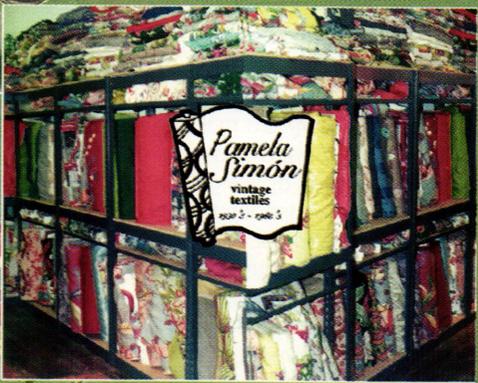
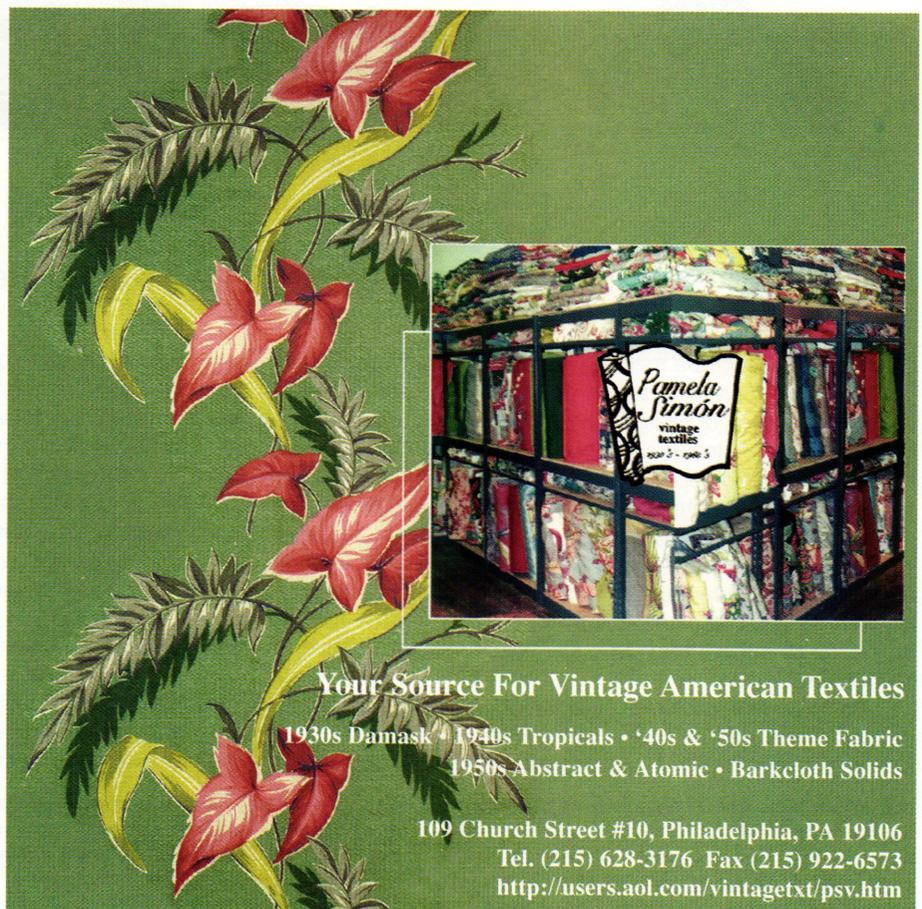
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Cartier 1900-1939

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Cartier: 1900-1939 is a major exhibition of more than 300 pieces of jewelry, objets d'art, and design drawings which shows the extraordinary progression of design styles achieved by the House of Cartier under the creative leadership of Louis Cartier. Not an easy task during this period of great change, Cartier kept pace with the times.

The grandson of the founder of Cartier, Louis Cartier introduced many new styles, motifs, and influences to Cartier jewelry. He also directed the design of many original items, innovative features, and techniques that were firsts in their field. Louis Cartier brought design from the classical, ornate Garland Style of the turn-of-the-century to the bold geometrics of Art Deco and the colorful combinations of the Modern Era.

An important exhibition, *Cartier: 1900-1939* gives viewers an opportunity to see complex, convertible jewelry, unusual mystery clocks, bracelet watches, vanity cases, and other objects from pri-

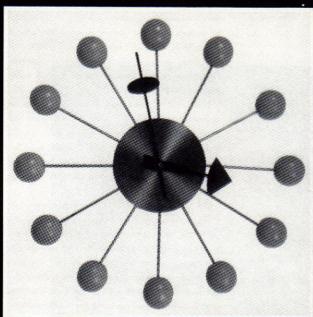
vate and public collections, plus rarely seen archival photographs, idea sketches, order books, and plaster casts that give a behind-the-scenes look at Cartier's creative and technical process. But the exhibit is about much more than design and technical prowess.

"These objects are from a way of life that no longer exists. The lavishness of it; a time of ocean liners, great balls, night clubs, tea dances and a vanished past," says J. Stewart Johnson, Consultant for Design and Architecture, Department of 20th Century Art at the Metropolitan Museum of Art and co-curator of the exhibit. To be sure, Cartier jewelry is some of the most opulent ever made, reflecting a clientele that was rich and very often, royal.

It was Edward VII of England who remarked, "Cartier, jeweler of kings and king of jewelers!" By 1909 Cartier had received six royal warrants from the courts of England, Spain, Portugal, Russia, Siam, and Greece. Society followed royalty, and seen in the exhibit > 79

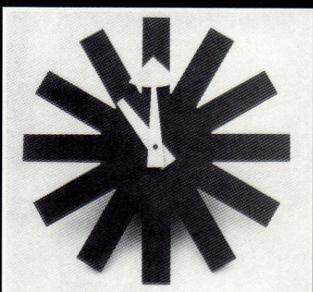
CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: Lorraine Torti, manager of Cartier, Boston celebrates the opening of *Cartier: 1900-1939* with Cartier contemporary jewelry worn together with a colorful "tutti-frutti" platinum necklace set with rubies, emeralds, and diamonds from Cartier, Paris, 1938. Dress from Fred Rogers, Newbury Street, Boston; Egyptian style Pylon Pendant, 1913, of diamonds, onyx, and platinum; Shinto Shrine Gate Mystery Clock, 1923, of rock crystal, onyx, gold, coral, enamel, diamonds, and platinum; Cartier, Jeweler of Kings and King of Jewelers clip brooch in enamel, diamonds, and gold from Cartier, Paris, 1938; Emerald and Diamond Necklace, 1932, consisting of a 143.13 carat emerald set in a flexible diamond collar with diamond fringe, made for Lady Granard.

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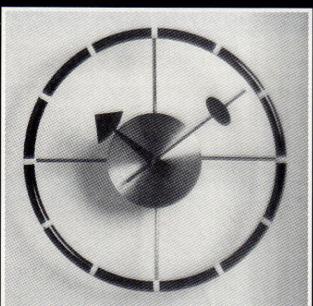
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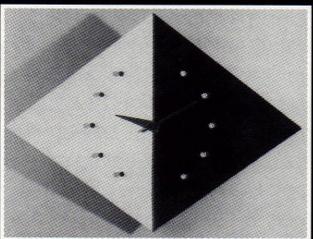
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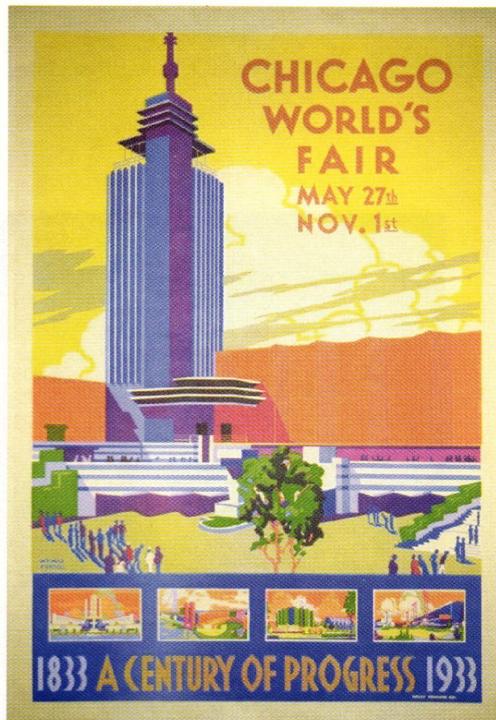
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Some of the nation's best flea markets can be found in the heart of New York City

In the popular imagination, flea markets are dusty, rural affairs - roadside diversions cluttered with farm tools, kitchen castoffs, and the like. But truth be told, some of the nation's best flea markets can be found smack in the heart of the metropolis. And if it's 20th century decorative arts you're after, it pays to give New York City's best flea markets a try when you're in town. These weekend affairs can make a fine complement to a day otherwise committed to window-shopping at expensive shops in midtown or trendy SoHo, where hand-picked antiques can cost an arm and a leg. Owners of such upscale shops are loathe to reveal their sources - they'd sooner say "The Twilight Zone" than admit just how much of their stock can be traced back to nearby flea markets.

If there is a down-side to New York's better markets, it is that they are regularly scoured by hundreds of knowledgeable collectors - not just locals but an astounding number of tourists from near and far. This makes for a lively, competitive marketplace, so it is especially important to be the early bird, know your stuff, and keep your eyes peeled.

First stop in any antiquer's Manhattan odyssey is likely to be the world-famous Annex Flea Market on Sixth Avenue in Chelsea. In operation every weekend for nearly three decades, the Annex has grown significantly in recent years and

now occupies four lots around 26th Street, in addition to the Garage, the two-year-old indoor market (all are parking lots during the week). While furniture predominates at the Annex, the mix rewards browsing, with vintage jewelry, clothing, glassware, and an unpredictable array of "smalls" in evidence. The fact is that the merchandise at the Annex turns over faster than at just about any other flea market in the country - right up there with the mammoth Rose Bowl Flea Market in Pasadena, California - due to a favorable combination of knowledgeable dealers and an international crowd of discerning buyers willing to pay a premium for quality. The dealers comb the Northeast for merchandise, and the goods are often first-rate. (For serious collectors, Sunday is the better day.) A spot in the main Annex lot rents for up to \$135 per day, depending on location, but there is no shortage of dealers eager to set up in the Big Apple. New merchandise and reproductions are scorned by management - officially it's antiques and collectibles only. Consequently, the clientele includes upscale buyers like fashion designer Anna Sui, recently spotted perusing the racks of vintage clothing and textiles.

Big-ticket items - like a supple 1930s black leather chair with tubular chrome armrest, in fine condition, carrying a \$1500 price tag - are set near more modest articles, such as

CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: The author in the midst of NYC's hunting grounds; Waiting to be discovered: a 1950s lamp with woven shade (\$25); Yellow chair manufactured by Krueger Metal Products of Green Bay, Wisconsin (\$40), and an acid green armchair with stainless frame (\$75).

a well-preserved late-1940s Modernage writing desk with maple laminate finish, flanking bookshelves and an intricate hideaway desk drawer, marked at \$175. (Danish Modern furniture is fast becoming the affordable "Arts & Crafts" of Manhattan's trendy young prop stylists.) Prices are generally negotiable at the Annex. The earlier you arrive, the more likely you are to find customers bargaining upwards against each other for the choicest goods - flashlights in hand.

At the numerous "satellite" lots surrounding the Annex, entry is free (as against \$1 admission at the main outdoor lot) and the bulk of the merchandise is priced under \$100. On display among the miscellany that clots the aisles at The Garage, a two-story indoor market run by the owners of the Annex, we spotted a ceramic Royal Haeger peacock vase for \$20 (marked down from \$30). Reproductions (Orientalia, silver, textiles) abound, as do plastic handbags and some surprisingly fine examples of vintage silk textiles and silver. A fine showcase of vintage tube radios (1930s on) in the booth of Radio Ray Carroll, who sets up regularly downstairs, includes brands such as DeWald, Radiola, RCA Victor, Fada, Emerson, GE, and Bestone. Radio Ray also showcases an impressive line-up of pocket-size transistor radios (mid-1950s on), with names like Emtone, Radiola, Orion, Mellow-tone, Zenith, Windsor, Impala—all made in Japan (and increasingly popular with Japanese collectors).

Several free-entry lots surrounding the Annex attract dense crowds on the lookout for the odd "junktique" or retro artifact. At the northern lot on 27th Street, it's stuff like records, books, videos, costume jewelry, etc. But stay alert for the unusual architectural fragment (entire mantels have been spotted, some of reasonable quality and condition), old doorknobs - even a table full of Fire King Jadeite glassware.

Another worthwhile stop is the SoHo Antiques Market, on Broadway at Grand Street every Sunday - a vibrant mix of people and objects from all over. Located in the heart of SoHo, this market is a magnet for celebrities and literati. Humorist Mark O'Donnell, author of *Getting Over Homer*, paid a visit under the grilling sun last summer; we encountered him as he pondered a very peculiar owl-shaped tin lantern about his own age. This market is still a place worth scanning for mid-century artifacts, though much of the merchandise is post-1960s. A set of six metal barstools from the late 1960s, in good condition (nice swivel action, shiny upholstery), were priced at \$150. A variety of inexpensive, serviceable wall sconces, doorknobs, and escutcheons, most dating back to the early 20th century, shared the stage with a large selection of vinyl records (jazz and pop predominating), 1970s platform shoes (also popular among Japanese shoppers), and other mass-produced collectibles. According to New > 80

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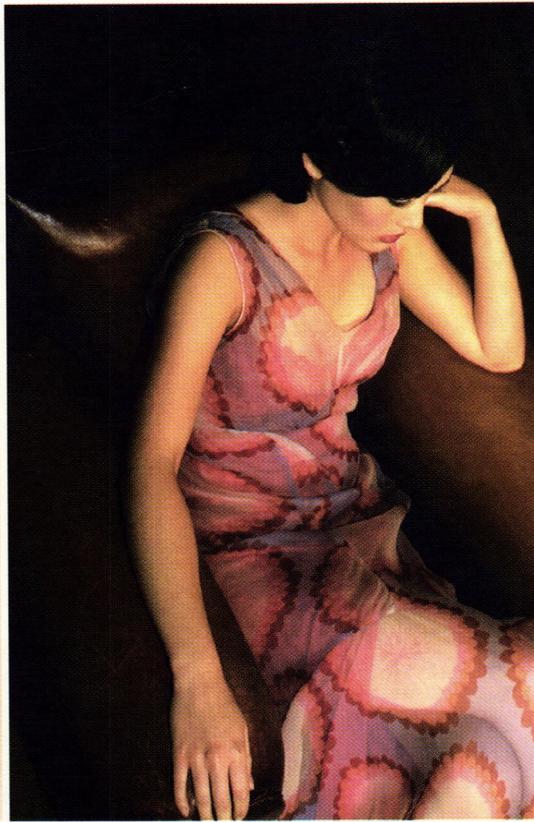
Fashion Forecast

Text by Heather Jones



THIS PAGE: Shawna wears a silk chiffon bias-cut '30s gown with matching jacket. OPPOSITE PAGE: The white cotton lace day or afternoon dress dates from the late 1930s.

slinky and sheer vintage



This article is the first in a series brought to you by The Wasteland, a vintage clothing store with locations in Los Angeles and San Francisco. Each season has a new look in vintage fashion with fresh styles and the latest trends. The staff at Wasteland will compile fashion forecasts for each coming season where they'll note what's hot and what's not.

If it's slinky, sheer, or sexy, it's right for this summer's look. Be it new or vintage, it's all about revering the female shape. Couturiers borrow heavily from the '30s this season, but savvy shoppers can buy the original vintage pieces at an often greatly reduced price if they know where to buy. Top designers - as always - presented the extreme on the runways and most everyone else tones it down, or in this season's case, tones it up by covering the breasts and bikini underpants which show through the new sheer styles. The look starts with a bias cut in a clingy, see-through fabric and goes from there.

For those not so daring, slips from the '30s and '40s can be worn under sheer gowns or by themselves as a dress. It is also quite beautiful to layer one silk slip on top of another, either in the same color or in complementary hues. These slips can also be worn under transparent chiffon, lace, or crepe dresses. Ankle length floral prints are in heavy demand at the Wasteland, where Inventory Manager Jennifer Phillips says they are hard to come by in perfect condition, but when they do, they sell from \$75 to \$300. If you are adventuresome, by all means wear these gowns with a matching bra and underwear set exposed. That's what they are doing on the runways.

Another hot look this year brings the bold, geometric prints of the '60s and '70s by Emilio Pucci back to the forefront of fashion. His bright colors manage to stand out in a sea of florals and lace. While his shapes tend to be boxy, the silk jersey he was fond of using clings to the body, offering this season's mandatory revealing profile.

While Pucci is probably most famous for his '60s - '70s dresses, he also produced colorful lingerie that blends perfectly into this summer's look of "underwear as outerwear." The Wasteland stocks Pucci garments ranging in price from \$75 to \$800. ■

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Modern Eye Facts, Details, Connections. Text by Steven Cabella



2 more sides of F.L.W.

Another vintage record album by Frank Lloyd Wright for submission to the "Architect/Designer/Artist as recording artist" category was sent in by John from X-21. This LP called "Frank Lloyd Wright... On Record" was recorded in 1956 at the Plaza Hotel in New York City. Wright talked non-stop for two hours to produce this recording, covering such topics as his conception of architecture, describing some of his buildings, and speaking about his hopes for you and me. TWO HOURS. The mere fact that he recorded a solo album would make him eligible for a Grammy Award, which would put him in direct competition with square socialite/decorator/recording artist Dorothy Draper. Wright on...

Another Architectural Record

Be sure to find a copy of the musical tribute to that South American wonder city Brasilia the next time you travel to this experiment in living. Recorded in Rio de Janeiro in the mid-1960s this LP, by Simonetti and the RGE studio orchestra, should be on your soundtrack. Thanks are owed to the retired architect who sent that in, but you didn't sign your letter... please write again so I can give you credit for the LP on my CD.

Barwa, Barwa, need I say more?

Apparently many of you have never seen how those canvas covers are held on the aluminum frame of the Barwa lounge chair. I have been told that this 1947 design by Edgar Bartolucci and Jack Waldheim, hence the Barwa, is back in production with replacement covers available, though no one has sent me any current information... yet. The covers are attached with springs on both sides, to let the cover have some give to it, and a curved steel rod keeps the frame rigid.



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Gone, Gone, gone. Xedolor backwards is?

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Desk Design Data

J. Foam in L.A. sent in a Polaroid of this desk wanting some information for a friend. Information is: the wrought iron rod, angle iron, and wooden desk was designed in 1949/1950 for the Vista of California Company - a WWII era manufacturing plant that at the conclusion of their wartime service went into making contemporary-styled budget-furniture. Using wrought iron, wood, and welded-steel pipes, this populist furniture invaded the thousands of post-war housing developments being built across America. Vista supplied numerous hotels and roadside motels with that casual California look for their rooms and lobbies.

Vista of California was part of a loosely affiliated contingent of allied designers who formed the Pacifica Group. While serving in the Pacific Rim during WWII, these designers, architects, and craftspeople had come into contact, through their housing and work situations, with the innovative use of such war-time materials as wrought iron, rattan, plywood, and rope. Pacifica was influenced by contemporary lifestyles on both sides of the ocean and was an answer to the need for affordable and comfortable furniture for the family-laden veteran returning from the action of the Pacific theater.

Participating designers in the Pacifica style included Luther Conover, Van Kepple-Green, and Brown Saltzman. They used handy, newly familiar materials that the returning veteran could understand, and afford to live with. The same Vista Company also made the Rancho Vista "cowboy" or Monterey-style budget furniture, which reveals that they had no strong design allegiance to anything but the budget.

- Steve Cabella has been collecting modern furniture, products, and design facts for nearly 20 years, and he is happy to answer your questions and share your interests. Write to (include SASE): Steve Cabella, Modern i Gallery, 500 Red Hill Ave., San Anselmo, CA 94960.

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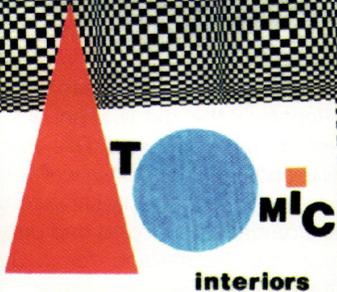
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By the door of a blacksmith's shop in Algonac, Michigan, more than 95 years ago, a boy sat whittling a boat.... pausing now and then to gaze wistfully over the winding waters of the St. Clair River.

Little did he realize that scarcely a stone's throw from the forge at which his father hammered, a great boating "empire" bearing his own name would someday stand.... and that from it an endless fleet of beautiful, power-driven craft would go to every country in the world. The boy was Christopher Columbus Smith - founder of the Chris-Craft Corporation, today the world's largest builder of motor boats.

Young Chris had a very modest beginning hunting wild game in the vast Lake St. Clair "Flats" area, selling to the local populace. Because the Flats were some 12 miles distant, Chris built a small boat which he rowed to the marshes. The boat he built was superior in design to those of his fellow hunters. So superior, that they asked Chris to build boats for them - and Chris' gun was idled as he built boats so his friends could hunt.

In 1894, Chris attached a naphtha-gas engine to one of his boats. Working with his eldest son Jay, whose many hours at the oars kindled a keen interest in engine power, Chris laid plans for producing a number of these inboard powered craft.

Two years after successfully installing the naphtha-gas engine, they tried a newly developed gasoline engine, but with little success. It wasn't until its inventor, Charles Sintz, showed up with a gadget called a carburetor that the engine became practical.

Armed with a new and better method of power, Chris began

building boats in earnest, and his reputation spread far and wide. By 1906 Chris was turning out a 26-foot boat that did 18 mph, and one day they ran a race with another local boat and won. This was the beginning of the speed boat boom, and John J. Ryan, a well-known promoter and financier, gave Chris his first financial backing to build raceboats. The Smith-Ryan Boat Company developed and built the famous *Baby Reliance's*, a single step hydroplane, for J. Stuart Blackton, Commander of the Atlantic Yacht Club and owner of the Vitagraph Company, now Warner Brothers. The *Baby Reliance's* pioneered the single step hydroplane and made the company famous by capturing races throughout the country.

In the next few years, Chris' "Step-Boats," as they were called, outran European boats twice their length and up to nine times their horsepower. At one of the early New York Boat Shows, the Smith-Ryan Boat Company introduced a 20-foot boat called the *Queen Reliance* to be sold for the unusual price of \$100 per mile of speed, with an unheard of speed of 35 mph!

On September 27, 1913, Ryan quit the boat business and the company became the C.C. Smith Boat and Engine Company. Chris, his four sons - Jay, Bernard, Owen, and Hamilton - and a daughter Catherine ran the company as a family business from that time on. In 1914, the Smith-built *Baby Reliance* became the first boat to attain a speed of 50 mph. That same year, Chris built the first *Miss Detroit* for Gar Wood who wanted to challenge for the famous Gold Cup Trophy. Wood captured the trophy with an average speed of 48.5 mph.



FAR LEFT: Leading the charge on a 1937 Chris-Craft. LEFT: Wartime advertisement for Chris-Craft promoting buying war bonds and a new deluxe enclosed Chris-Craft cruiser which would be ready for post-war delivery. ABOVE TOP: 1937 double stateroom Chris Craft. ABOVE BOTTOM: A frontal view of the 40' double stateroom Chris-Craft from 1937. RIGHT TOP: This 18' Chris-Craft Cobra runabout from 1954 is a descendant of the fastest racing boats in the world built by Chris-Smith and Sons, the precursor of Chris-Craft Corporation. RIGHT BOTTOM: A pair of 1937 Chris-Craft fleet cruisers.

Even more success with speed was on the way, as in 1916 Jay and Bernard Smith teamed up to drive the *Miss Minneapolis* to a new world record speed of 66.66 mph and in 1917, *Miss Detroit II* equipped with a 250 horsepower Sterling engine, captured the Gold Cup with speeds of 67.72 mph.

Anxious to move on to bigger conquests, Chris and Gar Wood developed the first *Miss America*, and in 1919 challenged the British for the Harmsworth International Trophy. *Miss America I* was a smooth-water hydro capable of 50 mph. Powered with two Liberty 125 horsepower aircraft engines, the new 27-footer was actually the first twin screw speedboat. Gar Wood, Jay, and Bernard Smith took the boat to Cowes, England. There, on August 10th, 1920, *Miss America I* won the Harmsworth Trophy with speeds to 65 mph. *Miss America II* captured the coveted cup again in 1921. By 1932, the last of the Miss Americas flashed over a course on Lake St. Clair at 124.91 mph, a record which stood unbroken for 7 years.

Thus, Chris-Smith and Sons with an international reputation for designing, building, and racing the fastest boats in the world, began producing runabouts for the public. The demand was so great Chris and his sons engineered and developed what was then an unusual production line system for building boats. The basis of the system was a master "jig" over which the structural hull members were formed. As the boats took shape, they were placed on a cradle and moved along rails from station to station until completion.

