



Fred and Betty Gazaley display high quality pieces of gold jewelry on scaled-down sculptures of fine art in their base of operations at 555 Woodward in downtown Birmingham. (Staff photo by Dick Kelley)

Finest Italian craftsmanship shown in designs at 21-Karat

By LORAIN McCLISH

The casual atmosphere of Twenty One Karat is a contrast to its high quality of gold jewelry designed by the finest of Italian craftsmen.

There are no counters in the shop for Fred and Betty Gazaley to stand behind while they talk about their line of nothing-under-18-karat-gold pieces. The owners are more likely to be serving coffee to visitors in the comfortable

Birmingham shop at 555 South Woodward.

"Fashions in gold change, same as it changes in everything else, but the pieces we carry are classic designs," Gazaley said. "We don't have anything faddish here. They are all lasting designs. We carry very little of what could be called contemporary."

Testimony to this is the method of display the Southfield residents use to show those classical pieces — on finely

crafted duplicates of original art sculptures they purchased from Print Gallery in Franklin Shopping Plaza.

A pre-Columbian head might be draped with gold chains. Rings or bracelets might adorn a South African dancer.

THE GAZALEYS are new merchants of gold, stemming from a stay in Kuwait, Africa, where he worked as personnel director for a large trading company, and the couple made fast friends with some of the jewelers there. "When we returned to the states," Gazaley said, "we had our choice of selling anywhere in America. We spent some time traveling around, but when we crossed the state line into Michigan, home looked pretty good to us."

The couple set up shop about four months ago dealing exclusively with 18 and 21 karat gold pieces crafted by name-designers "because so far as we know there are only a few stores in the country that are that selective, and none other in Michigan," Gazaley said. Cost is predicated on the going rate of gold, but even so, Gazaley encourages his clients to price-shop. "Labor costs in Italy are so much less than here we don't have to worry about adjusting prices in direct ratio to escalation (of gold prices) and we certainly are not concerned about a few dollars a day fluctuation," Gazaley said.

"We are still giving the highest quality of design with a fair price for the highest quality of gold."

GAZALEY is sure in his own mind that gold prices today are the result of political unrest, "and we haven't seen the end of it," he said.

"So far as I'm concerned we'll live to see the day it sells for \$1,500 an ounce, so it's still a good buy today selling at about \$535 an ounce."

In spite of Gazaley's suggestion to price-shop, he admits that might be somewhat difficult since all of his pieces are either one-of-a-kind or created in very limited editions.



The Bali Kiristna from southern India in the 16th century holds bangles and beads. The necklace is a limited edition piece by designer Pepino with filigreed beads crafted into the 18 karat gold chain. (Staff photo by Dick Kelley)

fashion calendar

Monday, March 17
Bonwit Teller — Mary McFadden's new perfume will be introduced during informal modeling from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. during which free samples of the fragrance will be distributed. Somerset Mall store. For information call 643-9000.

"The Healthy Way To Beauty" — Shape up with friends during a 9-10 a.m. exercise session in front of Lord & Taylor at the Lakeside Mall. Group meets each Monday and Wednesday through March 26. For information call 348-9400 or 247-1745.

Alfred's Restaurant — Informal modeling during the lunch hour from noon to 2 p.m. includes fashions from Bonwit Teller on Monday, Lingerie on Tuesday, Don Thomas Sporthaus on Wednesday, Bonwit Teller on Thursday, Ann Taylor on Friday, and Roberts Pura on Saturday. For information and reservations call 643-8855. Somerset Mall.

Saks Fifth Avenue — Designer Walsh will be on hand to discuss the Nicole collection for spring and summer at the Fairlane Town Center. Informal modeling of the collection from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Regency Salon on the upper level through Tuesday.

Saks Fifth Avenue — The bridal

boutique in the Regency Room will be open at the Somerset Mall store.

Tuesday, March 18
Saks Fifth Avenue — The spotlight will be on juniors and the prom set when the Prom Shop opens at the Somerset Mall store. For information call 643-9000.

Cooper's Arms — Informal modeling of designer fashions from Janet Varner of Rochester takes place each Tuesday from noon to 1:30 p.m. The restaurant is located at 306 Main Street, Rochester.

Wednesday, March 19
Lord & Taylor — The accent will be on accessories, big brimmed hats, bold new belts, pale new leg fashions, and the little shoe, during a pastiche of ideas presented in The Cafe at 9:30 a.m. at the Twelve Oaks Store.

