



## The Woodhull collection

# Pharaohs and emperors

Wearing jewelry from Helen Woodhull's collection, you never need look farther than your wrist or fingers for a fine, museum-quality work of ancient art.

For instead of gemstones, the pieces, sold exclusively in this area through Charles Warren & Co. Jewelers in Troy's Somerset Mall, are set with genuine antiquities: Scarabs from the pharaohs' Egypt, antique jade from China's Ming dynasty, and authentic Renaissance intaglios.

The pieces, which Miss Woodhull gathered for her jewelry from museum and private collections, are set in contemporary 22 karat gold ring, bracelet, pendant and earring arrangements.

The results are one-of-a-kind blends of ancient mystery and modern sophistication, priced from \$1,500-\$4,800.

Perhaps the most striking pieces of the collection are those set with scarabs, the small carved miniatures of beetles that, to the Egyptians, were

the symbol of everlasting life.

Warren's Woodhull scarabs are mainly carved bits of steatite, a naturally tan-colored stone treated with a feldspar glaze that tints the stone as blue as the Nile. Other varieties include black scarabs and some carved in jade.

ENGRAVED ALONG the bottom of each charm are hieroglyphics, some translating to a good-luck saying, others identifying the ancient original owner.

Miss Woodhull, from New York, entered the jewelry business first as an antique collector trained as a sculptor. First, to share some of her antique necklaces with others, she set up a small shop on Madison Avenue, then branched out into designing contemporary settings for some of her miniatures.

From there, she joined the prestigious Georg Jensen jewelry firm, and two years later, started producing her own jewelry.

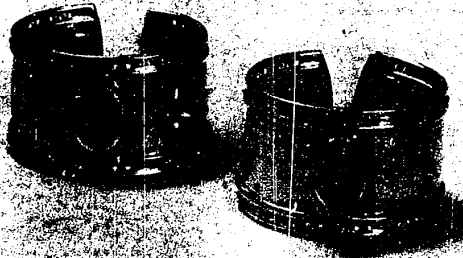
The antiquities collection is her first, and has been available in this area only since November. Her pieces are handled exclusively through six nationwide Dayton-Hudson jewelers. Of these, Warren has the largest collection of her work.

Nancy Martin, who handles the Woodhull collection for Warren, says the jewelry is growing in demand here, especially among those who understand the pieces' significance, such as people with an art history background.

For those who favor Woodhull's unique approach, but can't quite manage the four-figure prices, Warren also carries a lower-priced if not original, version of the collection. Called the "Accessibles," these are in design in 18-carat gold and sterling silver. Instead of antiquities settings, they carry impressions in the metal of scarabs and other artifacts. Prices are from \$100 and up.

From the 18th Dynasty, a scarab signed with the name of King Thutmose I (1526-1508 BC)

Chinese nephrite jade from the Ming Dynasty, originally an archer's ring.



Cuff bracelets sold as a pair. Scarab bears the name of Ktwn, a private citizen.



HELEN WOODHULL

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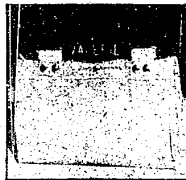
## Where It's At

By JUDY SOLOMON

### Canvassing

What a good idea! It's a shopping tote bag for all seasons, featuring interchangeable canvas bases that snap onto a clear lucite handle engraved with your name or initials. The machine-washable bases are available in taupe, black, chocolate, green, natural, rust, yellow and navy. One base plus engraved handle is \$28.50. Additional bases are \$16 each and it takes two weeks for delivery.

Private Entrance Boutique at Claire Pearone, Somerset Mall, 643-6408.



### Pit stop

Frustrated avocado plant growers, take heart! Plant Designs stocks a clear plastic avocado aquarium (\$7.50). Once the pit has been placed in the aquarium (according to the instructions, if you please), it will need little attention or watering. In fact, it can be left alone for weeks on end. After the root system and stem have appeared, the dome-shaped top can be removed and the base becomes an attractive planter, large enough to contain the plant through maturity.

Plant Designs Ltd., 2527 W. Maple, Birmingham, 647-0141, and 6080 W. Maple, West Bloomfield, 855-2180.



### About face

Now that the holiday hullabaloo is over, it's time to brush up on yourself. This tiny bamboo vase comes with five bamboo-handled brushes for lip liner, eyeliner, eyeshadow, face powder and eyebrows. It's an attractive addition to a vanity as well as a good way to keep makeup tools in one accessible place. Here's looking at you!

Mariene's Faces, Old Orchard Mall, 6576 Orchard Lake Road, 851-0480.



### Hawaiian punch

Even if you're not lucky enough to be Hawaii-bound, Hale Hawaii is a place you should know about. The shop specializes in beautiful and colorful Hawaiian clothing for both men and women. Besides swimwear, shirts, long gowns, sarongs, dresses, pantsuits, cabana sets and sundials, there are Royal Hawaiian perfumes, sun care products and Monkey Pod wood items such as bowls, trays and sculptures. Be sure to check out the jewelry counter where, among other things, you'll find Angel Skin pink and black coral jewelry and Kona Sea Jade.

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