Gradually, the company began to expand its production to cruis-

ers, using the same sound principles of construction and design that pioneered their famous racing boats. Past experience had given the Smiths a real respect for speed on the water, so they were vitally concerned with producing boats that were, above all else, safe for every member of the family.

With their reputation growing, production facilities in Algonac were soon turning out the very highest quality Philippine mahogany runabouts, utilities, cruisers, and luxury motor yachts. Mass production techniques and volume purchasing power made it possible to produce boats at prices thousands of individuals could afford.... and the boating boom was on! Increasing the production rate required more rigid quality controls, and a comprehensive inspection program was instituted to assure skippers the finest boats that master craftsmen could build.

In 1930 the name Chris-Craft was adopted and the company became known as the Chris-Craft Corporation. Jay W. Smith, Chris' oldest son, was at the helm for many years. By 1939 Jay's son, Harsen, was in command. On September 9 of that year, Christopher Columbus Smith died, after one of the most colorful and exciting careers in boating history.

The company's ability to supply great quantities of glistening mahogany pleasure craft sparked a new interest in boating around the globe. New Chris-Craft factories were established to meet the increasing demand. In addition to the factory in Algonac, Michigan, plants in Holland and Cadillac, Michigan; Chattanooga, > 80



Ercole Barovier

The Non-Murrine Work of the Post-War Years

In the Spring issue of *Echoes* we examined the pre-war work of Ercole Barovier, one of the great geniuses of glass. In this issue, we will focus on a segment of his post-war work: the non-murrine work. We will look at his work with murrines in the Fall issue.

At the time of the Second World War, the majority of Ercole Barovier's designs consisted of clear glass combined with one or more of three elements - the use of controlled air bubbles, an applied decoration, or an iridized surface. There was one very remarkable exception, an exception that was extremely uncharacteristic for Barovier's work in this era, his *Oriente* series.

The *Oriente* series, which made its appearance at the Biennale of 1940, was a radical departure. Barovier used - for the first time since his days at Artisti Barovier - multiple colors in a vase. The method in which he used the color was a precursor to that found in post-war glass - particularly the colors found in Bianconi's work. *Oriente* glass had wide red, blue, or deep yellow stripes, overlaid by curved or intersecting stripes of the same color combinations. The overlaid colors would create new colors. The whole vase was then dusted with silver inclusions. The technique is extremely attractive, and could have been one of his most successful but for two factors which impeded its success. The first is that many of the forms left a lot to be desired. Barovier utilized this spectacular technique on extremely uncreative - basically utilitarian - forms. The second factor which hampered the success of the series was that it was created during WWII. Though Barovier continued working through 1942, the chemicals and materials he needed were difficult to procure. This factor led all of the Murano factories to restrict their creativity and production. By the end of the war Ercole Barovier, and all the other factories on Murano, were ready to move on to the next project.

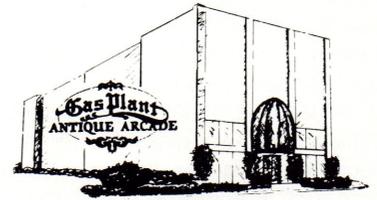
The immediate years following the war consisted of rebuilding for both Barovier and Murano. For the most part, Barovier's rebuilding comprised the rethinking of his ideas about color and shape. For a designer whose medium of the previous ten years had been primarily clear glass, he returned to clear glass for just one series in the post-war years, his *Barocchi*. This series made use of a crystal-clear, bubbled glass decorated with an applied leaf.

The real post-war changes started with his *Damasco* and *Corinto* series of glass. Both series are masterworks, utilizing a very simple, intentionally broken design. The influence of the *Oriente* series is evident. Barovier reworked the wide multi-colored ribbon-like bands of glass found in *Oriente* into stark, sharply contrasted ribbons of glass. (The bands of glass are very reminiscent of the "ribbon" candy sold in the United States during the 1950s.) In the *Corinto* series, each 3/4 inch wide ribbon is separated by an equally wide ribbon of gold glass. The glass was shaped and formed into a bowl. Then,

FROM TOP LEFT: A *Graffito Barbarico* vase, 1965. This series was Barovier's final non-murrine work; A *Barocchi* vase, 1948. Crystal-clear, bubbled glass was used in this series; A *Corinto* vase, 1948. In the *Corinto* series, the ribbons of glass were cut and shaped to abstract forms; A *Canne Polichrome* vase, 1956; *Oriente* glass vase by Barovier, 1940. The *Oriente* series was a radical departure from Barovier's previous medium of clear glass; A *Neolitica* vase, 1954. The patterned glass of this series was achieved by adding chemicals to the glass after melting.

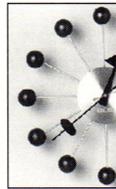


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Ercole Barovier

(continued from page 24) while still molten, the ribbons were cut and bent to abstract shapes.

The *Damasco* series was similar but rather than a ribbon of gold glass separating the colored ribbons, Barovier inserted a ribbon of glass with circular murrines. It is rumored that a mere 150 items were produced in this series. Why did he choose the name? *Damasco* is actually the Italian name for the city of Damascus. Is this glass reminiscent of early glass examples? Was it Barovier's homage to Turkey? For now, these are questions that will remain unanswered.

These two series were extremely important in the development of Italian post-war glass. Rather than being designed for flowers or decorative purposes, the series consisted of mundane utilitarian objects such as bowls. By cutting the ribbons and extending the edges of the bowl beyond conformity, Barovier brought to the design a radical divergence. He stretched the utilitarian use of the bowl into a decorative object first, utilitarian bowl second. His use of color was also

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radical, it was stark and yet colorful; there is a roughness there. It flows, and yet it does not flow. Today we look at Murano glass and see hundreds and thousands of examples which resemble the ideas that Barovier created in these two series. Barovier's pieces look like any other Murano glass until you look closely at them. They were the first, influencing countless Murano “designers.” Did they influence Bianconi? Bianconi's *Handkerchief* vase can be traced to Fontana Arte's *Cartocchi* vases. These were created in pre-war Milan. Did he use some of Barovier's ideas in his refinement of the *Handkerchief* vase? The *Damasco* series was also groundbreaking for Barovier. It marked his return to the use of murrines in glass. As we will see in the next article in this series, throughout the rest of his career, Ercole Barovier was continually experimenting with the use of murrines.

To satisfy the cravings of tourists and armchair tourists throughout the world, in 1950 Barovier created his *Cordonato D'Oro* series. It is his most easily found and identifiable work. It appears in a multitude of applications: from nut bowls, to animals, to vases, to lamp bases two feet tall. It is the epitome of the era's “Murano” glass. As the name describes, the technique utilizes cords of gold; vertical cords or ropes of glass are fused together, generally with a scalloped rim. Each transparent or colored cord (approximately 3/4 of an inch in diameter) was lightly dusted with ribs of gold emulating the fibers of a rope.

The *Cordonato* series was preceded by a very similar series in 1949, a rarer, and more short-lived series, his *Zebrati*. It contains many of the same elements as the *Cordonato* series but with variations. The first variation was the placing of amethyst rings in the vertical twisted cords. A second variation was a throwback to the *Damasco* series: rather than having a finished top, the ends of some of the cords were left unfused. They were then bent into odd shapes, creating the same look the ribbons have in the *Damasco* series.

Uncharacteristically, there was one short period of time when Barovier succumbed to design and form before technique, the early 1950s. It is difficult to attribute the actual reasons for the short-lived change. His work at the time is identifiable with the *Anse Volante* work of Giorgio Ferro at AVE M and the *Forati* series of Bianconi at Venini, and it is also related to the general trend in Murano towards Biomorphism. (Biomorphism was an art movement that started in the 1930s. The primary media for the original work was sculpture and painting. The movement dealt with a concern for the unexpected and the irrational. Artists Hans Arp, Henry Moore, and Jean Miro were the motivating forces behind the movement. The critic Willy Rotzler wrote, “From no choice of their own, Arp, Miro, Moore, and their contemporaries became the godfathers of battered and holed

vessels of glass, earthenware, and metal.”¹⁾

One of the first Barovier series to incorporate Biomorphism was *Eugeneo*. The series, introduced at the Triennale of 1951 and Biennale of 1952, was comprised of vases and pitchers in non-traditional forms. Most contained pierced handles. Generally, the glass in the series was opaque with a translucent texture created by placing unmelted materials into the pre-colored molten glass. Rather than creating a completely green or blue glass, this technique of adding glass without melting created a mottled and inconsistent coloration. Barovier then iridized the surface. Examples of *Eugeneo* can be found in azure, lapis, jade green, pearl, and amaranthine. The pearl color simulates the look and finish of actual pearls.

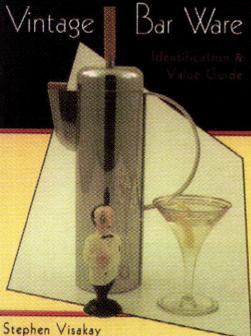
At the same time as the *Eugeneo* series, Barovier created the *Barbarico* series. This technique was inspired by the encrusted glass found in archeological digs. The finish of the glass, rather than having a satin-like feel and sheen, is actually rough to the touch. It is somewhat reminiscent to the texture of his *Primavera* series of 1929; however, unlike the *Primavera* glass, *Barbarico* glass has a dirty and archaic look. Many of the vases had abstract animals perched on the neck or base of the vase that recall Martinuzzi's sculptural work of the 1930s. The series made its appearance at the Triennale of 1951 and also appeared the same year at an exhibition in Paris. Most *Barbarico* glass is found in a dark brown, though examples do exist with a dusting of gold throughout the surface.

Because of Barovier's experimentation with glass chemistry, we should digress and mention the basics of glass. A traditional clear glass vase is made from a mixture of sand (silica) and an alkali such as potash. If the artist wanted to color the glass yellow, he would add the chemical antimony to the mixture. The mixture would then be heated to a high temperature until the chemicals and materials were in a molten state. This would then make a pot of yellow glass. The blower, using a blowpipe, would gather the molten glass and blow a yellow vase into the desired form. Barovier was always experimenting with the order of this process. Rather than add the antimony to the pot, he would add it to the already formed piece. The piece would then be reheated, melting the new chemicals and creating a new effect. By not mixing the chemicals into the pot, the color was not allowed to melt and blend into an even hue. Rather, Barovier would get splotches or areas of color surrounded by the base color. Through experimentation, he learned to control the different effects. The following series of Barovier's all incorporated this technique or a variation:

- The *Aborigeni* series of 1954 is the second series of Barovier's which related to archeological history. The forms took primitive shapes, appearing in only four colors: purple, amber, deep green, and lizard green. As described above, the glass was colored without melting and mixing, creating a non-uniform look.
- The *Neolitico* glass of 1954 was a series that emphasized a pattern. Though the work appears to be made of squares of opaque murrines, the series was created by adding chemicals to the glass after melting. A very thin layer of clear glass was then placed on the surface of the form. The result resembles glass carved from semi-precious stones and is actually reminiscent of Tiffany's Agate glass. The typical *Neolitico* item is a bowl, though animals and abstract shapes and forms are found.
- The 1956 *Ambrati* (amber) series was the only other series to focus on form. Ever the chemist, Barovier mixed opaline glass with thick silver leaf. This created an amber glass that appears to have a tortoise shell look. Barovier created many stylized animals and vase forms for this series.
- Concurrent with the *Ambrati* series, Barovier created the *Canne Polichrome* series. Here he returned to the use of wide striped ribbons in bright colors separated by thin canes of color. The interesting facet of this technique is that the color was on the inside of the item >80

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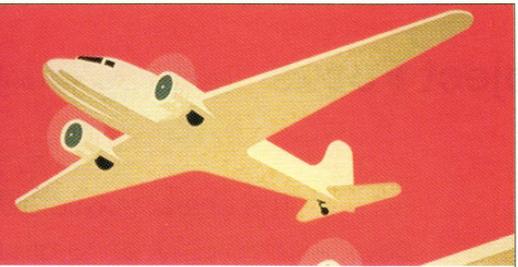
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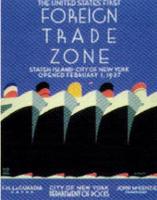
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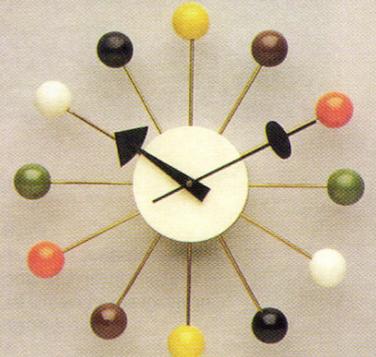
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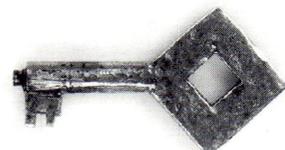
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Josef Hoffmann is renowned today as one of the leading architects and designers of the 20th century. He co-founded the Wiener Werkstätte in 1903 with Koloman Moser having secured the financial backing of Viennese businessman, Fritz Warndorfer. Both Hoffmann's and Moser's early designs were hallmarked by their architectural forms and simplicity. It was the aim of the Werkstätte to produce Viennese works of the finest craftsmanship as well as functional beauty.

The development of the metal workshop was one of the earliest endeavors of the Wiener Werkstätte. Dur-

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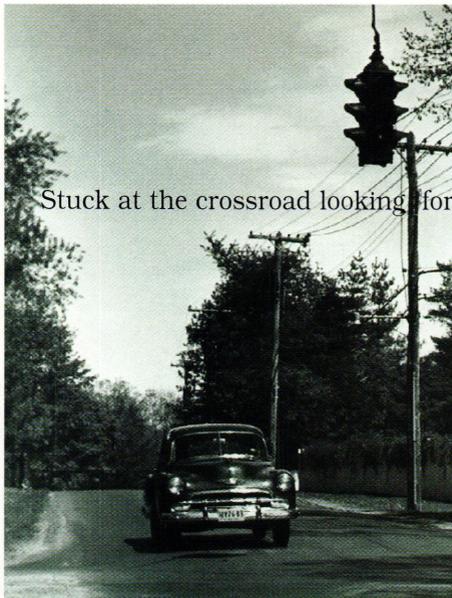


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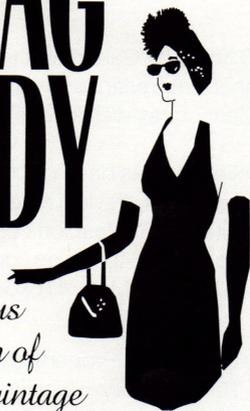
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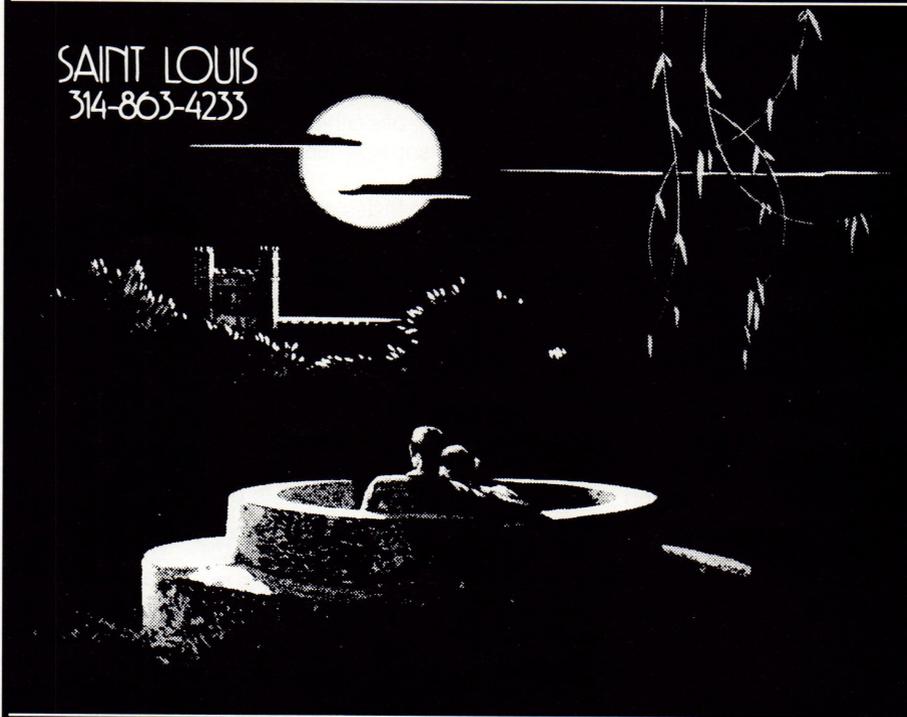
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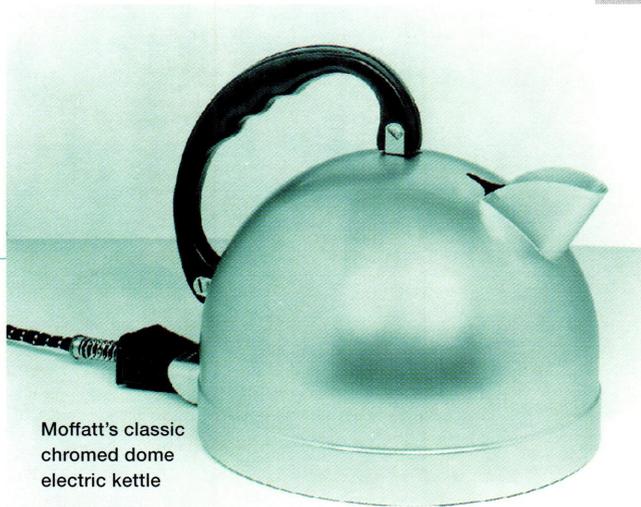
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Despite the passage of time and changing tastes, the sturdy, retro-styled kettle continues to sell in North America under the Sunbeam brand name. Its nostalgic chromed dome makes it a perennial favorite, nearly 60 years after its Canadian launch!

- Rachel Gottlieb is curator of Toronto's Design Exchange. The DX study collection includes 30 examples of kettles, including many incarnations of the "Moffatt" chromed dome.



Just one example of the Royal Ontario Museum's large collection of vintage clothing

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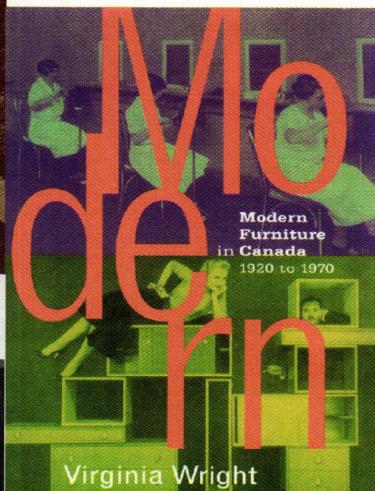


Habitat '67, architect Moshe Safdie's residential complex created for Montreal's Expo '67 World's Fair

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Modern Furniture in Canada

Author and educator Virginia Wright hopes to alter the perception that Canada is a design wasteland with her new book *Modern Furniture in Canada, 1920-1970*. In this richly illustrated study, Wright explores the history of modern furniture in Canada, employing archival photographs and original documents to trace the development of professional design, design education, and design advocacy in the period from 1920 to 1970.

Canada has a distinguished record in modern furniture design and has produced work of international significance, some of it hitherto unrecognized. Chief among the milestones were the production in Ontario in the mid-1920s of molded

plywood seating for assembly halls and of the world's first molded plastic furniture, produced in prototype by the National Research Council in 1946 - three years before the more famous designs by Charles Eames in the United States were unveiled.

Wright charts the development of modern furniture design in Canada, from its first appearance in an Eaton's department store display of pieces brought from the Paris Exposition of 1925, through its gradual entry into Canadian homes, to its establishment as a dominant style. She shows how modern industrial materials such as steel tubing, rubber, and plywood were incorporated into the production of commercial and institutional furnishings and how these designs reached a wide public through exhibitions and the media.

The first account of Canada's innovative furniture design and production of the period, *Modern Furniture in Canada* opens the door to a whole new field of study and is destined to become a seminal work on Canadian design. (Available for \$39.95 through the *Echoes* bookstore, see page 69 for details.)



Spirited Look at Vancouver

An over-capacity crowd turned out for the opening of *The New Spirit: Modern Architecture in Vancouver, 1938-1963* at the Canadian Centre for Architecture (CCA), Montreal, Quebec. *Globe & Mail* critic Adele Freedman hosted a lively panel discussion with local architects of the period: Arthur Erickson, Barry Downs, and Catherine Wisnicki, and landscape architect Cornelia Oberlander.

United in their hatred of Toronto, the group helped to forge West Coast Regional Style. Taking advantage of the lack of buildings in then "small town" Vancouver, the group employed new technology, cooperated extensively with other creative disciplines such as visual artists, and took advantage of spectacular building sites. The period architecture that remains illustrates a love of open space, the need for reflected light on the rain-drenched coast, and the flexibility and creativity that resulted from not having to live up to an entrenched historical context. Erickson was loudly applauded for suggesting modernism remains the "only sensible solution."

The exhibition travels to the Vancouver Art Gallery (November 8, 1997 to January 18, 1998) and to the Nickle Arts Museum in Calgary, Alberta (February 15 to April 19, 1998). A fully illustrated, soft cover exhibition catalog is available for \$35 through the *Echoes* bookstore (see page 69 for details).

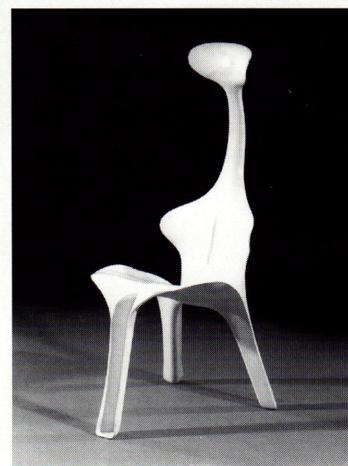
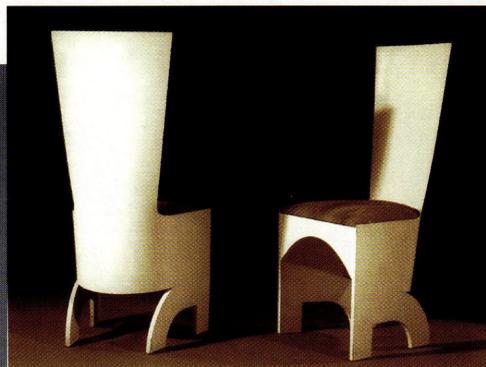
DoCoMoMo Takes Hold

A group of British Columbians have applied to establish a regional working party of the international preservation organization, DoCoMoMo (DOcumentation and COnservation of the MODern MOvement). Chapters exist in Ontario and Quebec. Established at Eindhoven University in the Netherlands in 1988, DoCoMoMo membership in 30 countries includes conservationists, architects, urbanists, landscape architects, and historians.

The goal of the organization is to document and help preserve significant buildings from the modern period. Vancouver-based architect and provisional chair, Robert Lemon, says the working party will also apply pressure to save important buildings throughout the province that may be targeted for destruction.

The preservation of modernism in British Columbia gained prominence after a dedicated group rescued the Vancouver home and garden of noted Canadian architect, Arthur Erickson. Also, > 88

Echoes Abroad The Modern Market in Europe. Text by Simon Andrews



From Christie's South Kensington's sale: (ABOVE) *Moloch* lamp by Gaetano Pesce, c.1971 (£18,000), Charles Eames' ETR table (£2,200), and LAR chair (£650); (TOP RIGHT) A pair of laminated birch high-back side chairs by Gerald Summers, c.1934, for Makers of Simple Furniture (£7,000); (RIGHT) *Floris* chair by Gunter Beltzig, c.1967 (£3,400).

The spring of 1997 has borne witness to the expanding European market for progressive pre-war and good post-war design. Both the major London salerooms, Christie's South Kensington and Sotheby's Bond Street, presented sales within 24 hours of each other, on the 26th and 25th of March respectively, having been preceded by the Bonham's sale of 20th Century Design on February 8th.

Both the Christie's (380 lots) and the Sotheby's (226 lots) sales achieved similar selling rates, with only 13% of lots by value going unsold in both salerooms, and with record items offered. The highest price attained was the £18,000 bid for a magnificent oversized anglepoise lamp, *Moloch*, designed in 1971 by the Italian architect and designer Gaetano Pesce. Marching beyond the Christie's pre-sale estimate of £6,000-8,000, the lamp was secured by a European museum. Italian design was again at the forefront of prices realised at Sotheby's, with the highest price of the sale being the £11,000 taken for a *Kandissi* sofa, designed by Alessandro Mendini, 1979, for Alchimia.