Saks Fifth Avenue — A potpourri of new spring looks will be on view at the Somerset Mall store beginning today. The Nicole collection for spring-summer will be informally modeled from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Regency Room through Thursday. Also, the Calvin Klein collection will be informally modeled in the Designer Sportswear

department, and Amalfi shoes will be featured in the Shoe Salon.

Saks Fifth Avenue — The Frank Massandrea Collection for spring-summer will be informally modeled through Thursday in the Regency Salon on the upper level of the Fairlane Town Center store. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Thursday, March 20
Saks Fifth Avenue — A mini-show featuring the Jones of New York spring-summer collection will be held from noon to 1 p.m. with reservations available by calling 643-9000. Also, the Blassport collection will be informally modeled from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Designer Sportswear. Somerset Mall.

Friday, March 21
Saks Fifth Avenue — The 'SFantastic Shoe Collection will be featured in the Shoe Salon and the Frank Massandrea collection will be informally modeled from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Regency Room through Saturday at the Somerset Mall store.

Saks Fifth Avenue — The Jones of New York Collection will be informally modeled from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Sportswear Department on the lower level of the Fairlane Town Center store.



The white jade horse, with ever so slight a greenish tint, comes from China's K'ang-Hsi period (1662-1722) and is adorned with matching ring, bracelet and triple strand necklace. The set is 18 karat gold. The ring and bangle-type bracelet are intertwined ropes of gold. (Staff photo by Dick Kelley)

Where It's At

By JUDY SOLOMON

SPECIAL DELIVERY

A Sunday New York Times plus a bag of fresh bagels delivered right to your door. Who could ask for anything more? Well, actually, you can. You can also request lox, cream cheese and other deli items, too. Just call Andy Sugerman or John Kalkanian of Sun-Bag with your order and they will deliver it anywhere in the Birmingham, Bloomfield, West Bloomfield or Southfield area early on Sunday morning. In order not to disturb your sleep, the boys place the bill for the cost of the items (plus a \$1.25 delivery charge) in your bag so you can mail them a check.

Sun-Bag: Andy Sugerman, 626-7356 and John Kalkanian, 626-3060.

PEOPLE WATCHING

Just as the name implies, Potpourri contains an interesting collection of gift items and books. Among my favorites are the People Pillows. Approximately 30 inches high and featuring funny faces made out of nylon stockings, the people represent various professions and avocations. For example, the lawyer is dressed in a navy suit, wears horn-rimmed glasses and holds a subpoena in his hand. Because Potpourri discounts all books 10 percent and all gift items 20 percent, the People Pillows can be bought for \$28 instead of \$35.

Potpourri, Suite 120, Travelers Tower, Southfield, 357-5580.

A MATTER OF TASTE

The Italians not only design sensational cars, clothes and furniture. They make sensational ice cream, too. Called gelato and made from a special machine and with special flavorings imported directly from Italy, you can buy gelato in Detroit exclusively at Sandy's Stockade. Creamy, smooth and mousse-like in texture, the richness of the flavorings gives the gelato a unique and unforgettable taste. Among the 28 flavors available are: chocolate with whole chocolate chips; bilberry (similar to boysenberry but better); zuppa inglese (a combination of three fruit flavors plus rum), caramel and mint.

Sandy's Stockade, Evergreen Plaza, Evergreen and 12 Mile, Southfield, 569-0044.

BEGINNER'S LUCK

Right now at Rainbow Lollipop, it's Las Vegas for the little set, and it sounds like fun. Each child entering the store will receive one penny to put in the jellybean machine. If the child gets any color jellybean other than purple or black, he gets to eat the jellybean. If he gets a purple one, he also receives a piece of chocolate candy. Should he be lucky enough to get the one and only black jellybean, he wins the jackpot: an enormous Easter basket filled to the brim with a big, stuffed bunny, candy and games.

Rainbow Lollipop, Somerset Mall, Troy, 647-3911.



Saks Fifth Avenue

It's Showtime! at SFA, Troy...

Every Wednesday, beginning March 19th through May 21st, we're pleased to present a special shopping-lunch-theatre afternoon!

Prologue — Valet parking, available at the Coolidge entrance to SFA. Complimentary coat check on the Second Floor.

Act I — Lunch by Alfred's Restaurant. A delicious hot buffet! while you enjoy informal modeling in the Somerset Mall Auditorium, Lower Level.

Act II — "Good Evening," by Jimmy Launce Productions, a unique comedy show written by Dudley Moore.

Tickets are 12.95 each, and may be purchased at SFA in the Second Floor Boutique. For prepaid reservations, call 643-9000, ext. 274.

Troy, Somerset Mall, Big Beaver at Coolidge