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GREEN IS GOOD

JADEITE GETS A NEW LOOK WITH MODERN, MEANINGFUL JEWELRY DESIGNS



AWARD-WINNING JEWELRY DESIGNER SAMANTHA LIM

sometimes wears her jadeite earrings when she goes clubbing. It's clear sign that this ages-old mineral won't be confined to the traditional round, green globe. In fact, at a recent showing in her home, the Singaporean native encouraged visitors to try on jadeite necklaces, chokers and bracelets, and "just have fun with it!"

One of two forms of the mineral jade, jadeite is known for its varied colors. Lim and a friend in Taiwan, who does the actual designing, work exclusively with

Grade A Burmese jade that ranges in tone from every shade of green to honey brown and the rare lavender. Besides incredible detail work and elegant, contemporary designs, each piece is bestowed with a meaning. A rectangular, flat pendant, for example, is reminiscent of tablets that Chinese scholars used and therefore said to ensure wisdom. Many necklaces feature adjustable clasps so that longer ones can be wrapped around the neck as a choker or extended to accent a V-neck top.

Lim holds exhibits every few months but can also be contacted for private viewings. **Private Studio, 2F COMFORT, 2-1-15, Minami-Azabu, Minato-ku. Mon-Sat, by appointment only. Tel: 090-4829-4439. Email: samantha@samanthalim.com. Nearest stn: Azabu-Juban. www.samanthalim.com.**



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Jennifer Hair & Beauty in Roppongi Hills (03-5770-3655), the place for eyebrow waxes in Tokyo, is holding a "two" sale until October 11. Couples who visit the salon together and spend more than ¥10,000 will receive a ¥2,000 coupon. Singletons who combine treatments and spend more than ¥10,000 will have ¥2,000 deducted from their bill. The first 50 clients requesting hair services will also receive a free Kerastase hair or scalp treatment (worth ¥3,675). • **Nowonmedia** (www.nowondvd.net) has released several key videos this September. Among them are a documentary on 8 1/2 Italian film director Federico Fellini based on interviews with the master in the last years of his life. Also on board: documentaries on Dali on the centennial of his birth, Death Row Records, and graffiti artists as well as the highly anticipated Sound X Vision 2004. • Two-year-old **Issey Miyake Parfums** is now selling the latest installation in its perfumed body care range: bedtime fragrances called "Well Being". In addition to perfumes in white freesia and peony or tuberose, IMP has introduced two new fragrance experiences. The Bain de Lait bath sachets feature cleansing and moisturizing ingredients in a milky powder while the Baume de Douceur is a silky cream made with rice germ oil. **HK**

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events at hip Tokyo hotel Claska, People Tree has just begun importing its fall and winter products. This year's organic goodies include shawls from India and Peru and sweaters from Nepal, as well as several pieces that are more 9-to-5 than granola (including part of the London-based People Tree's European collection).

The reasonably priced herringbone wide-leg pants and fish-tail skirt in charcoal gray and dark brown are classy enough for almost any office.

That said, casual is what People Tree does best and there are plenty of such items to choose from. On the home front, meanwhile, new goods include baskets, stationery and an adorable felt egg cozy made in Nepal. People Tree products are environmentally sound and uphold fair trade standards set by the International Fair Trade Organization—meaning you'll feel as good as you look while wearing them.

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IN STITCHES

THE WOMEN OF KONIAKOW, POLAND, OFFER THEIR MODERN LACE CREATIONS TO JAPAN

IN THE REMOTE POLISH VILLAGE

of Koniakow, women used to spend the long winter evenings crocheting lace to support their family. For centuries they found inspiration in the surrounding forests and fields, creating tablecloths and doilies that graced the tables of kings, aristocrats and bishops. Today, almost all of the 2,000 or so women

of Koniakow are involved in lace production, using techniques that have been passed down from mother to daughter.

And now, thanks to Tokyo resident Kamante Werewka, the village's raciest and most controversial creation has reached Japanese shores. Werewka has chosen 17 cotton lace thongs to promote the uniqueness of Polish products. While some of the thongs are in simple black or valentine red, others are multicolor or feature flower and heart motifs. Each is handmade and comes in small and medium sizes.

At the beginning of October, Werewka's website will be updated with more handmade products from Poland, including bras and tank tops, boxer shorts and a Christmas collection. Both Werewka and her Japanese business partner speak English, accept transfer payments and send products by post. Some items can also be purchased at Damier. **Damier: 2-4-29 Toyo, Koto-ku. Tel: 03-5606-3383. Open 10am-7pm, closed third Sun. Nearest stn: Toyochō. Key Partners Associates: 5F Tamaya Bldg, 4-1-1 Hongo, Bunkyo-ku. Tel: 03-5842-9773. Fax: 03-5684-5341. Email: naoko-t@chopin.jp or kamante66@hotmail.com. www9.plala.or.jp/polonia**



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