The increasing desirability of good Italian postwar design was further evidenced by a range of furniture designed by Gio Ponti for the Parco dei Principi Hotel, 1966, which included a lounge suite selling for £2,200 (Christie's); an *Ultrafragola* mirror by Ettore Sottsass taking £1,800 (Sotheby's), and the £4,000 paid for a scarce *Dondolo* chair, 1967, by Cesare Leonardi/Franca Stagi at the Bonham's sale on February 8th, 1997. Italian industrial design shows signs of similar behavior, with an Achille Castiglione radio, 1965 realizing £400 (Sotheby's), and a Marco Zanuso sewing machine £150 (Christie's), while four lots of unused 1950's fabrics, including designs by Hiero Prampolini, sold within the £300-500 range (Christie's).

European plastic designs of the 1960s attracted strong interest in both sales, including £7,800 achieved for a 1969 *Boomerang* desk designed by Maurice Calka (Sotheby's), £3,400 for a 1967 prototype *Floris* chair by German designer Gunter Beltzig (Christie's), and £950 for a 1968 *Pastilli* chair by Eero Aarnio (Christie's). The desirability of American furniture of the 1950s was represented by a good selection in the Christie's sale that included an Eames Surfboard table (£2,200), a lemon-yellow Zenith LAR chair (£650), an early Bertoia Bird chair and ottoman (£650) and a George Nelson rosewood CSS storage system (£1,800).

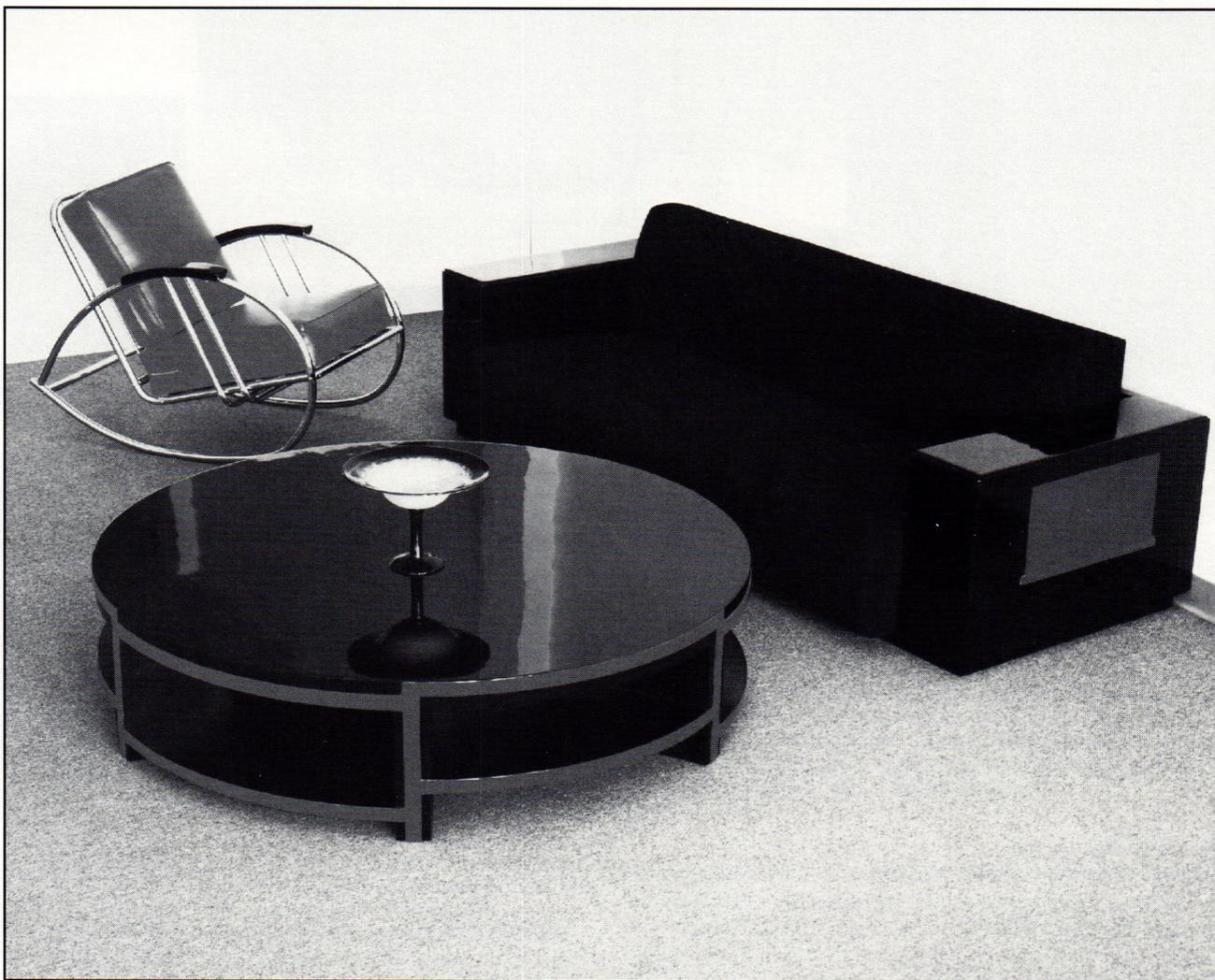
Selections of Italian and Scandinavian glass were offered in both salerooms, the highest price bid being for a 1953 *Kayak* vase by Timo Sarpaneva (Sotheby's) which sold for £6,200. A Venini *Fasce* vase by Riccardo Liccata sold for £2,200 in the Christie's sale, and a similar though larger example realized £800 at Sotheby's. Despite these strong prices, the Italian glass selections proved in both sales to be unpredictable, with the interest generally being confined to the scarcer items.

Good progressive pre-war design has realized some of the highest prices of recent months, initiated by £10,000 paid for a 1932 Alvar Aalto *Paimio* lounge chair at the Bonham's sale in February. The Sotheby's sale saw an early example of the Marcel Breuer *Long Chair* realize £4,800, and an unrestored example of Breuer's *Short Chair* sold the following day at Christie's for £4,500. A very scarce 1936 catalogue for the Isokon *Long Chair*, designed by Laszlo Moholy-Nagy, sold in the same day to an American telephone bidder for £350, to be followed by a pair of plywood side chairs by British designer Gerald Summers, c.1934, which sold for double the

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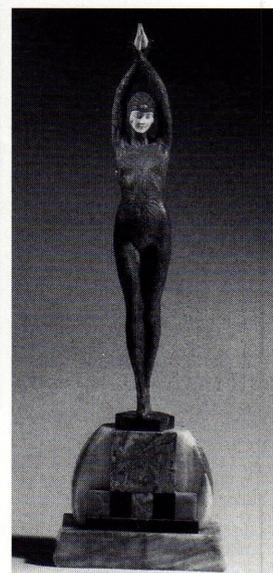
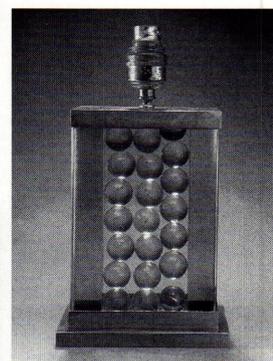
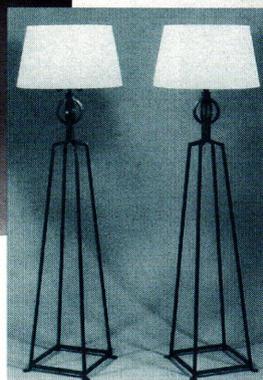
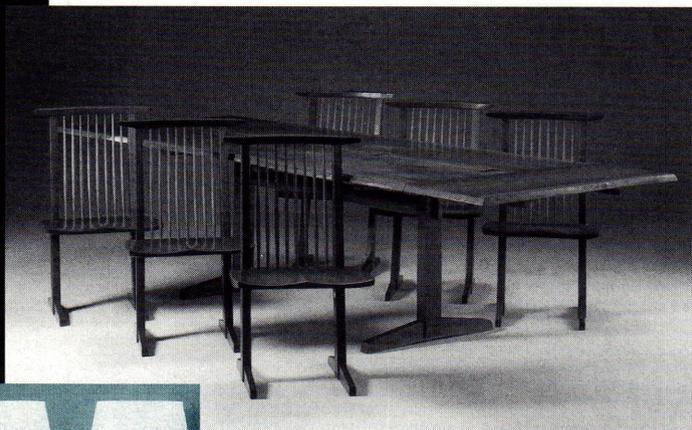
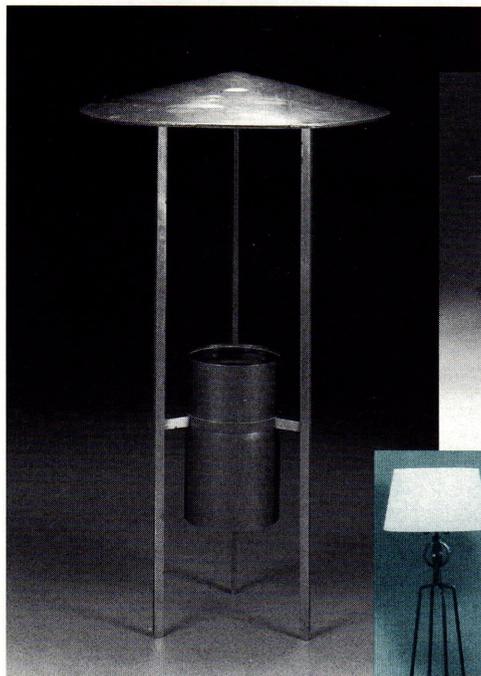
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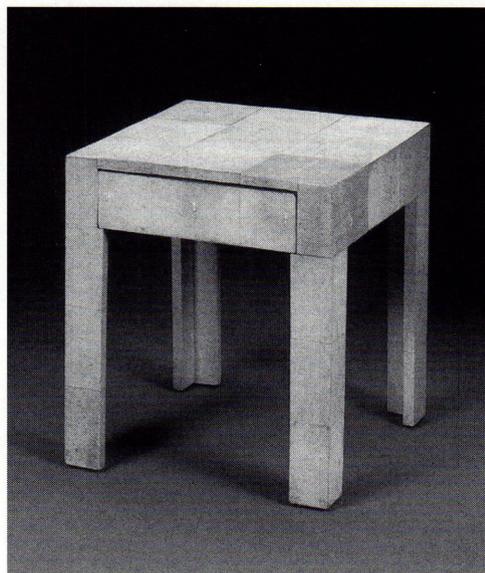
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Auction Highlights Reviews, Results, and Previews of 20th Century Auctions



ABOVE FROM LEFT: A rare bronze and stainless steel three-legged floor lamp designed by Philip Johnson and Richard Kelly in 1953 specifically for use in Johnson's New Canaan, Connecticut Glass House realized \$63,000 at Christie's Important 20th Century Decorative Arts sale held April 12, 1997; This pair of Tommi Parzinger wrought iron floor lamps, c.1945, brought \$12,650 at Sotheby's 20th Century Decorative Arts sale held March 14, 1997; Also at the Sotheby's sale, a walnut and hickory trestle dining table and six conoid chairs by George Nakashima, c.1963, garnered \$18,400.



ABOVE AND RIGHT: A galuchat covered side table by Jean-Michel Frank, c.1930, achieved \$43,700 at the Christie's sale; Also at Christie's, a metal and glass lamp base by Desny commanded \$28,750; Demetre Chiparus' *Starfish Dancer* earned \$26,450 at the Sotheby's sale.

Treadway's 20th Century Sale

The Treadway & Toomey Galleries held their first 20th Century sale of 1997 on February 16. Organized into three sessions - Arts & Crafts; American and European Paintings; Art Deco, 1950s/Modern, and Italian Glass - the third session offered nearly 300 lots of modern furniture and accessories.

Enthusiastic bidding greeted works by Charles Eames, with very strong prices realized for a 670 lounge and ottoman with brown leather upholstery (\$1,200); a molded plywood folding screen in excellent condition (\$4,000); an ESU 200, c.1954, in good condition (\$2,900); an LTR with birch top and black wire base (\$750); a great red fiberglass rocker with birch runners (\$1,300); a surfboard table in very good condition (\$2,200); and a fine example of an ESU 400, c.1952, in very good condition (\$7,500).

Significant prices were also achieved for a set of four Wharton Esherick stools, c.1958, in excellent condition (\$5,500); an Eliel Saarinen birch veneer dining table and four chairs manufactured by Johnson Furniture Co. (\$3,250); a pair of Mies van der Rohe *Barcelona* stools with minor wear to the leather (\$1,700); and a rosewood Sori Yanagi butterfly stool, c.1956 (\$1,400).

A rare version of a Paul McCobb credenza, with ten drawers and two doors in birch with black metal pulls brought \$1,400, well

above its high estimate of \$1,000. Arne Jacobsen's *Egg* chair for Fritz Hansen, in original dark green wool, realized \$1,600. Soaring well above estimate was a Jean Prouvé cabinet in original turquoise enamel with aluminum sliding doors and wooden handles, which achieved \$11,000 over a pre-sale of \$5,000-7,000. A great set of four 1960s sculptural cast aluminum chairs by Dan Johnson reached a final bid of \$3,000. Ico Parisi's burlled veneer console table manufactured by Singer & Co., c.1948, in great original condition sold within estimate at \$3,750.

Strong sales closed out the session, with a rare Noguchi paddlefin coffee table, c.1948, realizing \$4,750; and a George Nelson for Herman Miller desk, c.1948, commanding \$4,250.

The painting session of Treadway & Toomey Galleries' 20th Century sale was greeted with its best attendance since its introduction over a year ago. The audience was an active bidding force, with many lots selling to the floor. Highlights included Tsugouharu Foujita's

drawing *Profile of a Woman*, which was a good buy for a phone bidder at \$6,600, as was Werner Drewes' *The Flower Pot* at \$2,860. *Godspeed*, a print by Rockwell Kent, brought \$1,650.

Sotheby's 20th Century Decorative Arts

The results of Sotheby's 20th Century Decorative Works of Art sale, held March 14, affirmed the continued strength of the market. The sale featured a fine selection of French Art Deco furniture and accessories, including a pair of Edgar Brandt wrought iron bookends, c.1925 (\$3,450); and a Paul Kiss wrought iron mirror, c.1925 (\$4,600). Soaring beyond pre-sale estimates were a pair of René Prou iron doors, c.1935, (est. \$10,000-15,000) which realized \$25,300; and an Edgar Brandt cast bronze and Daum Nancy glass serpent lamp, c.1925, (est. \$25,000-40,000) which reached a final bid of \$43,700.

Offerings by Ruhlmann included an ivory-inlaid loup d'amboine, ebène-de-macassar and silvered-bronze-mounted cabinets, c.1925, which commanded \$51,750; and an ebène-de-macassar bookcase, c.1925, which realized \$28,750.

The French Art Deco section of the sale also included a Dominique galuchat and palissandre drop-front secretaire, c.1928, which fetched \$35,650; a mahogany and nickeled-bronze dressing table and chair, c.1930, which more than doubled its pre-sale to realize \$25,300; and a Gilbert Poillerat wrought iron and marble console, c.1930, soared to \$10,925.

The star of the modern offerings was George Nakashima, whose works consistently surpassed pre-sale estimates. Offerings included a walnut and hickory trestle dining table and six conoid chairs, c.1963 (\$18,400); a walnut and pandanus cloth buffet cabinet (\$7,475); a c.1970 walnut coffee table accompanied by the original drawing signed by Nakashima (\$9,200); a walnut and ash minguren table and conoid chair (\$7,475); and an eight-foot walnut dining table (\$11,500).

The sale also featured a c.1960 stone-ware vase by Japanese artist Shoji Hamada (\$6,037); a lustre-glazed earthenware footed bowl by Beatrice Wood (\$5,175); *Red Jack*, a watercolor by Alberto Vargas, which hit \$21,850 from a pre-sale of \$5,000-7,000; and a pair of Tommi Parzinger wrought iron floor lamps from 1945 commanded a premium of \$12,650.

Hagenauer works also met a positive response, with a copper and aluminum figure of a butler bringing \$11,500. A Hagenauer bronze figure of a maiden, c.1930s, rocketed past a pre-sale of \$1,800-2,500 to reach a closing bid of \$11,500 as well. A pair of Hagenauer hammered chromed-metal masks, c.1930, rose to \$8,050 (est. \$3,000-5,000).

Highlights of the glass items offered >36

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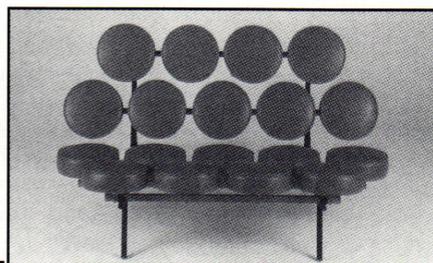


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(continued from page 35) included a Lalique *Grenouille* molded and frosted glass paperweight (\$8,337); a Lalique *Formose* molded and frosted ruby red and amber glass vase (\$4,025); and a c.1950s Venini pale yellow glass and bronze mirror (\$6,037).

Works in ivory included *Friends Forever* by Demetre Chiparus (\$18,400); *Tireur a L'Arc* by Pierre Le Faguays (\$34,500); and *Starfish Dancer* by Chiparus which earned \$26,450.

William Doyle's Lalique Auction

William Doyle Galleries' fifth annual Lalique sale on April 9, 1997 featured over 200 glass objects and related items by three generations of Lalique family designers. The sale attracted a specialized group of collectors

who were selective in their buying choices. Leading the sale was a fine forest green *Perruches* vase, c.1919, decorated with parakeets on flowering branches which sold to a local member of the trade for \$17,250. Colored glass vases earned the top prices of the day such as the \$11,500 achieved for a deep amber glass vase, c.1924, modeled as a coiled serpent. Other early 1920s vases attracting attention were a bright red *Ronces* vase patterned with briar that brought \$5,290, and a cased red *Escargot* vase modeled as a snail shell that finished at \$8,337. Representing vases from the inter-war years were an amber *Chamois* vase, c.1931, patterned with Art Deco chamois goats, which garnered \$4,140; and a chased jade green *Malesherbes* vase decorated with stylized Art Deco leaves, which reached \$4,370.

Opalescent ware was well received with a *Danaïdes* vase, c.1926, patterned with Art Deco water carriers in relief realizing \$3,680. Clear and frosted glass vases with Art Deco designs proved popular as well, including one with two swirl handles that hit \$5,290; and a rare *Jaffa* vase designed with three tiers of stylized foliage that fetched \$3,220.

René Lalique lighting performed well with a *St. Nabor* clear and frosted glass Art Deco lamp, c.1927, selling to a private Florida collector for \$9,200 (est. \$9,000-12,000); and a *Trois Branches Roitelets* electric lamp, c.1931, patterned with birds in flight, surpassing the pre-sale estimate at \$3,220 (est. \$1,800-2,400).

Dressing table items enjoyed a strong following as evidenced by an opalescent *Houppes* box and cover with powder puff design that exceeded the pre-sale estimate at \$1,035 (est. \$400-600); and an elegant *Epines* perfume bottle patterned with briars that brought \$1,063 (est. \$800-1,000).

Lalique jewelry generated tremendous interest, including an impressive *Sauterelles et Cabochons* brooch of clear glass and gilt-metal ornamented with grasshoppers that outdistanced expectations at \$3,795 (est. \$2,000-2,500). A clear and frosted glass *Cerisier* bracelet composed of 14 elements decorated with a naturalistic design went for \$1,610, further demonstrating the overall trend toward greater buyer activity at the middle segment of the market.

Christie's Important 20th Century Decorative Arts

Christie's Important 20th Century Decorative Arts sale, held April 12, 1997, featured a truly unique and architecturally significant selection of modern furniture designed by Ludwig Mies van der Rohe for Philip Johnson in 1930. The Johnson commission at 424 East 52nd Street was quite possibly America's first look at interior design by Mies van der Rohe and Lilly Reich, van der Rohe's collaborator on most early projects. Johnson contracted the acclaimed architect to design the interior of his New York apartment in an effort to "counteract the terrible wave of modernistic apartments we now have." (Philip Johnson) According to Franz Schulze,

Johnson's biographer, this apartment was probably "the first in the U.S. to accommodate the famous chairs and smaller pieces designed for the Weissenhof Exhibit (1927), the Barcelona Pavilion (1928), and the Tugendhat House (1930)."

The group which was offered on April 12th comprised a rosewood tea table (\$29,900), a tubular steel armchair and stool with original caning (\$13,800), a tubular steel coffee table (\$9,775), and a rosewood dining table (\$25,300), the latter of which probably was designed by Mies three or four years after the initial group. The offerings also included a brass and steel three-legged floor lamp designed by Philip Johnson and Richard Kelly for Johnson's Glass House in New Canaan, Connecticut circa 1954. This was the original three-legged version and was one of only a few produced; later versions had four legs. Estimated at \$10,000-15,000, the lamp soared to a closing bid of \$63,000.

French Art Deco furniture and works of art from distinguished private collections also sold very

well, including *La Chasse*, a fine lacquered and gilded panel by Jean Dunand, c.1934 (\$101,500); *Kamorna*, a gilt and cold-painted bronze and ivory sculpture from a model by Demetre Chiparus (\$66,300); *Harmonie de Rose* and *La Palme*, two watercolors by Jean Dupas, c.1930 (\$14,950); and a pair of rock crystal and enameled-bronze wall sconces in the form of nautilus shells with coral by Armand-Albert Rateau, c.1925 (\$46,000). Works by Ruhlmann included *Grande Cannelee a Redents*, a mahogany and silvered-bronze commode, c.1923 (\$46,000); and a mahogany occasional gueridon, c.1925 (\$20,700).

From Eyre de Lanux's private collection came a Jean-Michel Frank galuchat covered side table, c.1930, which commanded \$43,700 over a pre-sale of \$10,000-15,000. Also by Frank were an oak banquette, c.1930, (\$34,500); and an oak table created in collaboration with Adolphe Chanaux, c.1930 (\$41,400).

Rounding out the sale, a fruitwood and leather armchair by Andre Arbus, c.1938, with original upholstery achieved a high bid of \$14,950 (est. \$4,000-6,000); and a metal and glass lamp base by Desny rose to \$28,750 (est. \$10,000-15,000).

Swann Galleries' Photographs

Swann Galleries hosted a sale of 19th and 20th Century Photographs on April 19, 1997. The 20th century items comprised 378 lots, with the top lot spot going to three extremely rare silver print photomontages by Valentina Kulagina - *Technical Culture*, *Heavy Industry*, and *Magnitakgorsk* - created for the Siberia Pavilion of the All Union Agricultural Fair that opened in Moscow in 1939. Kulagina was one of the leading Soviet graphic designers of the 1930s, and a member of the October Group. The photomontage lot sold for \$19,550.

