

Crystal pins inspired by nature

You may have dined beneath a Swarovski crystal chandelier or perhaps you've admired someone's dazzling collection of Swarovski miniatures. But you may not know that the king of crystal also designs hand-crafted pins, some of which are highly collectible.

An exhibit titled "Nature's Jewels," at Parisian's Laurel Park Place store, will showcase Swarovski's pin collection, including 50 designs that have been retired. The museum-like retrospective includes pins released from 1992-1998. Of the 60 pins featured, 10 will be available for purchase. You can ogle the brooches through Sunday, June 21.

The retrospective is divided into four collections - Tomorrow's Treasures, Pastoral, On Gilded Wing and Le Jardin.

A Compassion Pin highlights Tomorrow's Treasures. The first edition in Swarovski's new collectible pin series called "Compassion" features a butterfly. The pin is made of a limited edition piece. A minimum donation of \$25,000 generated from sales of the pin will be donated to the American Cancer Society Breast Cancer Network. Other examples of Tomorrow's Treasures include a crystal pave calla lily, rose, dragonfly, cheetah, lion and elephant.

The Pastoral collection features butterfly designs with French enamel detailing. The pastoral motif also includes the hummingbird, turtle dove, bumblebee and frog.

A parrot, peacock and butterfly glide On Gilded Wing. The large, dramatic designs are replete with scroll work, pierced motifs and crystal stones in a range of colors. They are among the most highly collectible because of their limited, seasonal production.

In Le Jardin, Swarovski crystal captures familiar garden objects - the bouquet, flower basket, wheelbarrow and watering can. These designs have a two-dimensional quality - the wheelbarrow wheel actually spins. Gold accents highlight the wisteria, daisy and carnation pins.

Daniel Swarovski & Company was founded in 1895 in the Austrian village of Wattens. Swarovski was a crystal stone cutter who invented an electric machine to precision cut the stones in large quantities. Today, precision cutting remains a hallmark of Swarovski, the leading manufacturer of cut crystal for the jewelry, fashion, collectibles, lighting and gift industries. Each product combines the quality of fine raw materials, the vision of talented designers and the facing of skilled craftsmen.



In fine feather: A crystal peacock is part of the "On Gilded Wing" collection by Swarovski.

RETAIL DETAILS

Tie dye
Don't give Dad just any old necktie, give him the tie that bonds. A Warren company, Family Tie Enterprises, introduces the tie that feels like a hug around the neck because it's designed by little hands. A "Family Ties" kit contains a fashionable yellow or blue tie plus two bottles of non-toxic, water-based paints. Kids can engage their creativity by writing or drawing on the tie, and signing their work on the designer label. A portion of the proceeds from each kit will be contributed to children's charities. \$24.95. Available at

a special kiosk in the Hudson's court at Lakeside Mall in Sterling Heights through June 30, (800) 461-3897.

Dazzling discolor
Internationally acclaimed jewelry designer Patricia Daunis will make a personal appearance at Orin Jewelers on June 19-20. Much like a personal shopper or cosmetics consultant, she works with clients in determining which jewelry styles work best with their features. "The woman should be noticed before her jewelry," says Daunis. "Always keep in mind that jewelry is meant to accessorize, not steal the show." Daunis will be

in the Garden City store on Friday, June 19, and the Northville store on Saturday, June 20.

Mall crawl!
Lifestyle 2000 Expo brings home and lifestyle improvement ideas to Livonia Mall June 18-21. On Saturday and Sunday, July 18-19, Livonia Mall will host "Motor City Hoops," a 3-on-3 basketball tournament, presented by Street Hoops USA to benefit the St. Gregory Community Center in Detroit. Brackets for ages 8 and up. All entrants will receive a player T-shirt, and champions will receive trophies. Sideline competitions also

are planned. Entry forms are available now at the Information Booth, Livonia Mall, Seven Mile and Middlebelt roads. (248) 476-1160.

Cool collections
Village Collection in Waterford introduces Connie's Collectibles, just in time for Father's Day. Enjoy a 20% discount June 19-21. In addition, the 6,000-square-foot store carries dolls, needlepoint and yarns, Camille Beckman, painted baskets, lighthouses and many products by Michigan artists. 7718 Cooley Lake Road, Waterford. (248) 360-4122.

Where can I find?

- What we found:**
- Stetson after shave can be found through Beauty Boutique (440) 526-3008.
 - For Marguerite, color thickening hair spray.
 - A reader called to say she found the Rohde German-made sandal eight years ago at the Westland Mall in London, Ontario. The shoe store was called Mugglers. You might call stores in Windsor or London to see if they carry this shoe.
 - A battery-operated flour sifter can be found at Kitchen Glamour in Redford (313) 641-1244. It can be ordered, Order No. 140.
 - For Stacey of Troy, Dermologica products can be found at Carol Lewis Skin Care at 386 E. Maple Road, Birmingham, Mich., (248) 642-1570.
 - Found the Tupperware deviled egg containers for Barbara.
 - Roller skates can be found at Skateland West in Westland, (734) 328-2800.
 - Drawing pajamas can be found at Kmart for \$12.

- We're still looking for:**
- Darlene is looking for an expandable table (it looks like a buffet with doors on the side). It opens into a table, it is from the 1950s.
 - Kim wants the children's game from the '70s called "Square Off."
 - Marsha is looking for a pant liner that goes to the knees (gir-dlo). It was made by Vasserite or Substrat.
 - For Todd, sterling silver 1/4 inch block letters (used for necklaces and bracelets).
 - Brush curler by Clairrol Stender Curl or Clicker 1/4-3/4 inches for Mary Lou.
 - Donna wants Stiff Stuff Hairspray Superfirm hold in a pump spray bottle.
 - A Little Tikes doll cradle.
 - For Linda, two green Medici side tables with glass tops (to match a coffee table). Found at Pier 1 (no longer carries the green).
 - Bev needs buttons for a Jones of New York jacket.
 - Bill is looking for a place that does premium processing of 35 mm film, 3 1/2 inch prints with a matte finish.
 - Celso is looking for the socks to make the sock monkey.
 - Pivot golf wear for men and women and a 1982 Montreux Jazz poster for Patricia.
 - A 1945 Mackenzie High yearbook for Beverly.
 - Eleanor is looking for liquid English lavender hand soap.
 - Darlene wants a needle cartridge for the whole tone arm to a G.E. Show & Tell.
 - Sandy wants Permits Sports Wear.
 - Someone who collects Yesteryear cars and also someone who repairs old springs in phonographs.
 - Shirley is looking for a squeaky dog toy shaped like a clothes pin.
 - Sara from Westland wants crochet thread DMV450.
 - An LP record of a folk musician named Sandy Bull from the early '60s.
 - Ruth wants TV trays with casters.
 - Evelyn is looking for plastic goody bags with a golf motif (40 bags).
 - Jenny is looking for a Cecil Fielder Fan Club.
 - Mary Lou wants a blank 10-hour video tape.
- Compiled by Sandi Jarackas

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