Other highlights included Edward Weston's

Charis, nude, circa 1934 (\$18,400); Brassai's *Untitled* cliche-verre

ferrotyped silver print, c.1934-'35 (\$17,250);

Tina Modotti's silver print *Police Puppets*, c.1929 (\$8,050);

Maurice Tabard's photomontage beautiful and rare

year he met Man Ray and Bresson's c.1954 silver print



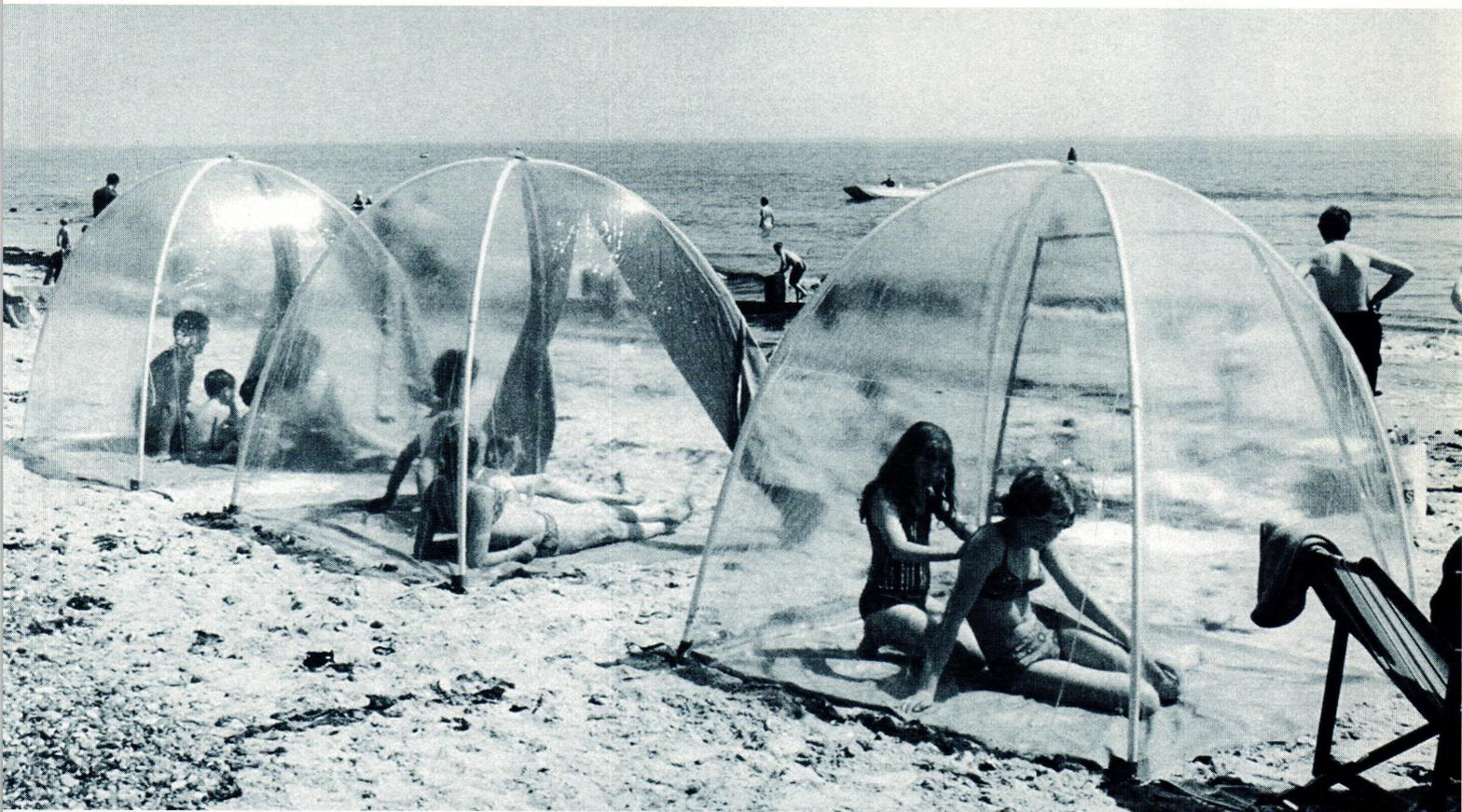
Dan Johnson's '60s aluminum chairs from Treadway's sale



Console table by Ico Parisi, c.1948, from Treadway's sale

Bodies on the railroad track - a work done by Tabard in 1930, the Magritte - (\$7,475); and Henri Cartier-Bresson's c.1954 silver print *Rue Mouffetard* (\$5,750).

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June 4, 1968

Sunbathers in England relax on the beach in clear Solarium tents which allow ultraviolet rays to penetrate while providing protection from the wind.

- From the photographic project "The Sixties"

Interiors magazine showcased Finn Juhl's work heavily during the early 1950s. In September 1950 they featured the interiors of his own Copenhagen home, including this shot of Juhl admiring an elegantly simple vase.





Finn Juhl's "Baker Modern" line in their showroom, as featured in the November 1951 issue of *Interiors* magazine. The sofa with curving headrest is reminiscent of Juhl's early designs for the Copenhagen Cabinetmaker's Guild exhibitions.

Finn Juhl Good design, Scandinavian style

When Alvar Aalto introduced Scandinavian biomorphic design to the world with his Finnish Pavilion at the 1939 New York World's Fair, little did he realize that he was spawning one of the signature styles of post-war design, a style that would be admired and emulated throughout the world for decades. In the 1950s, the name of Finn Juhl - along with fellow Dane Hans Wegner - became synonymous with the subtly beautiful Scandinavian modern design that was capturing the attention of optimistic young Americans when it came to decorating their homes. And it was Edgar Kaufmann, Jr. of the Museum of Modern Art in New York, *Interiors* magazine, and Baker Furniture Company >

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that were largely responsible for Juhl being recognized and appreciated by many American consumers.

Finn Juhl's furniture styles evolved during his long career, but his approach to design was remarkably consistent. Whether creating furniture to be executed by hand or by machine, he believed that high quality, elegance, and beauty were top priorities. While a student at the Royal Danish Academy of Arts School of Architecture, he concurrently attended classes in the school's department of furniture design, set up by the influential Kaare Klint in 1924, though he rejected Klint's belief that function and ergonomics should be the deciding factors in the appearance of a piece of furniture. Juhl wanted to infuse his work with a sense of personality, even of whimsy. He enlisted cabinetmaker Niels Vodder in 1937 to produce his avant-garde furnishings (a collaboration that continued for over 15 years) inspired by painting and sculpture of the period, most notably the biomorphic wood reliefs of Jean Arp.¹

Juhl's vehicle for displaying his independently-made designs was the Copenhagen Cabinetmakers' Guild exhibitions. First held in the 1920s as a forum for designers and cabinetmakers to explore alternatives to mass-production in modern design, the exhibitions continued until 1966. It was here in 1940 that Juhl's upholstered sculptural sofas and chairs with amoebic "wings" were likened by one reviewer to "tired walruses" and generally approached with the same distance as if the forms were actually living beasts.² But it was also here that he was able to work out many of his signature designs. These pieces were characterized by teak frames in which the seat and back "floated" through the use of supports from underneath; his designs were thus sculptural, as well as technically sophisticated. The chair he created for the 1945 Copenhagen Cabinetmakers' Guild exhibition, known as the "45 Chair," was his earliest and most successful

execution of such a design.

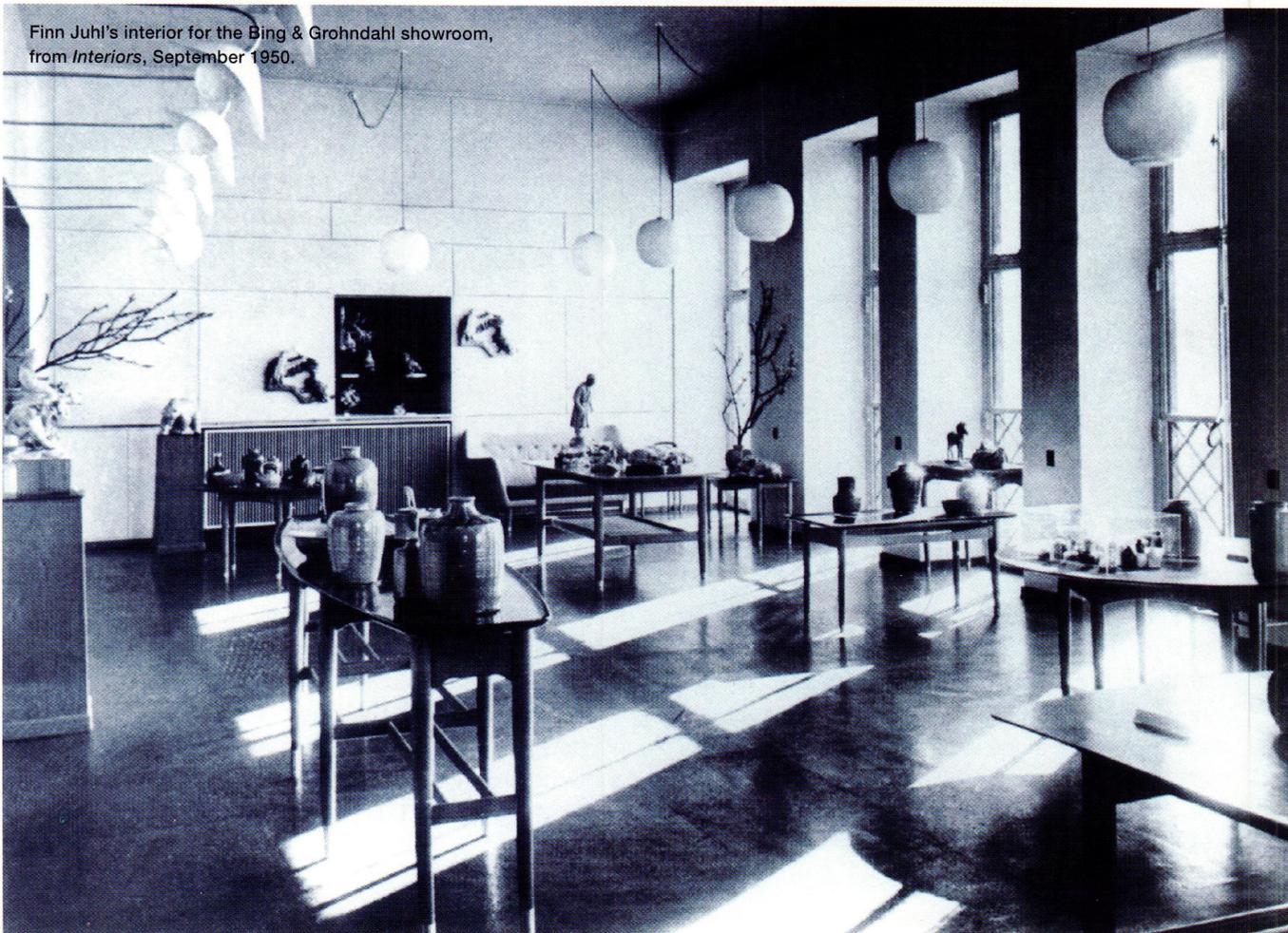
Juhl designed what came to be known as the "Chieftain" chair for the 1949 Copenhagen Cabinetmakers' exhibition. Here he not only liberated the seat and back from the frame visually and literally, he also upholstered the large blade-like armrests and expanded the reclining seat-back. The overall effect was reminiscent of an African or Oceanic tribal leader's throne (Juhl even included photographs of weapons and other anthropological elements in his furniture display) and led to its loaded name. According to Juhl, just over 100 of the chairs were originally made, though they are being reproduced today.³

One of the most fascinating chapters of Juhl's story was his relationship with Edgar Kaufmann, Jr., to whom Finn Juhl in large part owed his success in the United States. Director of Design at the Museum of Modern Art for a decade after the Second World War, Kaufmann had spent time studying with Frank Lloyd Wright at Taliesin in Wisconsin in the 1930s, and urged his father, a Pittsburgh department store magnate, to commission Fallingwater from Wright that same decade.

It was Juhl's sinuous lines that first attracted Kaufmann's attention. He wrote an article for the November 1948 issue of *Interiors* magazine in which he sung the praises of every curve and joint of the "master chair designer['s]" creations.⁴ Kaufmann was so taken by Juhl's skill in producing what he considered internationally-relevant designs that he asked Juhl to create an environment for the second "Good Design" exhibition held at the Merchandise Mart in Chicago in 1951. These shows were, in essence, opportunities for the Museum of Modern Art to spotlight what it felt was a high level of furniture and housewares, which would, in turn, stimulate the market as well as the public's taste.⁵

Kaufmann, who maintained a lifelong friendship with Juhl,

Finn Juhl's interior for the Bing & Grohndahl showroom, from *Interiors*, September 1950.





Chieftain chair, designed by Finn Juhl in 1949 and manufactured by Copenhagen cabinetmaker Niels Vodder.

clearly already held the Dane in high regard by awarding him this honor, as the first “Good Design” show was planned by American Charles Eames, who already enjoyed an international reputation for his bent plywood designs for Evans Products Company.

Kaufmann allowed Juhl to communicate his own ideas of good design at Merchandise Mart and in the pages of *Interiors* magazine. Recognizing firsthand the advanced capabilities of American manufacturing during his time in the U.S., Juhl acknowledged the potential for designers of mass-produced goods in the post-war era, provided all involved in the design and marketing process work closely and carefully together. He remarked, “One cannot create happiness with beautiful objects, but one can spoil quite a lot of happiness with bad ones.”⁶

This embracing of industrial production was a new direction for Juhl, but one that allowed him to work within the field to his great satisfaction. Though many young Americans thought the quality of Finn Juhl furniture high enough to special order “Chieftain” chairs or to purchase Niels Vodder’s interpretations of Juhl’s designs during trips abroad, it wasn’t until 1951 that his designs were available to a wider American public.⁷ Juhl, for his part, had in the 1940s approached the possibility of mass-producing his designs very cautiously. After all, the Copenhagen Cabinetmakers’ Guild began their annual exhibitions to champion national handcraft over imported mass-produced goods. And, in 1946, Danish furniture manufacturers, feeling the international presence of mass-produced modern styles and wishing to develop their own competitive lines, held a competition for Danish designers to propose prototypes for their firms. They reportedly considered Finn Juhl’s designs to be “luxurious” and in direct conflict with the simplicity that accompanies designs for mass production.⁸

It was Hollis S. Baker of Baker Furniture Inc., located in Holland, Michigan, who brought the challenge of mass production to Juhl at the right time (Juhl was undoubtedly riding high on the egalitarianism he preached during the “Good Design” show). Hollis wanted Baker Furniture, known for their high-quality historic reproduction furnishings, to introduce a line of affordable, well-designed contemporary furniture for the younger market, and he wanted Juhl to create it.

Juhl became convinced that Baker could mass-produce his designs while still preserving their integrity. He created Baker Modern, a collection of 24 designs for living and dining room suites, bedroom furniture, and modular units for consumers to configure at will. The line, which featured many aspects of Juhl’s handmade furniture such as floating seats and backs, subtly sculptural arms, and nary a straight line, was produced in contrasting woods, which set it apart from Niels Vodder’s production. Baker Modern was produced from mid-1951 to 1955. Its blond wood was English sycamore; rock maple and American walnut formed darker areas; and Formica® was used for tabletops.⁹ This > 60



Finn Juhl's living room in Copenhagen, showing his built-in furniture and loose furnishings, from *Interiors*, 1950.



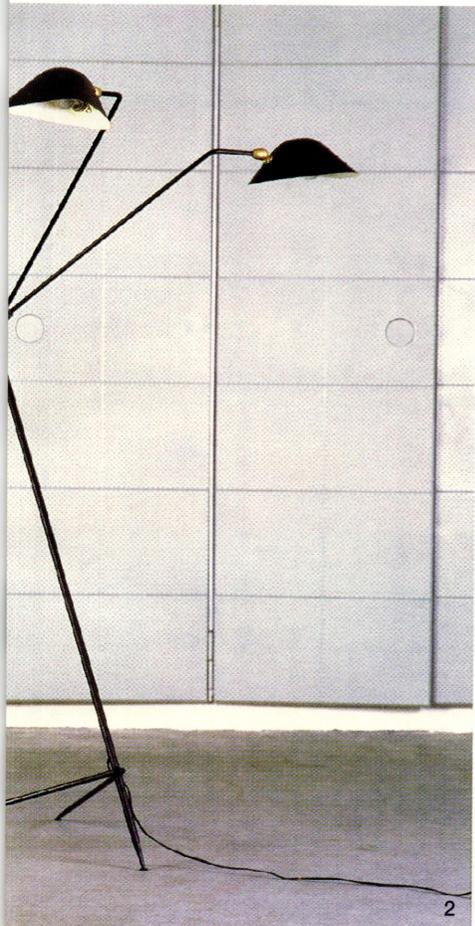
French Fifties

The end of the 1940s was marked by a global enthusiasm and optimism. New techniques and materials developed during the war were integrated into the industrial landscape of the 1950s. These changes were considerable on a cultural level: the Western World witnessed an unprecedented cultural renewal.

In France, one urgent problem demanding resolution during this period was a housing crisis. Furniture designers acted to improve habitations by experimenting with forms and colors. Architects and interior designers collaborated to create functional environments for collective housing. It was here that industrial design for mass production made its appearance. Jean Prouvé was awarded a commission to design 800 houses by the Ministry of Reconstruction, and Charlotte Perriand collaborated with Le Corbusier to realize the commission for the Unité de Marseille in 1952.

Parallel to these activities, numerous organizations and fairs were established to familiarize the public with the work of the new interior designers of the period. Beginning in 1953, the Salon de la Société des Artistes Décorateurs opened its doors to new designers, and each year the Salon des Arts Ménagers would showcase the innovations of new talents.

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1. Jean Prouvé Museum quality chair in original fabric (one of a pair). An early example of Prouvé's work, c.1927.

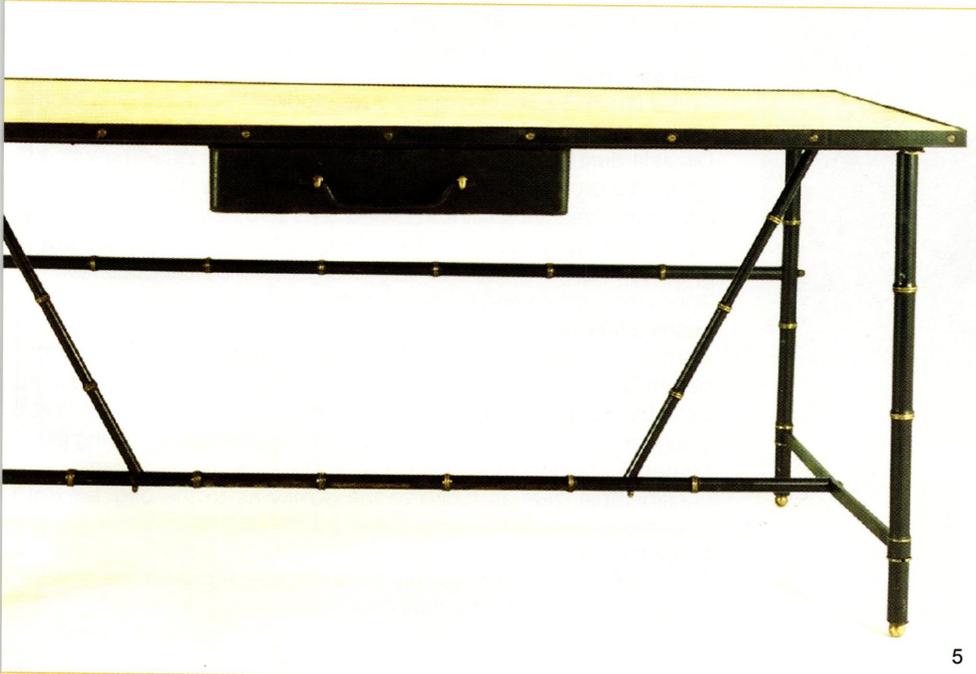
2. Serge Mouille Double Standing lamp (one of a kind) of black metal, c.1950. 64" high.

3. Georges Jouve Ceramic, c.1952. 9.5" high.

4. Mathieu Matégot Coffee table with opaline top and black metal legs. 39.5" diameter.

5. Jacques Adnet Oak top desk with metal and leather base, c.1945. 63" x 30".

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The Designers

Jacques Adnet

An architect with a degree from ENSAD, Adnet started out exhibiting at the Salon des Artistes Décorateurs, later to preside over it from 1947 to 1950. In 1928 he was named director of Sûe et Mare's Compagnie des Arts Français, where he collaborated with numerous artists, including Mouille, Noll, and Jouve. In the 1940s he realized, especially with Hermès, leather-cased furniture. This important creator, awarded with many official responsibilities and prizes, was also charged with the decoration of ships, including Ferdinand de Lesseps' *Salon Première Classe* in 1952.

Georges Jouve

At the Ecole Boulle, Georges Jouve studied the demanding techniques of the fine arts, notably that of sculpture. Taking refuge in Dieulefit during the war, he became a ceramicist. After the war, in his studio on the rue de la Tombe Issoire in Paris, he participated fully in the creative spirit that united diverse personalities including Adnet and Arbus. Later, in Aix-en-Provence, he pursued his work and took part in important salons organized by Jacques Adnet. Illness brought an end to his adventure in 1964.

Mathieu Matégot

Born in 1910 in Hungary, of French nationality, Mathieu Matégot began his career as a theater decorator, which led to an interest in tapestry. Parallel to this activity, he launched a career as a furniture designer. Starting in 1949, he began creating furnishings using perforated metal and metal wire. The success of these designs was considerable, due as much to the quality as to the originality of their production.

Serge Mouille

Born in Paris in 1922, Mouille received training as a silversmith. Upon his graduation, he established his own studio. Beginning in 1953, he undertook the hand-fabrication of lamps at the invitation of the Compagnie des Arts Français, directed by Jacques

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6. **Georges Jouve** Ceramic, c.1952.

7. **Georges Jouve** Four Ceramics, c.1950.

8. **Jean Royère** Chest of sycamore and rattan, c.1948.

9. **Mathieu Matégot** Nagasaki chair of metal and rattan.

10. **Jean Prouvé** Rare "Direction" desk with curved oak top.

11. **Alexandre Noll** Cabinet carved in massive mahogany.

12. **Charlotte Perriand** Chair, designed c.1935, produced c.1950.

Viva! Coppola e Toppo “Made in Italy”

Italian couture and costume jewelry were born simultaneously after World War II, when the designers of Milan and Florence emerged from the oppressive Fascist years *con brio*. French *haute couture* houses had been the undisputed icons of fashion for a hundred years, as women flocked to Paris for the latest styles, accepting without question the seasonal dictates of the Parisian couturiers. In 1951, Italian couturiers, fed up with bowing to French taste and exorbitant prices, presented the first show by Italian designers for international critics and buyers in Florence. It was time to shout “Viva Made in Italy!”

Italian high fashion (*Alta Moda*) was launched in Florence by the Marchese Giovan Batista Giorgini to international critical acclaim. Emilio Pucci, Simonetta, and the Sorelle Fontana sisters burst upon the fashion scene at the Palazzo Pitti presentations where American buyers predominated. (In the post-war years, the American market was the only one healthy enough to order large quantities of luxury goods.) Dark-eyed models peacocked down the runways wearing cropped Capri pants, flowing *palazzo* pyjamas, and bright floral silk prints adorned with colorful glass bead necklaces, firmly throwing off the tyranny of the Parisian couturiers. (Casual sportswear, which originated in the Thirties with Chanel and Patou, was eclipsed in post-war Paris Houses by ballgowns and cocktail dresses.) Italian socialites (Marella Agnelli), French countesses, and American movie stars took up the new fashion. (Audrey Hepburn unforgettably wore Capri pants and ballerinas in her 1954 film *Sabrina*.)

Here, finally, was a style that the young or impecunious could afford. The ridiculously low wages paid to Italian seamstresses, leather workers, and bead stringers kept the prices down. This, coupled with the superlative Florentine design tradition and technical craftsmanship, made Italian fashion and jewelry highly desirable.

The focus of fashion switched from the banks of the Seine to the Arno, and there was no turning back. By the Seventies and Eighties, the European couture scene was dominated by Italians Giorgio Armani and Valentino, who have not been dethroned.

The jewelry designed to be worn with the new informal styles was surprisingly elaborate for “daytime” wear. In the Forties, forward-looking Parisian couturiers like Jacques Fath and Elsa Schiaparelli had used Italian designers’ jewelry made from Italy’s native materials - Venetian glass, coral from Torre del Greco, or Tuscan ceramic - to enhance their runway creations. In the Fifties, exclusively Florentine deluxe accessories like soft leather shoes, belts, bags, and gloves were shown with sparkling Venetian bead jewelry adorning Italian clothes on Italian turf.

One of the most outstanding jewelry designers of the ‘40s through the ‘70s was Lyda Coppola of Coppola e Toppo, headquartered in industrial Milan. Her first contribution was replacing the French *strass* (rhinestones) with glass or *mi-cristal* beads (less than 24% lead crystal) which were faceted in new shapes and colors. “We worked with *conterie* (seed beads) and glass beads from Murano as well as crystal beads from Gablonz, Bohemia, and Austria,” Bruno Coppola recalls. Lyda fashioned ties, scarves, bibs, chokers, bracelets, brooches, and earrings, as well as handbags and umbrella handles out of glass beads. Her work is instantly recognizable, with multiple rows of glass, crystal, (or in the late Sixties, plastic) beads falling in graceful cascades, or intricately woven by hand.

Lyda Coppola was the designing half of the business partnership, Coppola e Toppo. (Toppo was her married name; “e” means “and.”) Lyda was born in Venice in 1915. There she studied the lib-

eral arts at the Accademia di Belle Arti. In 1939 she moved to Milan to collaborate with Ada Politzer, with whom she explored the basics of the art of costume jewelry just after the war.

Ironically, Italian post-war taste was very conservative, so Lyda’s audacious innovations were first appreciated in Paris. Bruno Coppola (b. 1914), Lyda’s brother, promoted her jewelry on collection tours in Europe and America, travelling with a trunk full of sparkling glass and crystal creations.

In the May 1948 issue of French *Vogue*, Coppola e Toppo faux pearl necklaces with ornate glass bead clasps for the French couturier Robert Piguet were featured in full page photographs. “*Le Point de Vue de Vogue*” declared that the “accessory had become indispensable to the couturier’s boutique. A woman would no more leave her boudoir without makeup than dress without a touch of fantasy jewelry.” (Costume jewelry is called fantasy jewelry in Italy and France, a more apt and imaginative description of non-precious fashion jewelry.)

“Soon after the *Vogue* article appeared, Lyda and I went to Paris where Jacques Fath previewed his collection for us,” Bruno Coppola recalls. “We showed him prototypes of Coppola e Toppo jewelry which could complement his collection, and rushed back to Milan to make up the necessary accessories just in time for the Collections. Fath had chosen, for the first time, smoky crystal beads entwined with gray baroque faux pearls.” After the *Vogue* introduction, Coppola e Toppo was commissioned over the next 20 years to design for top French couturiers Elsa Schiaparelli, Molineux, Christian Dior, Balenciaga, Nina Ricci, Jacques Heim, Maggi Rouff, Pierre Balmain, and Yves Saint Laurent.

Marie Claire magazine (the Italian edition), February 1952, also recognized the extraordinary talent of the new designers: “We can now say a definite *addio* to the single row of real pearls so dear to our mothers. This year’s modern woman enthusiastically accepts the new fashion of faux jewels, which are not only available to everybody but, without the pretense of the real gems, are shamelessly fake!”

This was not a new concept to everyone. Elsa Schiaparelli, Lyda’s countrywoman who had defected to Paris, had shown whimsical plastic jewelry in the 1930s. For her Fall 1949 couture collection, she chose a mixture of real and faux Coppola e Toppo coral and French jet necklaces (pictured in *Vogue*, November 1949). Lyda’s creations evoking underwater creatures and plants were fashioned with shaded crystal beads of intense colors mounted on rigid brass settings for “Schiap” in the early Fifties. A loyal customer, Schiaparelli introduced Lyda to the Lord & Taylor buyers, who helped launch her in America. “We went to the Ritz Hotel in Paris, next door to Schiaparelli’s boutique on the Place Vendôme, where we met Evelyn Hart of Lord & Taylor who placed her first order,” Bruno Coppola remembers.

In 1950, Jacques Fath’s haute couture house vitrine was festooned with Fath silk scarves and Coppola e Toppo jewelry. Fath was one of the few French couturiers who remained open in Paris during the war, selling to the *nouveaux riches* and their wives, who profited from the black market. “Schiap” and Fath were among the first to open commercially successful accessories boutiques adjacent to their couture houses which revolutionized the *bijoux de couture* industry, making fashion jewelry an affordable *objet de désir*.

Coppola e Toppo jewelry was a delightful alternative to the ubiquitous simulated pearl chokers which were worn with short white gloves in the Fifties. From the single pearl strand for young girls to the famous triple-strand “First Lady chokers” of Mamie > 50



Iridescent Swarovski "daisy-cut" crystal beads are appliquéd on a glass bead trellis for swinging earrings (4" long) by Coppola e Toppo worn by Italian film star Sylva Koscina with her Pucci dress, October 1965.



Coppola e Toppo French jet and multi-colored bead pendant, and an arabesque of green glass beads around a pearl choker, 1951.

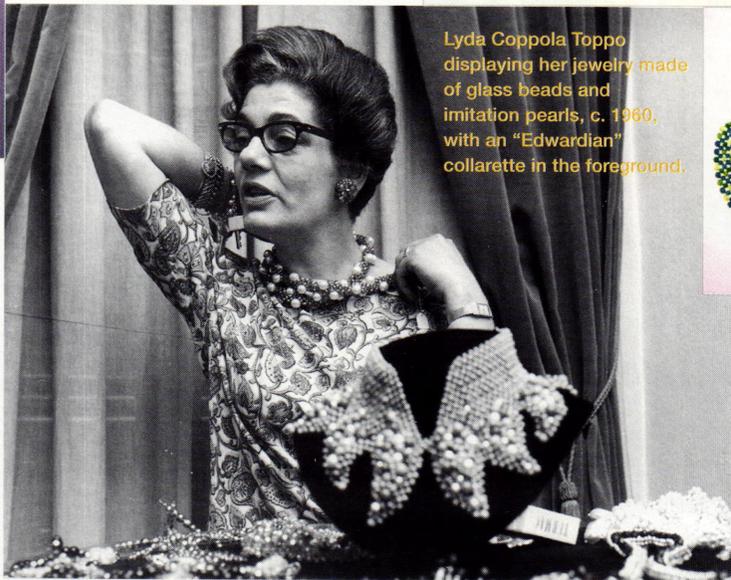
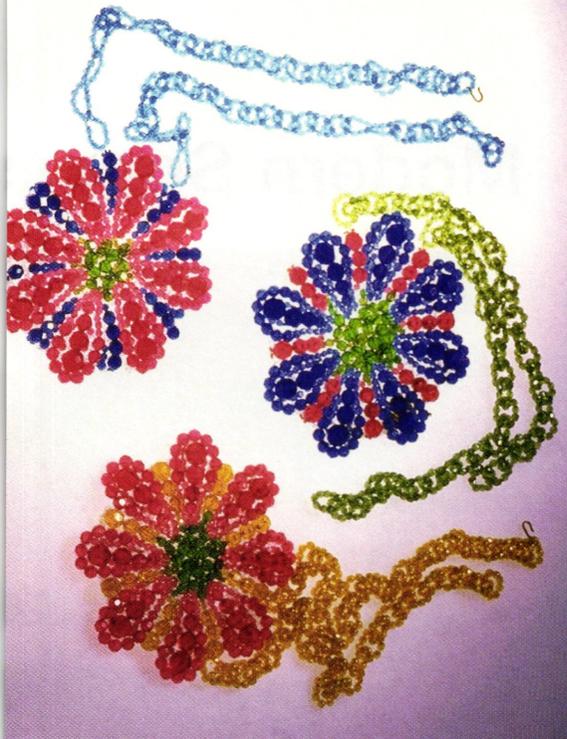
Eisenhower and Jackie Kennedy designed by Trifari and Kenneth Jay Lane, those were "The Pearls That Were."

Lyda Coppola, however, refused to follow the crowd. She twisted glass bead arabesques of different colors around several rows of pearls, turning the choker and the *sautoir* into a glorious new accessory. Woven ropes of glass beads and faux pearls could be worn long, or wound around the neck. One very elegant collarette which rose high on the neck with rows of woven pearls had beaded "fin-

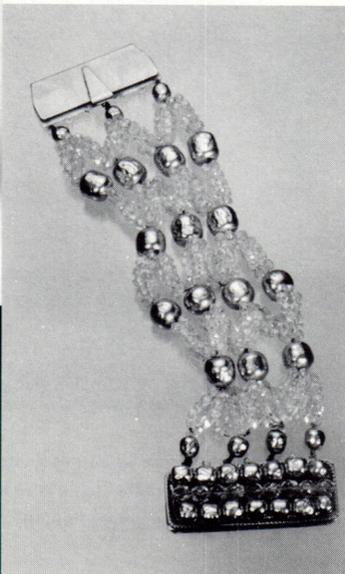
gers" that caressed the shoulders. This was a Fifties-modern version of the elaborate pearl chokers worn by the Edwardian Queen Alexandra. (*My Fair Lady*, which opened on Broadway in 1956, was designed by Cecil Beaton, who inspired many fashion and jewelry designers.)

Lyda's palette was delicious - practically edible. Her glass beads were apricot, peach, and brown sugar; or lemon-yellow and mint green; or graduated hues of blueberry. (The French have a > 61

OPPOSITE, CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: Crystal and plastic beads hand-mounted on a circular weft of plastic beads (6" diameter) form multi-colored flowers hung on glass bead chains by Coppola e Toppo for Ken Scott, c. 1960s; This outrageous bracelet (here adorning a Renaissance bust as a choker) is a spray of *carré* and round mirror-backed stones erupting on 4" wires from a woven clear glass bead tapestry. The matching necklace was worn by runway models for the 1968 Valentino collection; Two wide cuffs composed of gilded and brown tube beads, clear and faux emerald Swarovski stones, and clear glass beads for Valentino, 1967; Six rows of blue crystal beads looped through brass rings covered with beads, and a woven bib of graduated green, blue, and smoky crystal beads with swinging beads at the throat, c.1960s; (see photos for next 2 captions); An intricately constructed bracelet of smoky *mi-cristal* beads and baroque gray pearls stamped "Made in Italy by Coppola e Toppo" for Jacques Fath, 1950; "Organ pipe" gilded metal tube beads are interspersed with *roses montées* rhinestones for this necklace and earclips. The flexible "French cuff" is made entirely of metal tube beads. A similar set for Valentino fetched \$18,500 at Sotheby's 1996 Jackie Onassis estate sale; Vintage 1969 photo of wrap-around bracelets of pink and red glass with gold beads, and swinging pendant earrings of colored rhinestone balls for Ken Scott's floral print.



Lyda Coppola Toppo displaying her jewelry made of glass beads and imitation pearls, c. 1960, with an "Edwardian" collarette in the foreground.



An elaborate necklace and bracelet of "Valentino Red" glass tube bugle beads and *pâte de verre* petals were inspired by the Valentino "V" logo, accented with *roses montées*.



Modern Spaces



ABOVE: The sculptural design of the building is echoed in the home's furnishings. Works by Verner Panton dominate owner Chuck Gerarden's collection, including three Panton Cone bar stools. The Warren Platner sculptured wire coffee table is surrounded by a custom circular sofa and sofa table. Stacking ashtrays by Walter Zeischegg, c.1967 on sofa table; Moon lamp by Verner Panton, c.1960, hangs from room's rear corner.

CHARLES HAERTLING'S MODERN TRIBUTE TO ORGANIC DESIGN OF THE 1950s

Not many people are lucky enough to live within a piece of art. Most undoubtedly think it impossible, paintings only having two dimensions. But a Boulder, Colorado architect made this idea more than just an idle dream for a small group of homeowners and business people throughout Denver and Boulder. Charles Haertling designed the kind of art that a person *can* live in. And the people who do are not merely homeowners, they are fans.

A 1979 Haertling-designed home - a cedar wrapped cube set on one corner - built for a now-retired teacher and a piping designer in Sugarloaf remains virtually untouched since the day it was completed, including the original kitchen cabinets that were built on-site. Wayne and Carolyn Roth had their first "accidental" contact with Charles Haertling in the fall of 1977. "I decided to pick one (architect) out of the Yellow Pages with a good German name," Wayne recalls. "I had no idea who he was."

But the association didn't happen easily. Without coming out and telling the Roths they wouldn't have enough money for his fee, Haertling discouraged the couple from selecting him as their architect. By this time Haertling was recognized around the world for his organic architecture, even if the Roths didn't know who he was. "He was very down to earth," Carolyn says. "He was too nice to say 'You can't afford me.'"

Still, the Roths persisted. And Haertling and the Roths commenced interviewing each other. After deciding they could work together, money was still an issue. Haertling contacted the couple and offered a compromise. The Roths could use plans he had already drawn for another couple, but that he had never used.

The proposed design was two cubes placed on top of each other and twisted at a 45-degree angle. The design was too radical for the Roths, who felt it wouldn't melt into the landscape or withstand the brutal winter winds of the area. "We didn't want to just throw up a box here," Wayne explains. "We wanted the house to take advantage of the views." And how it does, with the living room looking out at a panoramic sweep of several mountain ranges.

The design they eventually settled on with Haertling incorporates a tinted concrete and cedar-plywood cube with one corner shooting up toward the sky. "I thought, 'This is really some kind of house,'" Wayne recalls. "It was quite startling. You just don't get tired of the house. It's like living in a classic piece of art."

Of course, some people who drive the dirt road behind the Roth home see it in a different, less appreciative way, Carolyn explains. "Some people call this the Darth Vader house because it looks like a helmet."

Some might say the slopes of the house resemble a different type of protective structure, a barnacle for instance, and they would be right, also. Before Haertling became an architect, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy in the late 1940s. And he spent hours chipping barnacles from the sides of ships. So barnacles, and other organic forms like cactus and yucca seed pods, served as inspiration for many of the more than 40 buildings he designed in and around Boulder and Denver. As his career grew, Haertling became known as an "organic architect."

After serving two years in the Navy, Haertling took a number of aptitude tests that convinced him to pursue architecture. In 1952, he received an architecture degree from Washington University in St. Louis; the next year he moved to Boulder to teach architecture at the University of Colorado. Haertling started his own company in 1957 and over the next 25 years designed everything from offices to homes in the Boulder area to a church in Northglenn. He also served Boulder as Deputy Mayor and as a city councilman in the 1970s and 1980s. He died in 1984.

Joel Haertling, one of Charles' sons, has preserved his father's memory by writing a book about his works. Joel, who creates avant-garde films, says architecture usually isn't seen as an art form, like painting or sculpture. But he believes his father's work is, and that it can be closely identified with sculpture.

The sculptural shapes of natural forms became more and more pronounced as his father's work progressed. "That got more intense by the time he was designing his fifth house in 1961," Joel says. "They were very clearly based on organic principles."

An open floor plan, which can ease the ebb and flow of movement within a home, also contributed to getting the best view from a particular lot. "The homes' designs were meant to enhance your life," Joel says. "They're good for your mental health."

Finding clients with the right mental attitude was nearly as important. It was just as likely that Haertling would interview a client as the client would interview him. "He turned people away if they weren't the free-spirited kind," Joel says. "He was very honest about that."

Although Charles Haertling never met Chuck Gerarden, there's no doubt he would have taken him on as a client. Gerarden, who writes applications for the ever-changing world of the Internet, must be free-spirited to get along in cyberspace. While researching Charles Haertling, Gerarden met Joel. Like the Roths, Gerarden is no idle Haertling enthusiast. He took the book Joel wrote and put the more than 600 pages of text and images on the World > 54

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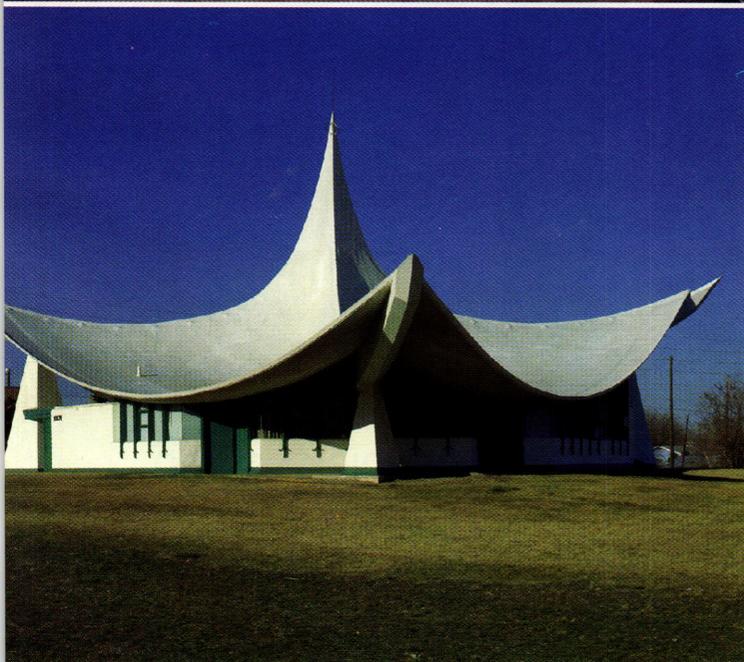
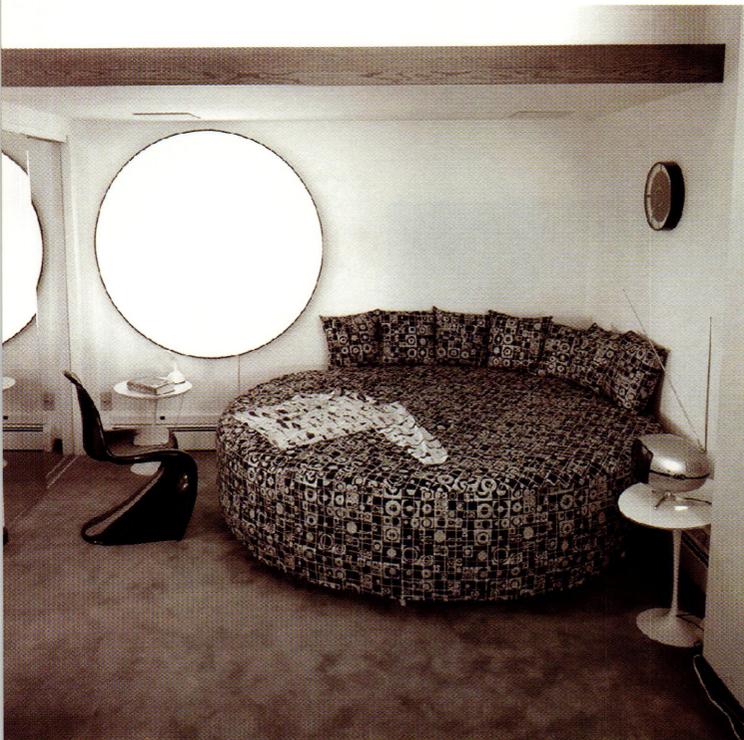
Wide Web (<http://www.atomix.com/haertling/haertling.html>). A few images of Gerarden's Haertling-designed home are on the website, as well.

Coming across the concrete Haertling home in Denver's Shangri-La Heights reinforced Gerarden's already burgeoning interest in modern architecture and furnishings. After remodeling a modern home in Lynwood, he was preparing for a major addition when he spotted the two-story house. "I was getting ready to put a pool in," he recalls. "Then I

saw this house and I had to run to the pool man and say 'Stop, stop!'" After languishing on the market for several years, the house found its next free-spirited owner. Gerarden, who owns Atomix Inc., a software company that develops products for the telecommunications industry, quickly purchased the home in 1993 from the then 85-year-old original owner.

Designed in 1967 and completed in 1970, the home has a hard shell of hand-fractured "concrete curtains." > 68

S EASILY RECOGNIZABLE BECAUSE OF ITS SPHERES, CURVES, AND PLANES



OPPOSITE PAGE: Rare Panton Cone furniture, such as the aptly-named Heart chair, a wire Cone chair, three Cone bar stools and a Cone coffee table, and Eero Aarnio's 1968 Pastilli chair anchor the double-height living room with bright colors, a foil for the room's large fireplace. ABOVE, TOP LEFT: In the bedroom, the circular bed is orbited by a pair of Saarinen pedestal tables - one supporting a 1960s Panasonic "Space Television," the other a white Ericofon telephone; and a black Panton stacking chair. ABOVE, TOP RIGHT: Eero Aarnio's sculptural 1966 Globe chair anchors a corner of Chuck Gerarden's living room. The

custom circular sofa and sofa table surround a Warren Platner wire coffee table. Stacking ashtrays by Walter Zeischegg, c.1967 on sofa table ABOVE, BOTTOM LEFT: The St. Stephen's Lutheran Church in Northglenn, a suburb of Denver, Colorado, designed by Charles Haertling is a perfect example of Haertling's juxtaposition of spheres, curves, and planes. It shoots skyward, a remarkably adept translation of a Chinese pagoda. ABOVE, BOTTOM RIGHT: Designed in 1967 by Charles Haertling and completed in 1970, the home's simple, vertical layout consists of four cubes juxtaposed on a central elevated base.



Reconsidering Dominick Labino

Glass artist Dominick Labino, a main character of the Studio Glass Movement of the 1960s, is often regarded as simply a "glass scientist," yet his work displays a strong poetic presence.

The early 1960s in the United States marked a period of dramatically abrupt change for the material-based and technique-driven media of ceramics, metal, wood, fiber, and glass. Of those involved with these five dominant craft disciplines today, however, glass artists are not only given but offer an appropriately significant position of citing a particular time, place, and activity for how, when, and why this sudden shakeup took place. Dominick Labino was central to this unfolding story.

The ensuing Studio Glass Movement, so-named because it truly began as a singular artistic and technical undertaking to create hot blown glass in an individual studio setting, one removed from industry, was initiated on March 23, 1962. The popular rendition of when it all began promotes a very small group of artists, led by Harvey Littleton, Charles Gunther, and Norman Schulman, attending the first of two experimental glassblowing workshops held during that year at the Toledo Museum of Art.¹ Dominick Labino, the one known glass professional among the participating groups, had been asked by Littleton to join as a technical advisor. Although Labino's presence at both workshops turned out to be critical to their success as well as the impetus of the Studio Glass Movement itself, it was the activities generated by the workshops as a whole that proved crucial to Labino's subsequent development as a glass artist.

At the Toledo workshops, Labino found himself involved not only with solving the myriad of technical difficulties but with the groups' passionately radical desires to make hot blown glass a viable form of individual aesthetic expression.² This idea struck him fast and hard. While he had already considered for many years the potential of doing just this, the groups' efforts offered the necessary set of conditions to make him realize that he was himself capable of taking this activity from the theoretical realm to the real drama of the studio.³ And he would go on to do this in glorious fashion.

From 1965 when he was 55 years of age until his death in 1987, Labino focused all of his energies on creating glass objects that, while usually following a point of historical reference for the functional attributes of the medium, also established themselves as a separate constituency within the history of crafts production. Labino's vessel and sculptural forms contributed to a new self-identification for contemporary studio glass and also helped give rise to an accompanying rhetorical criticism that has surrounded the Studio Glass Movement since its inception some 30 years ago.

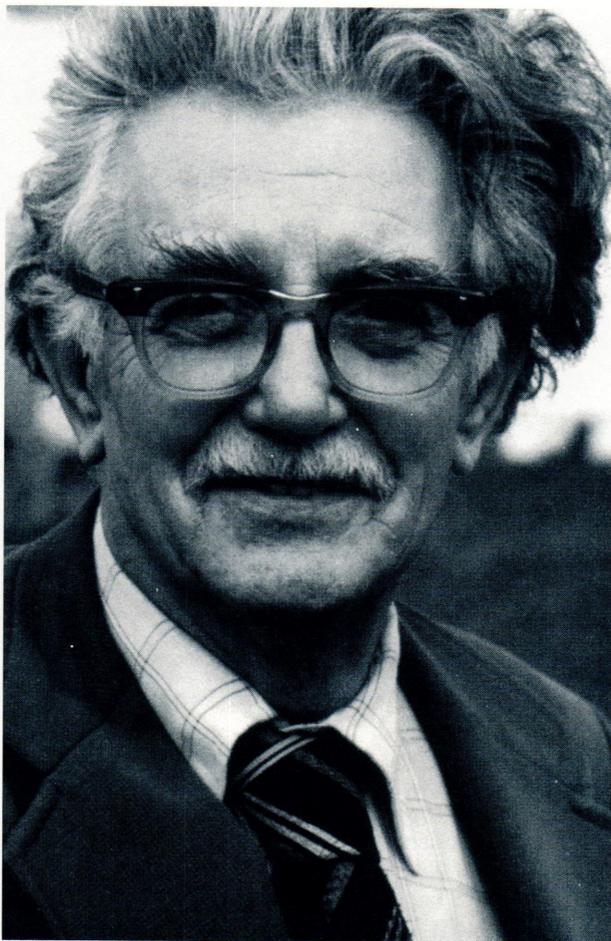
The credit afforded to Labino for his aesthetic contributions, however, has been clouded in a mixed message by many critics and art historians who consider his functional and function-like forms in the context of more recently produced contemporary studio glass. Instead of discussing the aesthetic character and caliber of his work, they focus on the idea that Labino promoted an unrelenting desire to be a master of the technical processes involved in the creation of this relatively new glass. As an example, Susanne K. Frantz in her book

Contemporary Glass: A World Survey from the Corning Museum of Glass (1989) instructs her readers that Labino held "an opposing school of thought" to the dominant one which proselytized a search for form and the need to push glass in new directions.⁴ Frantz openly states that Labino was a "craftsman, who strove to create a perfectly executed functional object from the finest glass possible," rather than someone, as she put it, who performed like a "sculptor."⁵ Penelope Hunter-Stiebel in her essay for the exhibition catalog *American Glass Art: Evolution and Revolution* (1982) nearly dismisses Labino by making no other reference to him beyond his pigeonholed title as "glass scientist."⁶ And so it goes.

Now, there is no question that Labino's own perspective about the activities surrounding studio-generated, hot blown glass was backed up by his prior experience as a research chemist for Johns-Manville Fiber Glass Corporation. There is also no question that Labino believed in the necessity for every studio glass artist to have a sound understanding of formulas and techniques. Notwithstanding these highly over used descriptive points, he was someone who should be known for much more than the repetitiveness of having "worked systematically for years on the development of glass color formulations."⁷ This persistent overview of Labino's glass, one used because of his distinct position as a glass professional coming into the movement, is by far too convenient as well as too nonchalant for gaining any genuine understanding of what he accomplished.

Instead, Labino should be thought of as someone who promoted aesthetic results over any other aspect of creating glass. In 1969, the Corning Museum of Glass (CMG) recognized this quality in his work and gave him a retrospective exhibition, which was quite remarkable because it encompassed only a four year period of his formative output. Bear in mind that this was years before any other glass artist of that time was recognized in such a comprehensive manner. The CMG showed over 100 examples, several of which are included here, giving viewers an opportunity to see just how far Labino pushed the form of glass in his search for establishing a personal aesthetic imprint and a credible artistic foundation for the new movement.⁸ In both his vessels and sculptures, Labino's glass clearly displays a strong poetic presence. So much of his work has a loose appearance, and to a certain degree the forms are given over to primitive and even intentionally naive formal components. Color, while seriously thought out, was used by Labino in many cases to act as a visual dichotomy. And then there were the aggressive attacks by Labino to manipulate surfaces as a way to further enhance the formal complexities in the breakdown of the traditional vessel aesthetic. The idea that his work somehow was dictated by a motive to create a perfectly executed functional object from the finest glass possible was just not the case.

It is because Labino possessed such a keen insight into both techniques and materials that the threshold of artistic exploration >58

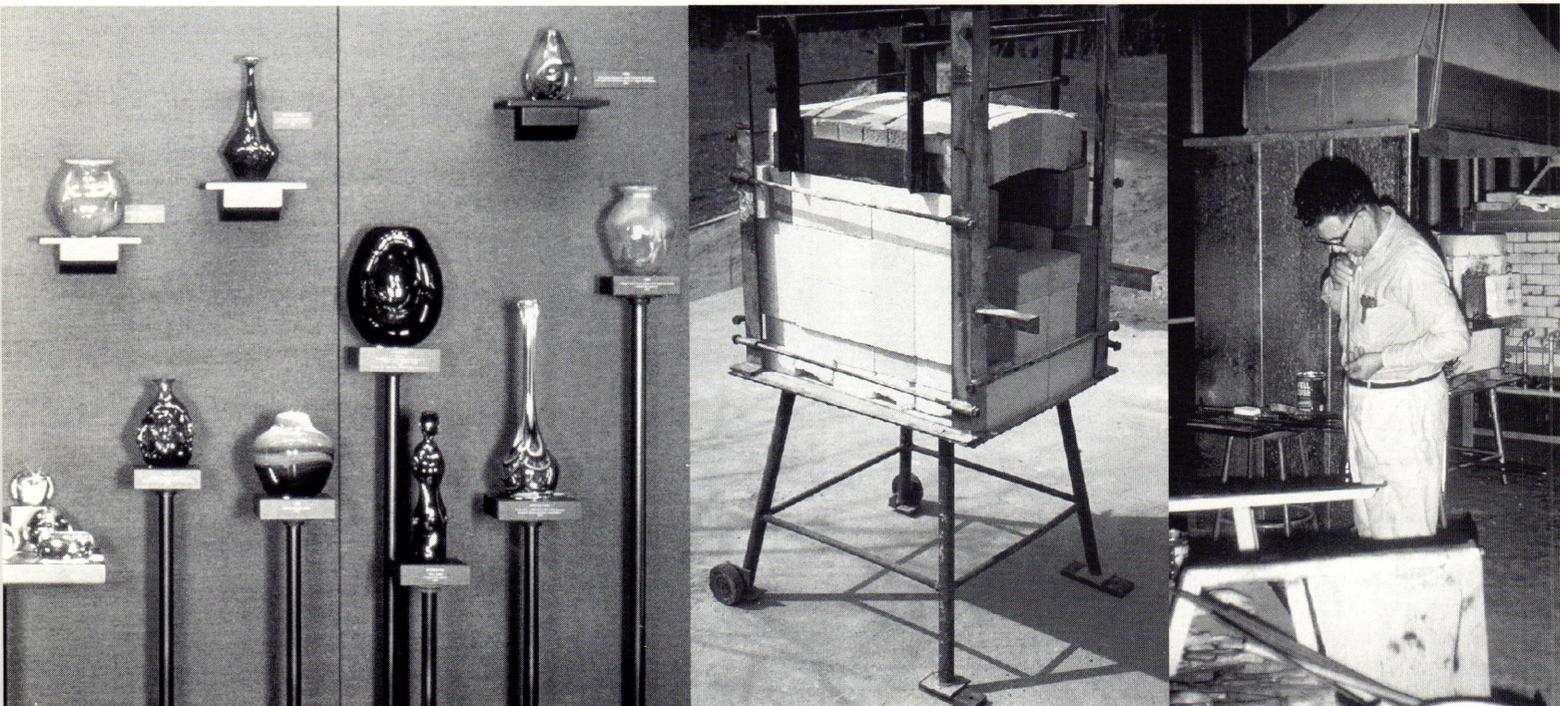


was an even more dominant force in his approach. Unlike so many of the other important early contributors to the Studio Glass Movement, Labino did not need to play a catch up game for gaining the basics. He was able to consider with relative freedom the conceptual values of form and function, and he had greater control over these values to present them as abstract qualities in his work, much like the construction of subject matter in conventional art forms as a catalyst to abstract manifestos of style and/or social conditions.

Sometimes for good reasons but usually for bad ones, Labino's sculptural forms in glass are the works most often shown to represent his exemplary aesthetic achievements. In some later works such as *Emergence Four-Stage* from 1975, Labino's tighter control of the form and complimentary internal decoration could definitely earn him the more commonly prescribed passive role as a technique-driven

ing oven that then became the standards for other artists to follow. Even more vital to the aesthetic results of the general field were Labino's glass compositions. It has long been known that during the initial Toledo workshops, Labino supplied the infallible #475 glass marble he had invented while working at Johns-Manville. It offered so many of the physical properties needed to give other artists their nascent aesthetic successes.

Beyond its use at Toledo, heavy-hitter Harvey Littleton used #475 marbles for years as the required composition recipe in his visionary and legendary glassblowing program at the University of Wisconsin in Madison, the first university program of its type established in the United States. This means, at the very least, that such seminal figures as Fritz Dreisbach, Robert Fritz, Bill Boysen, Dale Chihuly, Michael Boylen, Marvin Lipofsky, Kent Ipsen, Doug Johnson, Sam Herman,



artist. This does not mean, however, that all of these specific examples are without an innovative performance of Machiavellian originality. On the contrary, many of the early examples of this type are highwater marks in the short history of studio glass because of their efficiently subtle, hand-made, material-dominant aesthetic, one engendering a critical apparatus that allows intellectual connections to the past while overcoming this epistemology in an attempt to substantiate a transformed artistic environment.

What does go without saying is that many of Labino's functional and functionally-perceived forms are really the key players which championed his campaign to declare his work a crucial link in the vocabulary of 20th century art practices. In creating these examples, he believed there existed a necessary continuity with the earliest glass makers for undertaking fundamental experiments toward the representation of a cultural bias. Although Labino has never before been described in this way, such credit is long overdue.

Outside the achievements demonstrated in his own work, Labino was a glass artist who can also be largely credited with literally shaping an aesthetic model for the visual continuity among studio glass objects created during the years 1962 to 1972, and even for several years thereafter. To begin with, he was directly responsible for providing the original designs for both the hot glass furnace and anneal-

Roland John, and Fred Marcus - all of whom studied or received their degrees from Littleton's program during the 1960s - owe a great debt to Labino for their own artistic awakening in glass. From this perspective, it was Labino, whether fully conscious or unwittingly, who dictated to a large degree the aesthetic color schemes, reflective qualities, and manipulative character found in the work of those whose names are now given first-class bookings for having institutionalized contemporary art glass.

These contributions by Labino could not have been more perfectly written into the script of the Studio Glass Movement. All things considered, the so-called evolution and revolution in American glass art found its way into existence through the extraordinarily selective and unrivaled accomplishments of Dominick Labino. ■

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PREVIOUS SPREAD, LEFT: Five vessels made by Dominick Labino between 1964 and 1969, included in the 1969 retrospective exhibition at The Corning Museum of Glass. RIGHT: Glass artist Dominick Labino. THIS PAGE, LEFT: Installation-shot of 1969 retrospective exhibition of Labino's glass made between 1964 and 1969 at The Corning Museum of Glass. CENTER: Dominick Labino-designed glass furnace, c.1967. RIGHT: Dominick Labino blowing glass in his studio in Grand Rapids, c.1967.

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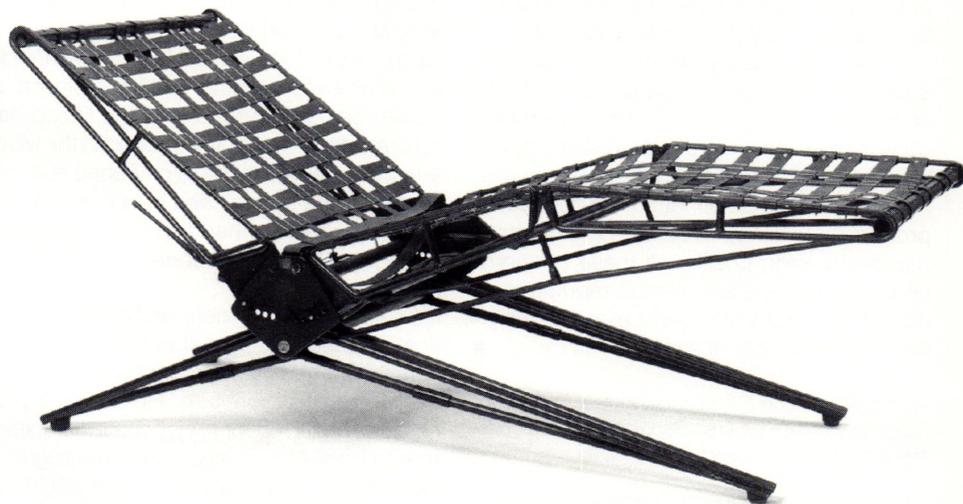


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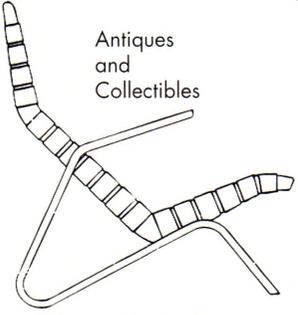
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Finn Juhl

(continued from page 43) line brought Finn Juhl's name to the buying masses, and it is also the most affordable and available to Finn Juhl collectors today; examples of Baker Modern appear with increasing frequency in shops and at auction.¹⁰

Juhl's success was boosted by *Interiors* magazine, which featured his work heavily during the early 1950s. In September 1950 they illustrated Juhl's layout for the new Amagerterov showrooms of Bing and Grohdahl (Denmark's National Porcelain Factory), which was characterized by simple, spare furnishings throughout; he simultaneously created a porcelain dinner service in honor of their 100th anniversary. The same spread featured the interiors of his own home through a series of photographs that showed how the architect integrated built-in seating and bookcases (the latter with a fold-down bar), simple wall decoration marked by the use of pastel tones, and beautiful hardwood floors with simple rugs into his decorating scheme. It successfully illustrated to American readers what they suspected all along: that they could adopt Juhl's ideas of balance, simplicity, and beauty to produce an elegant and sophisticated home without spending a lot of money.¹¹ *Interiors* reinforced this in 1951 by covering the Baker showroom twice that year.¹²

Juhl's constant experimentation with organic modern furniture forms has earned him a coveted place in post-war design history. His designs exemplify the finesse with which Scandinavians are renowned for approaching design challenges. His embracing of handcraft and industrial production in the execution of his designs proves him to be a true proponent of "good design," i.e. a piece not necessarily expensive or labor intensive, but honest in its creation and manufacture, and available to the larger buying public.

Like many designers of his generation, such as Charles and Ray Eames, Juhl pioneered a new, organic aesthetic, breaking the conventional recycling of period styles by using traditional materials in innovative ways. And, like the Eameses, he embraced mass-production while still maintaining high standards of design quality. All these phenomena together have secured his reputation as one of the fathers of organic modern design in a truly international sense. ■

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had a corresponding section in *Everyday Art Quarterly*, later *Design Quarterly*.

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10. See Christie's, New York, June 11, 1994, lots 346-352, and Treadway/Toomey Auctions, Chicago, March 3, 1996, lot 735, and August 25, 1996, lot 841.

11. Gueft, "About the Quiet Life..." *Interiors*, September 1950, p. 82.

12. "This Year's Work," *Interiors*, August 1951, Vol. 111, No. 1, p. 106, and "Finn Juhl, architect m.a.a. (Baker Furniture Incorporated: For American Manufacture)," *Interiors*, November 1951, Vol. 111, No. 4, pp. 84-93.

French Fifties

(continued from page 47) Adnet. His work, distributed by the Galerie Steph Simon, was in high demand by the most important interior designers of the period. For 10 years he created his custom lamps, all realized on commission and according to specific plans of implementation.

Alexandre Noll

Self-taught, in love with wood, Alexandre Noll began wood-turning in 1920. By 1925 he was presenting his works at the Galerie la Cremaillère. Early works concentrated on handcrafted objects; later Noll's focus turned to sculpted and monumental forms. His art escaped all constraints and continually defied the most elementary laws of carpentry. Each of his pieces is unique, bearing the trace of its own history.

Charlotte Perriand

Born in 1903, Charlotte Perriand was admitted to the Ecole de l'Union Centrale des Arts Décoratifs in 1920. Beginning in 1927, she initiated a rupture with conventional aesthetics by presenting *Le Bar Sous le Toit* (rooftop bar interior), an exhibition of metal furniture in chromed steel and anodized aluminum at the Salon d'Automne. Her success was immediate, prompting an invitation to join the studio of Le Corbusier and Pierre Jeanneret, which she accepted. In 1929 she played an active role in the creation of the Union des Artistes Modernes (UAM). Trained in the Modernist school, gifted with a privileged relationship with nature, enriched by a period in Japan, Charlotte Perriand developed a pure style, powerful and personal.

Jean Prouvé

He was the only engineer, architect, and fabricator to interest himself in the problems of industrial fabrication in construction, and in the structure of furniture. He adapted processes conceived for prefabricated architecture to create innovative furniture designs of bent and welded sheet steel. From 1926 forward, he produced collapsible metal desks for the Compagnie Parisienne d'Électricité. In 1929 Prouvé was a founding member of the Union des Artistes Modernes (UAM). After the war, he designed and manufactured numerous pieces of furniture which were distributed by the Galerie Steph Simon, which

also distributed the work of Charlotte Perriand, Noguchi, and Georges Jouve.

Jean Royère

Jean Royère left his commercial business to devote himself to his real passion: interior design. The originality of his talent was quickly recognized and his reputation was soon firmly established. After the war, his business expanded on an international level. He opened agencies in the Near East, America, and Europe, working on important commissions, including palaces and hotels (most notably for the Shah of Iran). ■

- Catherine and Stephane de Beyrie are the proprietors of Galerie de Beyrie, which specializes in French Avant-Garde furnishings and accessories. Galerie de Beyrie, open by appointment only, is located at 393 West Broadway, 3rd Floor, New York, NY. (212) 219-9565.

Coppola e Toppo

(continued from page 50) word for it: *ombré*, or shades of the same color.) Lyda was the first to use this technique in costume jewelry.

Lyda designed different styles for the varied tastes of her clients in Germany, France, Italy, and America. *Woman's Wear Daily* (August, 1952) described her necklaces as a "trapezoid of *ombré* topazes, or smoky crystals which tie carelessly like a scarf." The same year, *Vogue* photographed Bettina (Aly Khan's favorite) wearing a V-shaped beaded cuff and two similar necklaces by Coppola e Toppo for Schiaparelli. These were available at Henri Bendel on Fifth Avenue in New York.

The American market was destined to receive a large portion of the Coppola e Toppo production. Beginning in 1959, Bruno Coppola showed several collections each year in New York, renewing his business contacts with the American buyers who had visited him in Milan. Prestigious department stores like Neiman Marcus in Dallas, Texas sold Coppola e Toppo necklaces for \$65 to \$100 (\$250-\$400 in today's money). The Neiman Marcus ad for the 1960 "Italian Fortnights" promotion proclaimed "*Che stragone! What a wizard! Lyda Coppola makes magic with scallops of coruscating crystals.*" (On the secondary market 40 years later, these pieces go for six to ten times their original selling price.) For this occasion, Coppola e Toppo created a see-through bolero made entirely of crystal beads, a fashion first. Bullock's Wilshire in Los Angeles; Saks Fifth Avenue, Henri Bendel, and Bergdorf Goodman in New York; Marshall Field in Chicago; and Henry Morgan in Canada all enthusiastically adopted the "Italian Look."

Accessories had finally become an integral part of each couture collection. Coppola's buttons, buckles, and necklaces were not only beautiful objects in their own right, but they enhanced the lines and color of the clothes for which they were created. A close collaboration had developed between couturiers and jewelry designers. In Italy, >64

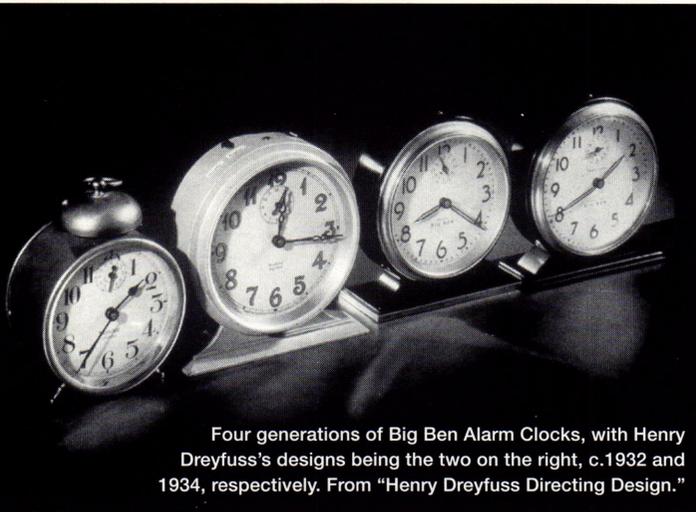
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Coppola e Toppo

(continued from page 61) Coppola e Toppo worked with *Alta Moda* couturiers Capucci and Galitzine in Rome, as well as Biki, Baldini, Lancetti, de Barentzen, and Mila Schön in Milan.

The Sixties were better suited to the Coppola e Toppo style which could be outrageous as well as chic. Lyda covered sponge balls with beads or rhinestones which were light enough to be worn strung on a necklace or as long, dangling earrings. (It took 40 minutes to make each ball. Somebody counted.) She also launched the fashion for the "mono earring," a single shoulder-sweeping crystal spiral earring (5" long), worn with the hair pulled back on one side. Two would have been *de trop*.

Coppola e Toppo jewelry was worn in unusual places. Toe rings, ankle bracelets, sandal ornaments, and belts that twisted around the waist and up the body, or bracelets that circled far up the arm were photographed by fashion magazines in exotic locations. Unabashed glamour was always combined with fine craftsmanship.

Lyda's forte was using old techniques in a new way; weaving beads on clear nylon thread to simulate fabric. Glass beads were woven like a tapestry, imitating the soft lacy ruffles of a *fichu* or *jabot* neckpiece. The gored panels of a bias-cut skirt were replicated in an undulating necklace of glass beads in two tones of red. A "Goya" bib necklace was woven with ten rows of glass beads the color of Bohemian garnets, 3" deep, with larger beads dangling at intervals. Unisex cravates, long and slim, replicating men's ties and ascots, were created in gradations of one color, or in a red and white Scottish plaid.

Swarovski of Austria appointed Lyda Coppola artistic consultant in 1964. High quality crystal beads and stones by Swarovski were calibrated by machine in the Wattens factory in the Austrian Tyrol, supplying most of the costume jewelers in Europe and America. Lyda's challenge was to concoct new settings for the specialty faceted beads and stones developed by Swarovski. There were the iridescent "daisy" beads, and "Aurora Borealis" stones named after the Northern Lights (nature's light show of shimmering blue and green produced by electrically charged electrons entering the oxygen of the earth's atmosphere). Lyda designed two necklaces with round pendants using the Swarovski simulated ruby and sapphire stones in 1970 for Valentino.

Coppola e Toppo's personal light show illuminated many a catwalk in the Sixties. Swarovski sponsored a Palazzo Pitti show of its crystal jewelry on the 24th anniversary of the first *Alta Moda* collections in Florence. The models wore monochromatic dresses by Pucci, especially designed to spotlight the jewelry. For the first time, fashion jewelry was the star of the runways.

Three important Italian couturiers collaborated for many years with Lyda: Marchese Emilio Pucci (1914-1992) in Florence; Ken Scott (d.1991), an American based in Milan; and Valentino (b.1932) in Rome.

The wildly colorful silk prints of Pucci (abstract citrus swirls, with almond green, Emilio pink, and geranium) were even more dazzling with Coppola accessories which were coordinated with the neckline and cut of the dress. "Pucci is the Italian Chanel," Lyda declared. Pucci, heir to one of the oldest Florentine families, lived and worked in the Palazzo Pucci, which had been restored by the Renaissance artist Brunelleschi. His clothes were an instant success with the jet set of the Italian and French Rivas in the Sixties, and are enthusiastically collected by vintage clothing collectors, as is the Coppola and Toppo jewelry which was designed to be worn with them.

Ken Scott, an American in Milan, chose that city for his workshop because of its proximity to fabric printers and accessories manufacturers. His lush floral fabrics were enhanced by Coppola e Toppo crystal bead flower pendants appliquéd on a woven plastic bead plaque. Wrap-around bead bracelets and colored rhinestone ball pendant earrings completed his fashion picture.

The most sumptuous Coppola designs were for Valentino's *Alta Moda* House in Rome. "It was a wonderful marriage," Lyda declared. "Organ pipe" gilded tube beads were inspired by the "V" pattern of Valentino's pheasant feather logo. Valentino's ideal woman was feline and, above all, elegant. Coppola e Toppo reinforced this image with elaborate necklaces of leaves and petals (6" deep) of tube beads and *roses montées*. An outrageous spritz of "Florentine *carre*" and round mirror-backed crystals on wires erupted at the wrist and neck. (These frothy vintage pieces sell today in the four figures.) Dramatic multi-colored glass bead collars, 3" deep, all had matching earrings and bracelets. Cuffs, earrings, chokers, and supple handbags were made of gilded "organ pipes" for Valentino in the late Sixties. Faux coral and pearl *sautoirs*, twisted around the wrist and body, were worn by the 6-foot model Veruschka in Italian *Vogue* in 1969. Moulded plastic beads were substituted for glass, to lighten the weight of long pendant earrings.

As Lyda Coppola explained in the Milanese publication *Il Giorno* in 1963: "My jewelry requires enormous amounts of time and labor, and a vast choice of colors and hues. Of course, not everyone understands this jewelry, which does not imitate real jewels. It has a precise decorative function and must be aggressive, outrageous, and fantastic. This is appropriate not only at La Scala Opera openings but chic with sweaters in the mountains or at the seaside. Naturally, I have a more sedate line which is adaptable to all

women.”

The Coppola e Toppo boutique on the via Manzoni in Milan was the European fashion source for wide beaded cuffs and dramatic earrings, as well as umbrellas with glass beaded handles, gilt bugle beaded bags, and crocodile handbags made with large scales. *WWD* reported in September, 1967 that Jackie Kennedy, Marella Agnelli, the Duchesse de Rochambeau, and Lady Astor were among the international socialites who ordered the bugle tube beaded bags to match their Valentino jewelry.

Aside from Lyda's work for the Italian couturiers, most of her glass bead jewelry (a production of 60 models a year) was exported. The rediscovery of Coppola e Toppo jewelry in the '80s in America and Europe didn't make a ripple in Lyda's homeland, where Italian collectors preferred Forties and Fifties American "Power pins" by Eisenberg and Trifari.

This situation has recently been reversed. The celebrated 1996 Sotheby's auction of the Jackie Kennedy Onassis estate featured a stunning gilded tube bead parure by Coppola e Toppo for Valentino which fetched \$18,500. Women all over the world are suddenly asking "Coppola & WHO?"

Lyda Coppola Toppo fell ill in 1972, and retired from active participation in her firm. Partially paralyzed, she painted, sculpted, and wrote poetry until she died in 1994. The firm closed its doors in viale Majno in 1986. Bruno Coppola, 83, only recently gave up skiing at his Cervinia home in the Italian Alps. ■

Identification

Early Coppola e Toppo (1949) was stamped "MIKY" after Lyda's dog. "Made in Italy by Coppola e Toppo" is stamped on the brass jewelry clasps of the hand-mounted pieces, or "C e T." A gold Coppola e Toppo tag was an alternative label if there were no metal parts.

- This article is based on conversations with Bruno Coppola in Milan and Cervinia, Italy, as well as the author's extensive clipping and vintage photo archives of Coppola e Toppo.

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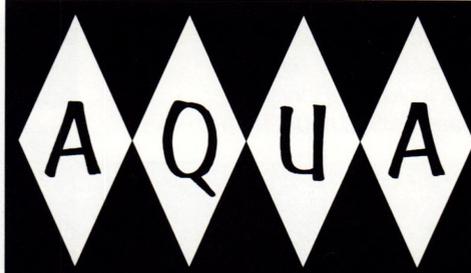
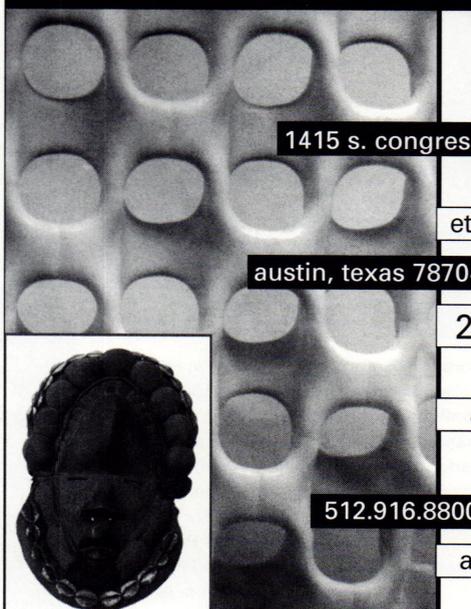
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Miami Modernism Show

The 1997 edition of the Miami Modernism show (January 23-26) attracted 65 dealers from across the U.S. as well as Europe. The preview Gala Opening, even at \$50 per person, was still jam-packed with active buyers. The show stopper appeared in the booth of Parisian dealers Catherine & Stephane de Beyrie, who recently opened a gallery in New York. Their spectacular 1953 Charlotte Perriand bookcase (\$20,000) and a Jean Prouvé desk - manufactured from the mid-1930s to around 1950 (\$8,000) - have rarely been seen on this continent.

Dallas, Texas-based Collage 20th Century Classics displayed a set of six Verner Panton chairs from the 1-2-3 series (manufactured in Denmark by Fritz Hansen) for \$2,000. Other featured items included a Fulvio Bianconi figure, *La Dona* (\$12,000), and a Gunnel Nyman serpentine vase (\$1,800). Art & Industrial Design (now in both New York and Miami) had a George Nelson home/office desk from 1946 (\$8,500). Cincinnati dealers Elizabeth Byrd and Curt Braman featured a Paul Frankl cork-front mahogany buffet designed in the late 1940s for Johnson Bros. (\$3,450).

Depression Modern, NYC, had one of the best looking displays, showcasing a group of highly buffed and polished Deco-style burlled sycamore pieces. San Francisco-based Decodence featured some high-style "no-name" items such as a wonderful tea service in Dutch pewter (\$600). In addition, they were selling Walter Dorwin Teague's Executive desk lamp (\$2,000), and a Donald Deskey print (\$800).

Representing vintage glass, Kenneth Paul Lesko of Rocky River, Ohio had a number of great pieces, including a pair of large and small Venini *Batutto* vases that were detailed with a griding wheel (\$4,500 and \$2,500 respectively); a rare black and white Fulvio Bianconi vase from the early 1950s (\$6,000); and a 1950 Archimede Seguso vase with applied autumn leaves (\$4,500). Key Biscayne dealer Moderni featured Scandinavian glass, including Finnish designer Timo Sarpaneva's exquisite *Orchid* vase (\$950), and a number of relatively inexpensive pieces of glass from his countryman, Tapio Wirkkala.

The event also included architectural walking tours of the North Beach area, home to tropical mid-century modern buildings such as the Carillon (Norman Giller, 1958);

Sherry Frontenac (Henry Hohauser, 1939); and the Deuville (Morris Lapidus, 1957). Lapidus was one of the many authors signing books.

Miami Beach offers a number of related excursions such as the Wolfsonian, which has 70,000 objects from the period 1885 to 1945, including furniture, industrial design, and propoganda materials. (1001 Washington Avenue, Miami Beach, FL 33139, Telephone (305) 531-1001.) You can also self-guide yourself on a tour through South Beach's nearly 600 preserved Art Deco buildings. (Guide available through the Miami Design Preservation League, Post Office Bin L, Miami Beach, FL 33119.) And, you can tour through Surfside, Bal Harbour, and Bay Harbour Islands, a town built entirely in the International style. - *Cora Golden*

Art Deco Weekend Plans Announced

The Miami Design Preservation League (MDPL) has announced plans for the 21st annual Art Deco Weekend® to take place Friday, January 16 through Monday, January 19th, 1998. The theme of this year's event will be "Art Deco - Always in Fashion."

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Views from the Miami Modernism show: (ABOVE) A George Nelson home/office desk from 1946 resided in the booth of Art & Industrial Design; (TOP RIGHT) Stephane de Beyrie strolls past the spectacular 1953 Charlotte Perriand bookcase (\$20,000) which was on display in his booth - Galerie de Beyrie; (RIGHT) The booth of Cincinnati dealers Elizabeth Byrd and Curt Braman featured this Paul Frankl cork-fronted mahogany buffet designed in the late 1940s for Johnson Bros. (\$3,450).

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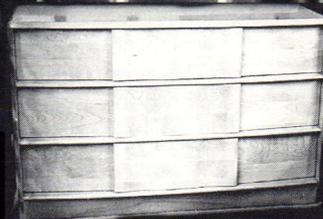
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Modern Spaces

(continued from page 54) Some interior walls show through the rough, unfinished gray concrete and aggregate. "They cast the walls in forms," he says. "After they pull it off, the concrete is smooth. Then they get the hammers and break little pieces off."

The home's simple, vertical layout consists of four cubes juxtaposed on a base. "Very little of the house sits on the ground," Gerarden explains. "There's a central pillar that everything sits on; there are a lot of overhangs."

From the outside the home definitely seems like modern sculpture. Within the feeling is much the same. The redwood ceilings and oak floors frame an exceptional collection of classic modern furnishings. Nearly all the furniture and furnishings in Gerarden's house evoke the sculptural - from the Bang & Olufsen stereo that looks like a severe collage of plastic and chrome, to Eero Aarnio's Globe chair, named for its spherical form.

Although Gerarden's vintage furnishings span the '50s through the '70s, he favors the more voluptuous forms of the latter two decades. The '60s and '70s make appearances throughout the home in the form of Eero Aarnio's 1968 Gyro chair - which makes one feel as though he is sitting on an oversized aspirin - and the aforementioned 1966 Globe chair, among other furnishings.

But the 1950s do have a significant impact; in fact, it was a pink 1950s lamp that started his now-extensive collection eight years ago. Gerarden travels to auctions and modernism shows in New York, Miami, and England to locate pieces by his favorite designer, Verner Panton, who created the whimsical Cone chair. The Cone chair, which appears to rest on a point, creates an off-beat mood. Rare Panton Cone furniture, such as the aptly-named Heart chair, a wire Cone chair, three Cone barstools, and a Cone coffee table anchor the living room with bright colors, a foil for the room's large fireplace.

Before any new furniture or artwork crosses the threshold, Gerarden considers how it will impact the style of the house. The only items that make it past the door are those that complement the overall design. "I try to buy artwork that fits the house," he says, "and makes the house look good."

Maintaining the home's original design is important to Gerarden, a member of Denver's Modern Architecture Preservation League. He believes he has the responsibility to keep the house preserved and has made only minor changes, including the completion of a sauna called for in the original plan. Installation of orange-fronted appliances and gray vinyl industrial, raised-dot flooring updated the kitchen and completed the modest changes made to the house. Even so, this modification keeps with the character and design of the home.

At first glance, it may not seem possible

to live within artwork, but for select homeowners who have managed to capture the free spirit of Charles Haertling's work, the impossible happens every day of the week. ■

Charles A. Haertling Foundation

In the interest of preserving Haertling's drawings, writings, and architecture, a foundation was set up in his name in 1984. The Carnegie Branch Library for Local History in Boulder presently houses his line drawings and many of his sketches and photographs. In addition, Joel Haertling has completed a feature-length film documenting Haertling's design process, and he is also writing a book on Haertling's architecture. To contact the Foundation call (303) 447-8504.

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Dominick Labino

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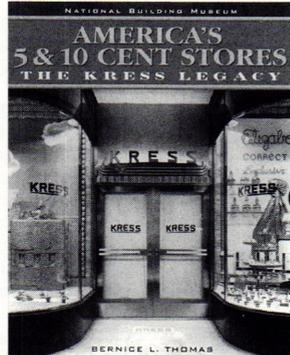
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1. At the time that the glassblowing workshops took place during 1962 at the Toledo Museum of Art, Harvey Littleton was a tenured faculty member who taught ceramics at the University of Wisconsin in Madison. He began that position in 1951 and continued it until 1977. Norman Schulman, who was also a ceramics instructor, taught at the Toledo Museum of Art's School of Design. Charles Gunther, on the other hand, was the arts education director at the Toledo Museum of Art. It should also be mentioned that many of the other artists who participated in the workshops were practicing studio potters.
2. The term "radical" is used to qualify the intent behind the original Toledo workshops because there was no precedence for what the participants were doing, at least not in the United States. Creating hot blown glass was considered an activity carried out only within an industrial environment, where teams of artists with varying expertise worked together to produce a final result. Labino, Littleton, and the others dramatically altered this fundamental belief system and actually shifted the emphasis to one that today considers the studio over industry.
3. There were two profound conditions of the Toledo workshops that struck Labino and catapulted him into the artistic arena of glass. The first was the "radical" intent already described as the force leading the workshops' promoters. The second and equally as significant, if not more so, was the fortuitous participation of Harvey Leafgreen. Leafgreen was a highly skilled glass blower, retired from the Libbey Division of Owens-Illinois, who showed up out of curiosity on the last day of the first workshop. Being of Labino's approximate generation, it was Leafgreen's glassblowing prowess that made the entire activity a concrete realization. Labino knew he could learn and create with a similar performance.
4. *Contemporary Glass: A World Survey from The Corning Museum of Glass*. By Frantz, Susanne K., 1989, New York: Harry N. Abrams, Inc., Publishers, 54.
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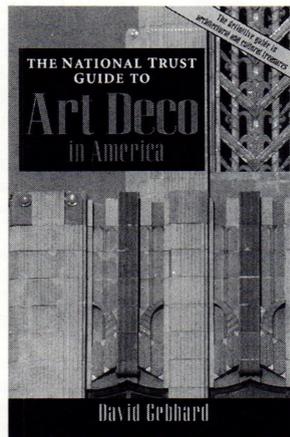
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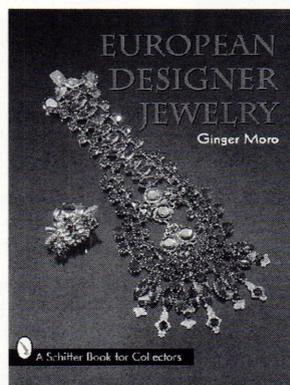
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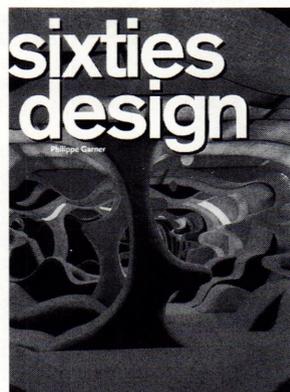
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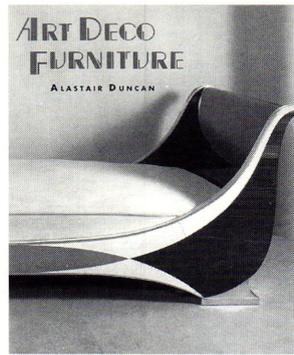
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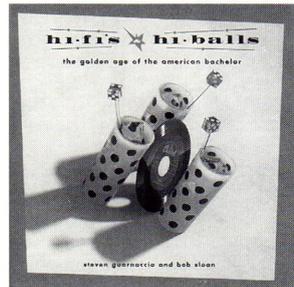
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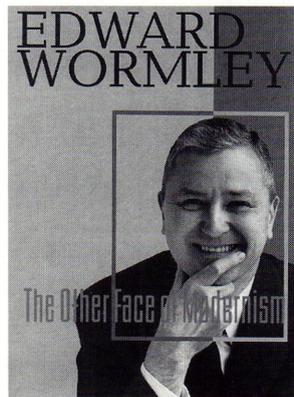
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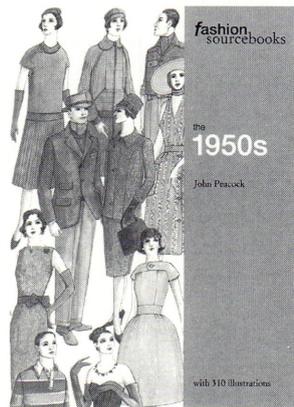
Fifties Furniture by Leslie Piña... This new book takes a detailed look at modern furniture from the 1950s, including works by Charles Eames, George Nelson, Harry Bertoia, Isamu Noguchi, and Eero Saarinen, and produced by companies such as Herman Miller, Knoll, and Heywood-Wakefield. With over 425 color and vintage black and white photographs bearing detailed captions, 70 designer biographies and company histories, a construction case study, a source list, bibliography, values, and an index, this volume is a valuable reference. 426 color and black & white illustrations. 256 pgs. Hardcover \$39.95



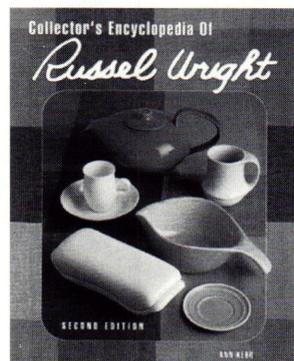
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Fifties Glass by Leslie Piña... Includes artist and designer biographies, company histories, an illustrated glossary, an illustrated section on signatures and labels, and a price guide with special emphasis placed on Italian and Scandinavian glass. 382 photographs, 4 in color. 224 pgs. Hardcover \$49.95

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Bakelite Jewelry: A Collector's Guide by Tony Grasso... This book is written as an introduction to Bakelite jewelry. A detailed account of the history of Bakelite is followed by a catalog of over 400 individual pieces, in which each member of the Bakelite jewelry family is taken in turn;

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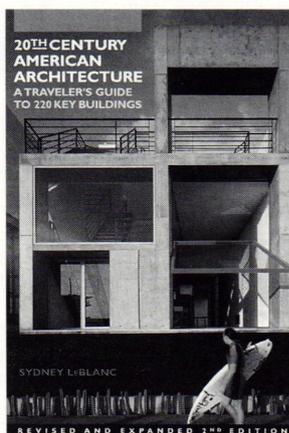
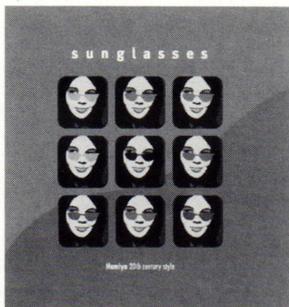
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Everyday Art Quarterly, Fall 1949, No. 12, Minneapolis, Minnesota: Walker Art Center, condition: very good, minor rubbing and one with name in ink on cover, 2 copies available, \$90.00 each (this issue is primarily devoted to mid-century lamps and lighting. All designers and manufacturers are listed. One copy is from the library of San Francisco ceramic artist Robert Yaryan.)

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Everyday Art Quarterly, Spring 1950, No. 14, Minneapolis, Minnesota: Walker Art Center, condition: excellent, 16 copies available, \$60.00 each (main article on Alvin Lustig, additional information on contemporary Scandinavian and American dinnerware and glassware, and George Nelson Clocks.)

Everyday Art Quarterly, Summer 1950, No. 15, Minneapolis, Minnesota: Walker Art Center, condition: excellent, 16 copies available, \$60.00 each (main article titled "The Tradition in Good Design to 1940," which compares historical to contemporary industrial design and includes information on Bruno Matthson, Walter von Nessen, Charles and Ray Eames, James Prestini, and other contemporary designers.)

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Everyday Art Quarterly, Winter 1950-51, No. 17, Minneapolis, Minnesota: Walker Art Center, condition: excellent, 15 copies available, \$75.00 each (main article about the "Useful Objects" exhibition held at the Walker Art Center, which includes information on various media of contemporary industrial design and a particular focus on Charles and Ray Eames. There is another fascinating article on "Where to Buy" contemporary design across the United States. Outstanding cover design with Eames molded-plastic shell chairs.)

Everyday Art Quarterly, Spring-Summer 1951, Nos. 18-19, Minneapolis, Minnesota: Walker Art Center, condition: very good, minor rubbing on cover, 1 copy available, \$60.00 (this issue devoted to an exhibition on the history of the knife, fork, and spoon.)

Everyday Art Quarterly, Fall 1951, No. 20, Minneapolis, Minnesota: Walker Art Center, condition: very good, minor rubbing and name in ink on cover, 1 copy available, \$60.00 (this issue is devoted to mid-century chair design. All designers and manufacturers are listed. This copy is from the library of San Francisco ceramic artist Robert Yaryan.)

Everyday Art Quarterly, Winter 1951-52, No. 21, Minneapolis, Minnesota: Walker Art Center, condition: excellent, 11 copies available, \$60.00 each (main article about the "Useful Objects" exhibition held at the Walker Art Center, which includes sections on dinnerware, plastics, glassware, and stainless flatware.)

Everyday Art Quarterly, 1953, No. 27, Minneapolis, Minnesota: Walker Art Center, condition: excellent, 1 issue available, \$80.00 (issue primarily devoted to contemporary studio ceramics, including sections on Edwin and Mary Sheier, Bernard Leach, Warren and Alixandra MacKenzie, Katherine and Burton Wilson, and Leza S. McVey.)

Design Quarterly, 1959, No. 45-46, Minneapolis, Minnesota: Walker Art Center, condition: excellent but with minor rubbing along spine, 1 copy available, \$250.00 (entire issue devoted to contemporary American studio jewelry. This is the still the most important source of information on mid-century modernist studio jewelry. At least 90 artists are represented.)

Design Quarterly, 1962, No. 54, Minneapolis, Minnesota: Walker Art Center, condition: excellent, 6 issues available, \$60.00 each (entire issue devoted to the studio pottery of Warren and Alixandra MacKenzie as well as the Mendota Sculpture Foundry.)

Design Quarterly, 1973, No. 89, Minneapolis, Minnesota: Walker Art Center, condition: excellent, 4 issues available, \$50.00 each (entire issue devoted to an exhibition on the work of Ettore Sottsass, the Italian architect, furniture designer, and founder of the Memphis Group.)

Design Quarterly, 1975, No. 98-99, Minneapolis, Minnesota: Walker Art Center, condition: excellent, 5 issues available, \$90.00 each (entire issue devoted to "The Design Process at Herman Miller," includes sections on Charles and Ray Eames, George Nelson, Alexander Girard, and Robert Propst.)

Design Quarterly, 1978, No. 106-107, Minneapolis, Minnesota: Walker Art Center, condition: excellent, 10 copies available, \$50.00 each (entire issue devoted to an exhibition on the work of Isamu Noguchi.)

Design Quarterly, 1991, No. 153, Minneapolis, Minnesota: Walker Art Center, condition: excellent, 6 copies available, \$30.00 each (title of this issue is "Beyond Style: The Designer and Society." While the emphasis is on modernist architecture, there is an important article by Adrian Forty titled "The Legacy of Modernism.")

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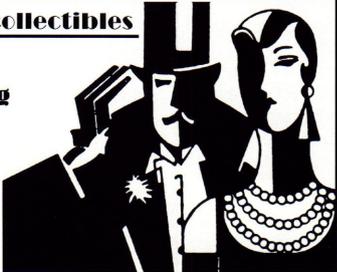
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Kress Stores

(continued from page 10) better times ahead. The company took advantage of the cheap labor and material available in the 1930s to build many new stores that would have been much more costly to erect in a thriving economy.

These new stores often helped the company's bottom line even before the Depression ended. Kress built Hawaii's first five-and-ten store in Honolulu in 1931. A few years later, the Honolulu store's gross sales exceeded those of any of the 225 mainland stores.

Building stores during the Depression was also good for community relations. The labor and materials for a new store were usually acquired locally, a boost for suffering economies. The new stores also generated lots of publicity; few new privately owned buildings were going up in downtown districts in the 1930s.

The Kress stores set a standard for other retailers. There were enough of them that their influence was felt in many areas. Thomas points out that the approximately 400 stores were located in 28 states coast to coast, plus Hawaii. (The greatest concentrations of Kress stores were in Alabama, California, Georgia, Hawaii, the Carolinas, and Texas.)

Although the exhibit takes the Kress story up through the present day, the book stops at World War II, Thomas says, because that's when S.H. Kress & Co. stopped building stores designed by architects.

In the past two decades, many Kress stores have been lost. The two stores that inspired Thomas's quest - in Honolulu and Albany, Georgia - are among those that have been demolished. McCrory Stores kept the Kress name on some of the stores it owns; however, earlier this year McCrory announced plans to close many stores due to its financial problems.

On the plus side, Aiches points out that several Kress stores are on the National Register of Historic Places. Others have local landmark status, such as the store in Charleston, South Carolina, or are part of historic districts. Kress stores were an integral part of Main Street before World War II, before shoppers and retailers headed for the suburbs and the malls. Now, some of them are part of efforts to revitalize old downtown shopping districts, Aiches notes.

In the course of her travels, Thomas found that people in towns with Kress stores already understood there was something special about their design. They didn't need an architectural historian to come in from the outside and tell them that, she says. "They lived in it. They moved around in it. They worked in it."

A signature feature of 1930s Kress stores was an elaborate clock over the interior front door. Thomas visited a store in East Orange, New Jersey that had been converted to a

variety store. Her guide was a woman who had worked as a Kress saleswoman. The store's interior had been covered over with Masonite and paint. The woman pointed to the entrance, Thomas recounts, and said, "I cried when they covered up the clock." ■

view the exhibition

"Main Street Five-and Dimes: The Architectural Heritage of S.H. Kress & Co." is on view at the National Building Museum through January 4, 1998. The Museum is located at 401 F Street, NW, Washington, at the Judiciary Square metro stop. Hours are Monday through Saturday, 10am to 4pm; Sunday, noon to 4pm. Admission is free (donations accepted). For further information call (202) 272-2448.

purchase the book

America's 5 & 10 Cent Stores: The Kress Legacy is available through the *Echoes* bookstore. See page 69 for details.

- Jim Sweeney is a freelance writer and editor based in Alexandria, Virginia.

Exhibitions

(continued from page 13) 10am to 5pm, and Sunday 1pm to 5pm. Admission is free (suggested donation \$5). For further information call (202) 667-0441.

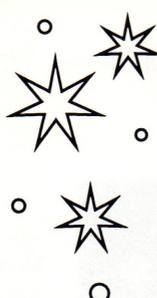
Henry Dreyfuss Directing Design

The work of Henry Dreyfuss (1904-1972), the legendary industrial designer who helped raise the standards of his profession in the United States and who created many products still found in the American home today, is currently being featured in a major retrospective at the Cooper-Hewitt, National Design Museum, Smithsonian Institution. *Henry Dreyfuss Directing Design: The Industrial Designer and His Work, 1929-72* features more than 200 examples of this innovator's legacy, including drawings, models, prototypes, and products he created for various prestigious clients.

In 1929, Dreyfuss opened his industrial design office on West 48th Street. The exhibition documents his unparalleled career with five case studies for five major clients - New York Central Railroad (20th Century Limited train), Bell Telephone Laboratories (502 desk set), Deere & Co. (Model L tractor), Honeywell (Round® thermostat), and Polaroid ("Swinger" camera). Dreyfuss' personality and working manner are revealed in each case study, resulting in a portrait of an innovator and a facilitator - a director of design professionals and the design process.

The Cooper-Hewitt, National Design Museum is located at the corner of 91st St. and Fifth Avenue in New York City. Museum hours are Tuesday 10am to 9pm, Wednesday through Saturday 10am to 5pm, and Sunday noon to 5pm. Admission is \$3. For further information call (212) 860-6868. > 78





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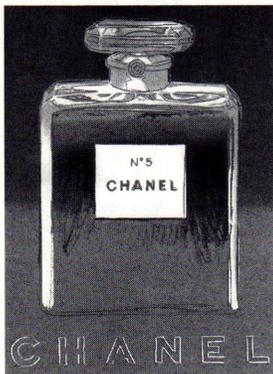


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The 70-page guidebook, organized by state, includes the name of each theater, it's city, year built, number of screens, capacity, owner's name, telephone number, admission cost, and any other notable features. Additionally, a patron's guide to proper drive-in etiquette ("Always dim your lights before entering the lot"), an exhibitor's guide to good showmanship ("Always start the evening by welcoming patrons to your theater"), and a recommended reading and resource list are included. To order, send \$10 + \$3 shipping to: Debrean and Lawrence Loy, PO Box 607, Germantown, MD 20875.

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Joseph Frank's furnishing and fabric designs are the antithesis of what is widely regarded as Swedish Modernism - they are lively, colorful, and cross-cultural, borrowing motifs from African, Egyptian, and other diverse cultures.

Since Frank's death in 1967, his designs have been available

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Airship's Rumored Return

The Zeppelin airship is reportedly returning to the skies as a commercial carrier next year when Skyship Cruise, a Swiss company, begins commuter flights to London, Rome, Vienna, Paris, and Berlin on 12-seater blimps.

The Zeppelins, out of production since the 1937 Hindenburg disaster, will be made by the same German company which produced the originals - Zeppelin Luftschiffbau. Learning from past tragedy, the new models will be filled with helium rather than the flammable hydrogen which ignited the Hindenburg.

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The trailers, which surround a working 1956 diner, are decked out in chenille bedspreads, back issues of *Arizona Highways*, and Art Deco radios. Rates range from \$25 to \$40 per night. For reservations call (520) 432-3567.



Retro Webzine

Retro is a fantastic web magazine celebrating popular culture of the first 2/3rds of the 20th century, including entertainment, politics, design, fashion, roots music, and much more. Written and designed to appeal to collectors and enthusiasts as well as connoisseurs, Retro takes an introductory, informative, and lighthearted approach to classic 20th century popular culture. <http://www.retroactive.com>



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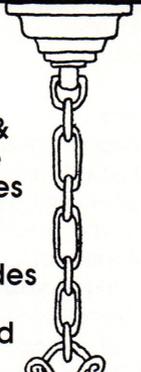
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Exhibitions

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A Dream Well-Planned

Although it has long since ceased to be the City's tallest building, the Empire State Building has retained its legendary status as one of the most recognized symbols of New York City throughout the world. Through January 11, 1998, the Museum of the City of New York is presenting *A Dream Well-Planned: The Empire State Building*. Through a wealth of photographs, drawings, models, and memorabilia, this fascinating exhibition demonstrates how the Empire State Building became an internationally-known icon of New York City.

The exhibition showcases approximately 100 objects, most of which have been drawn from the Museum's distinguished collection, many on view for the first time. One of the exhibition's highlights is the never-before-exhibited architectural plans for the building, created by the firm of Shreve, Lamb, & Harmon. These large-scale drawings offer a unique chance to understand the detailed development process that led to the construction of New York City's most famous building. Also on view is the original mass model for the Empire State Building, showing an early conception for the shape of the building, and an original plaster model of one of the eagles that grace the building's entrance.

The Museum of the City of New York is located at 1220 Fifth Avenue in New York City. Museum hours are Wednesday through Saturday 10am to 5pm, and Sunday 1pm to 5pm. Admission is free (suggested contribution \$5). For further information call (212) 534-1672.

Rooted in Chicago

More than 70 woven and printed textiles are featured in The Art Institute of Chicago's exhibition *Rooted in Chicago: Fifty Years of Textile Design Traditions*, on view through July 27, 1997. This exhibition highlights five textile design studios that trace their origins to Chicago. These firms supplied the growing demand for inexpensive and versatile fabrics in post-World War II America. The seven textile designers represented in the exhibition (Angelo Testa, Else Regensteiner, Julia McVicker, Ben Rose, Robert D. Sailors, Eleanor McMaster Kluck, and Henry C. Kluck II) created exclusive designs for leading interior design and architectural firms. Although none of the artists and designers featured intended to work in textiles, they made a profound contribution to the history of textile design in Chicago and beyond. A special issue of *Museum Studies* accompanies the exhibition as its catalog and is available from the Museum Shop (\$14.95).

The Art Institute of Chicago is located at 111 S. Michigan Avenue in Chicago, Illinois. Museum hours are Monday, Wednesday,

Thursday, and Friday from 10:30am to 4:30pm; Tuesday from 10:30am to 8pm; Saturday from 10am to 5pm; and Sundays and holidays from noon to 5pm. Suggested admission is \$7. For further information call (312) 443-3600.

Stenberg Brothers

The first retrospective of the works of Vladimir Stenberg (1899-1982) and Georgii Stenberg (1900-1933), prominent designers and colorful figures of the Russian avant-garde, opens at the Museum of Modern Art on June 10, 1997. Including approximately 100 works - many never before seen outside Russia - *Stenberg Brothers: Constructing a Revolution in Soviet Design* is the largest graphic design retrospective the Museum has ever organized. The exhibition, which is on view through September 2, 1997, introduces the work the Stenbergs produced in a remarkable variety of mediums during their prolific partnership.

Organized by Christopher Mount, Assistant Curator, Department of Architecture and Design, the exhibition comprises 65 movie and propaganda posters, studies for the posters, magazines and journals, designs for movie sets and costumes, and a small selection of the Stenbergs' early Constructivist paintings, drawings, and sculpture.

The Stenbergs were born in Moscow to a Swedish immigrant father and a Russian mother, and were teenagers when the Revolution of 1917 occurred. Like many artists of the Bolshevik period, soon after the Revolution the Stenbergs abandoned the fine arts in favor of the functional arts. By the early 1920s they were working collaboratively on their most significant accomplishment, the advertising posters they designed for the newly burgeoning cinema in Soviet Russia, which they continued to produce until Georgii's death.

Although these works were created to promote films to the general public, they are extremely sophisticated, representing an uncommon synthesis of many of the philosophical, formal, and theoretical elements of the Russian avant-garde. The brothers' intimate knowledge of contemporary film theory, Suprematist painting, Constructivism, and theater, as well as their graphic arts skills, was essential to the genesis of the posters.

"These works merged two of the most important agitational tools available to the new Communist regime: the cinema and graphic arts," writes Mr. Mount in the exhibition catalog. "When combined, they created a revolutionary new art form."

The Museum of Modern Art is located at 11 W. 53rd Street in New York City. Museum hours are Sunday through Tuesday 11am to 6pm, Thursday and Friday noon to 8:30pm. Admission is \$8.50. For further information call (212) 708-9400. ■

Cartier 1900-1939

(continued from page 14) are Cartier jewelry items once worn by Marjorie Merriweather Post, Daisy Fellowes, Mrs. William K. Vanderbilt, Lady Granard, film star Gloria Swanson, and many others.

This well-traveled social set demanded the best of all worlds, and Cartier gave it to them. Of particular interest is his fascinating and unusual use of historical material in jewelry. Two pieces which illustrate this tendency are a winged scarab brooch made in 1924 that is set with ancient Egyptian faience, and a shoulder clip brooch made in 1923 with a carved polygonal Indian emerald center stone from around the mid-seventeenth century.

On view also are many of Cartier's clocks combining exotic cultural and historical themes. The Egyptian temple gate clock (1927), Chinese jade screen clock (1927), and Japanese Shinto shrine gate mystery clock (1923) are all highly dramatic pieces using symbolism and luxurious materials to create a look of ancient wisdom and wealth. Prized as collectors' items, in 1930 an extravagant Indian Maharajah owned 250 Cartier clocks and watches.

Cartier: 1900-1939 will be on view at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York until August 3rd and will then travel to the British Museum in London from October 1, 1997 through January 1998. With four solid months in New York and London, both of which attract large international crowds, it is very likely that this exhibit will have a substantial effect on both the antique and vintage jewelry market, and period costume and modern jewelry as well.

It also may be that after today's designers view the show, there will be a heightened interest in testing the limits of their own creative imaginations. Co-curator of *Cartier: 1900-1939*, Judy Rudoë, Assistant Keeper, Department Medieval and Later Antiquities at the British Museum, jewelry expert, and author, says of Cartier's many design successes of the era, "It was his [Louis Cartier's] imagination, enthusiasm and philosophy that brought it about."

There is an accompanying fully illustrated catalog for *Cartier: 1900-1939* written by Judy Rudoë and produced by the British Museum that is available at the Metropolitan Museum of Art and through the *Echoes* Bookstore.

The Metropolitan Museum of Art is located at 1000 Fifth Avenue in New York City. Museum hours are Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday 9:30am to 5:30pm; Friday and Saturday 9:30am to 9pm. For further information call (212) 879-5500. ■

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NYC Fleas

(continued from page 17) York fashion consultant John Farley, "1960s and '70s fashions bearing couture labels like Gucci, Courreges, and Halston now command top dollar as label-consciousness returns to fashion's forefront." Amid today's short fashion cycles, Farley claims it is now possible to snatch next season's styles right off the runway and effectively clone them at flea markets and thrift shops for a fraction of the cost. Meanwhile, a rapidly swelling number of cigar aficionados are taking a burning interest in vintage cigar boxes, humidors, cutters, and ephemera, rolling up prices for these items.

Those with Luddite leanings (a common strain among collectors), are likely to stumble across a creaky old manual typewriter priced around \$25 (perhaps even in working condition), in some corner of a New York flea market. Old typewriters have a unique charm, and collectors will benefit from their increasing rarity as large numbers are exported to developing countries: Look for the best names, like Royal, Underwood, and Smith (especially before he met up with Corona). A similar trend is taking place with early personal computers in operable condition, though their ornamental qualities generally do not stir the same collecting passions.

Here is a selective list of Manhattan's flea markets. All are free except the main lot of the Annex (which charges \$1 admission). Though the Annex and the Soho Antiques Market are the best by a good margin, they all merit a quick scan if you are nearby:

Select New York City flea markets

- **Annex Antiques Fair and Flea Market** ("The Annex"). Enter on Avenue of the Americas between 25th and 26th Streets. Every Saturday and Sunday.
- **The 25th Street Bazaar.** On Seventh Avenue at 25th Street. Every Saturday and Sunday.
- **Eastside Antique, Flea, and Farmers Market** at P.S. 183. Enter at 419 East 66th Street. Every Saturday.
- **The Garage.** Enter at 112 West 25th Street. Every Saturday and Sunday.
- **The Grand Bazaar.** On 25th Street between Broadway and Avenue of the Americas. Every Saturday and Sunday.
- **I.S. 44 Flea Market** ("Greenflea"). On Columbus Avenue between 76th and 77th Streets.
- **SoHo Antiques Market.** At 465 Broadway (corner of Grand Street). Every Sunday. ■

- *Albert LaFarge, author of The Confident Collector U.S. Flea Market Directory (Avon Books), is the antiques & collectibles columnist for Family Internet, a general interest magazine on the World Wide Web (www.familyinternet.com). He has contributed articles to a wide range of periodicals, including American Way, Antiques & the Arts Weekly, Bottom Line Tomorrow, and Maine Journal of Antiques & Collectibles. He lives in New York City.*

Chris-Craft

(continued from page 23) Tennessee; Salisbury, Maryland; and Caruthersville, Missouri soon joined the biggest pleasure-craft building program ever undertaken. New product research began and successful ventures into allied fields were launched.

Jay's intense interest in marine engine development continued. Under his guidance, a complete line of engines was developed, and after years of extensive testing, made available to power all new Chris-Craft. With a reputation based on public acceptance of this boating combination, the engines were offered for sale to other boat builders and users, including many commercial fishermen and workboat operators. Chris-Craft engines now can be found aboard boats of many descriptions in ports throughout the world.

The Sea Skiff Division of Chris-Craft was developed to bring the benefits of roundbilge, lapstrake boats to the many sportsmen and boat fanciers who have long favored this type of construction. Use of a tenacious, non-hardening synthetic rubber-based sealer provided the solution to the heretofore unanswered question of how to lower maintenance and increase seaworthiness of lap-constructed boats. Immediate public acceptance required Chris-Craft to build a huge new factory in Salisbury, Maryland to meet Sea Skiff demand. The Chris-Craft Sea Skiff Division is now turning out a complete line of these seaworthy boats, including inboard powered open utilities, sport fishermen, and cruisers.

Recognizing a growing market for steel boats, Chris-Craft bought the Roamer Boat Company in May, 1955. Applying its experience and production know-how to this new division, Chris-Craft constructed a 200,000 square foot plant in Holland, Michigan devoted exclusively to the manufacture of electrically-welded steel boats.

The most recent addition to the family of Chris-Craft products are the low-priced Cavaliers, a fleet of runabouts, sports utilities, and full-fledged cruisers for average income families. These craft reflect substantial savings to skippers, made possible by using the highest grade marine plywood panels as the basic construction material.

Today, Chris-Craft is made up of five separate divisions. The Chris-Craft Division manufactures custom designed Philippine mahogany runabouts, cruisers, and motor yachts - 16 feet through 60 feet. The Sea Skiff Division builds roundbilge lapstrake skiffs - 18 feet through 42 feet. Roamer Yachts Division includes cruisers and yachts 27 feet through 56 feet. The Cavalier Division offers a line of marine plywood runabouts and cruisers - 18 feet through 35 feet. The Marine Engine Division now includes a complete line of marine engines ranging from 60 to 275 horsepower. These are built for both pleasure and commercial craft.

In 1957 Chris-Craft moved its adminis-

trative offices from Algonac, Michigan to Pompano Beach, Florida and erected another new manufacturing plant. Florida's prevailing sunny weather, which permits year-round research and development, and the booming southern boat market were the chief reasons for the move. The Florida factory is the ninth manufacturing facility of Chris-Craft.

In 1961 Chris-Craft became one of the major subsidiaries of the NAFI Corporation. During 1961 Chris-Craft also completed three more major steps in expanding its facilities: the acquisition and operation of a new manufacturing plant in Hayward, California; the formation of Chris-Craft, S.A., Lausanne, Switzerland to direct the manufacture and sale of boats for the European market; and the completion of the new Research and Testing Center in Pompano Beach, Florida, which serves as the center for year-round testing of Chris-Craft boats, engines, and new products.

From the company headquarters in Florida, the helm of Chris-Craft's fabulous boat-building enterprise is guided by scores of expert technicians, each particularly gifted in the field in which he specializes. Throughout all of the Chris-Craft facilities, the essence of quality was created and insisted upon by the company's revered founder, Chris Smith, whose vision and ingenuity launched an entire industry and brought the joy of boating within reach of millions. ■

- *Charlotte Valentine is the Chris-Craft archivist at The Mariners' Museum in Newport News, Virginia.*

Ercole Barovier

(continued from page 26) and the outside was heavily iridized.

• The 1959 *Corniola* series brought back abstract designs. It is similar to the *Ambrati* and *Neolitico* series in texture and overall feel.

As we will see in the next article of this series, Barovier's best-known work from this time period utilized murrines of glass, such as his *Tessare Ambre* series and the *Polichrome* series of the 1960s. Occasionally he did return to work in glass that did not utilize murrines. The *Efeso* series, created in 1964, is the result of one such return. Examples were made in blue, gray, yellow, green, and lilac glass. The identifiable trait of the series is that the glass contains "oilspots" of color.

The final non-murrine work of Barovier was his *Graffito Barbarico* and *Graffito Opaco* series of the late 1960s. These pieces overlaid drapes of Barbarico glass over a transparent glass. ■

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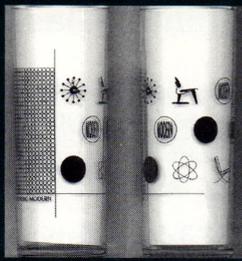
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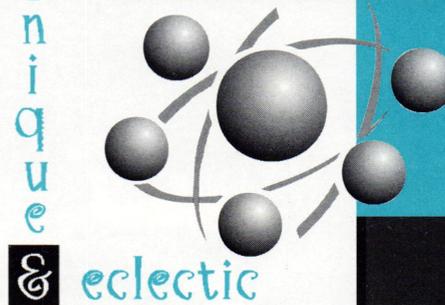
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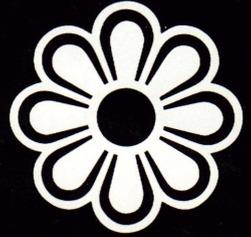
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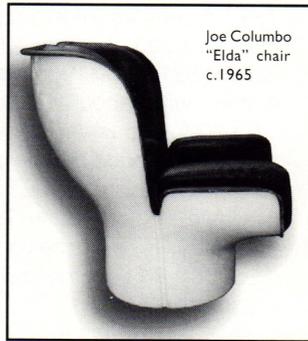
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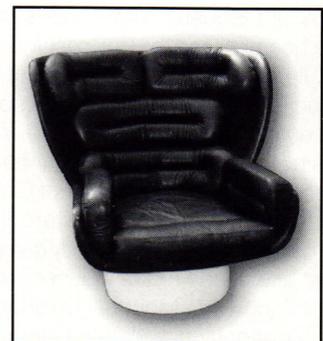
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(continued from page 31) Lemon presented a paper at the international Windows Conference in Washington, DC about the rehabilitation of the curtainwall of the BC Hydro Building, a landmark since 1957. British Columbia chapter: Robert Lemon, 3846 West 10th Avenue, Vancouver, BC V6R 2G7. Telephone (604) 224-2414, Fax (604) 874-4955.

While Ontario's DoCoMoMo chapter recently failed in its attempt to protect a Toronto landmark modern building designed by James A. Murray, it has achieved acceptance for more than a dozen buildings for the DoCoMoMo register. Buildings include Terminal 1 at Toronto's Lester B. Pearson International Airport (John B. Parkin, Associates, Architects), Peterborough's Trent University (Ron Thom, The Thom Partnership Architects), and Toronto City Hall (Wiljo Revell, with John B. Parkin, Architects). Other well-known architects represented in the inventory include Barton Meyers and A.J. Diamond.

The chapter has also created a province-wide inventory of heritage-grade modern commercial and residential buildings, and has dozens of buildings under investigation for inclusion. Ontario chapter: Ian Panabaker, DoCoMoMo Ontario, University of Toronto School of Architecture and Landscape Architecture, 230 College Street, Toronto, ON, M5T 1R2. Telephone (416) 963-4497, web site: <http://www.hyperm.com/docomomo/>

The Quebec chapter was first established in 1989 as "Montreal Moderne" and was formed to preserve the integrity of Westmount Square. Three years later, the group became part of DoCoMoMo international. It has created an inventory of modern architecture in Quebec, and has published a report entitled "Westmount Square and Other Works by Ludwig Mies van der Rohe in Montreal" on behalf of the Ministry of Culture.

The chapter also hosts architectural tours, holds lectures, and recently campaigned against alterations to the Quebec pavilion at Expo '67 (now the Montreal Casino). It publishes a quarterly newsletter. Quebec chapter: France Vanlaethem, DoCoMo-Mo Quebec, 6 Glencoe Avenue, Outremont, PQ, H3T 1P9. Telephone/Fax (514) 737-7291.

Saving West Vancouver Buildings

The Heritage Advisory Commission of West Vancouver has published a catalog of important buildings from the period 1945 to 1975. Similar to the Miami suburb of Bay Harbor Islands, West Vancouver was a hotbed for modern residential and commercial design. Noted architects such as Arthur Erickson and Ron Thom helped to create what's known as the West Coast Regional Style: a distillation of influences such as international style modern and the Prairie School.

About 325 buildings are listed in the inventory, which also includes addresses. Criteria for selection included design rationale and suitability to the site.

The district also publishes a heritage inventory that includes a number of pre-1945 buildings of importance, such as the 1941 residence of the famous painter, B.C. Binning, and architect Robert Berwick's own 1940 residence.

To obtain a copy of either of the \$15 catalogs, contact: Joel Lawson, Planning Department, District of West Vancouver, 750-17th Street, West Vancouver, BC V7V 3T3. Telephone (604) 925-7236.

TD Centre Turns 30

Mies van der Rohe's TD Centre in Toronto is now 30 years old. The pioneer of Canadian modernism, John B. Parkin, also had a hand in its design, as did the Toronto-based firm of Bregman and Hamann, Associate Architects. Parkin, it should be noted, studied at Harvard under Walter Gropius. The bank complex is included in DoCoMoMo's register of important modern buildings.

The initial building was followed a year later by a low-rise banking pavilion in 1968, and four more towers in 1969, 1974, 1985, and 1992. The architectural team also pioneered the underground shopping concourse, now a seven-mile network of subterranean activity. Thirty years later, the complex remains an excellent example of modern, functional design.

Fine Jewelry Auctions

Dupuis Jewellery Auctioneers, with offices in both Toronto and Vancouver, conducts auctions of fine jewelry ranging in value from \$5,000 to \$50,000. The next auction is in Toronto, the second week of November, 1997. Noteworthy items in previous auctions have included a vintage 1940s Cartier wristwatch (\$21,000), 1935 Van Cleef & Arpels earrings with cabochon rubies and diamonds (\$23,000), and an Art Deco platinum bracelet with diamonds and onyx.

A color illustrated auction catalog will be available in October. In Toronto, call (416) 868-6239. To reach the Vancouver office, call (800) 681-6086. (all auction results expressed in Canadian dollars)

Vintage Purses Find Buyers

Reeve Mackay, Toronto, featured an interesting array of inexpensive items in their recent decorative arts auction. Vintage purses proved popular: an Italian chameleon handbag (\$440), a vintage German alligator "Kelly" style handbag (\$220), and a German Art Deco Dresden Mesh purse (\$330) all sold well above estimates.

Other items included two vintage Georg Jensen rosewood display cases (circa the 1960s and from the company's shuttered Toronto store) sold for only \$330, while two French Art Deco design portfolios (photographic plates from the 1920s and '30s) sold for \$440.

- Cora Golden is happy to try to answer your questions and share your interests in post-war Canadian design. She may be contacted by calling (905) 649-1731, or by fax at (905) 649-3650.

Echoes Abroad

(continued from page 32) estimate at £7,000 (Christie's), to a European collector.

The strong response, from both within Europe and from the United States and Japan, to these recent London sales has been determined by the increasing scarcity of many of the items offered. With many of the more important pieces being added to museum or private collections, it seems likely that prices will continue to rise.

- Simon Andrews is the head of the Modern Design Department at Christie's South Kensington.

European Calendar

June

22 Classic Art Deco Fair, Hilton National Hotel, Coventry

22 20th Century Decorative Arts Show, Swiss Cottage Sports Centre, London NW3

29 The World of Art Deco, Greenwich Boro' Hall, London SE10

29 Brighton & Hove Art Deco Fair, Hove Town Hall, Hove, East Sussex

July

3 Christie's South Kensington's Modern Design auction (0171) 581-7611

12-13 Art Deco Weekend, De La Warr Pavilion, Bexhill On Sea

20 The National Art Deco Fair, Loughborough

22-23 Ardingly Fair, South of England Showground, Sussex

27 The World of Art Deco, Greenwich Boro' Hall, London SE10

August

10 Classic Art Deco Fair, Hilton National Hotel, Coventry

10 Decofairs London Art Deco Fair, Battersea Town Hall, Battersea, London

11-12 Newark Fair, Newark & Notts Showground, Nottinghamshire

17 Brighton & Hove Art Deco Fair, Hove Town Hall, Hove, East Sussex

25 Wembley Antique Fair, Hall 3, Wembley Exhibition Complex

September

3 Christie's South Kensington's Art Nouveau & Art Deco Furniture auction (0171) 581-7611

7 Lee Valley Leisure Centre, Edmonton, North London

7 Decomania Fair at Chiswick Town Hall, London W4

12 Christie's South Kensington's Continental 20th Century Decorative Arts auction (0171) 581-7611

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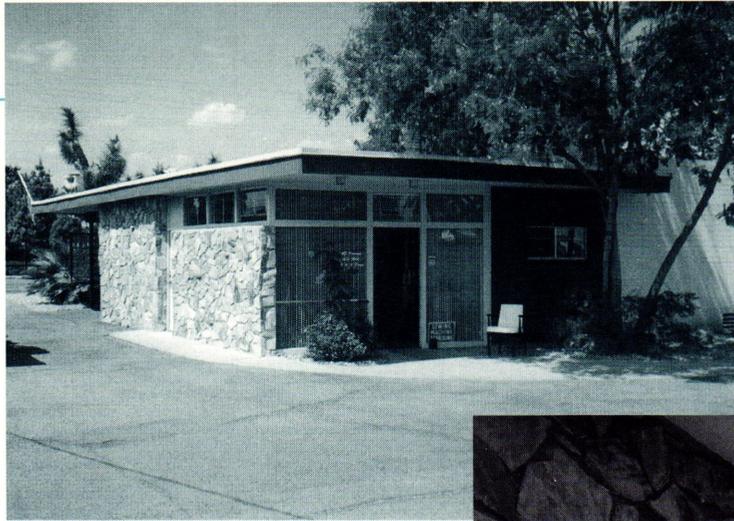
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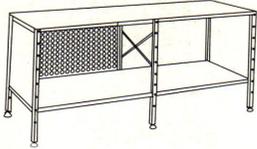
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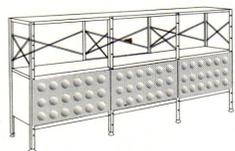
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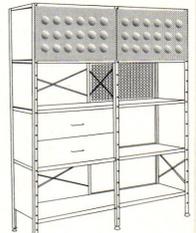
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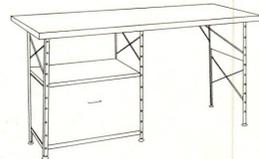
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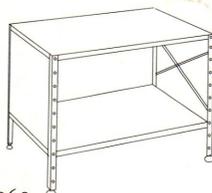
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