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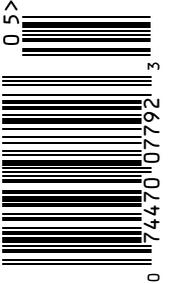


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Make A Statement

Attain a sophisticated coastal look with a few key luxury items. Consider the dried outline of soft coral, framed in clear glass with a bamboo border, which brings the awe and wonder of a tropical reef exploration to your living space. For greater impact, group a series on your wall — either stacked in rows or in a continuous horizontal line. This decorative armchair, with its striking design and extra seat depth, is the perfect statement piece. The neutral

cotton fabric allows for colorful pillows that can change with the season. Available at Bixby & Ball in Solana Beach. (858/436-7214, www.bixbyandball.com)



A Shop With A Cause

For many, *The Country Friends* is likely best known as the organization that puts on the annual premier fashion runway show at *The Inn at Rancho Santa Fe*. But *The Country Friends* also owns and operates a consignment shop in the Ranch to raise funds to accomplish its mission of supporting human care agencies with emphasis on those providing services to women, children, and the elderly. The shop is entirely staffed by volunteers and is laden with treasures of silver, crystal, objets d'art, china, and furniture (classic and traditional) received from estates and individuals. Since its inception in 1954, *The Country Friends* has raised more than \$12 million to support human care



agencies throughout San Diego County. Beneficiaries have included *Rady Children's Heart Institute*, *Helen Woodward Animal Center's* therapeutic riding program, *Promises2Kids*, *the Burn Institute*, and countless others. (858/756-1192, www.thecountryfriends.org)

Capturing The Richness Of The Human Being

Kelly Mellos of *Kelly Mellos Fine Art* specializes in exclusive fine art portraiture, a highly specialized art form that has been around since the Renaissance and remains popular today. It stands on the foundation of solid atelier painting and drawing training, and is devoted to honoring the unique life of each subject through creating a permanent symbol of his or her legacy. Mellos works with each client to discover a unique way of telling each story, and creates a one-of-a-kind painting or drawing, handcrafted with archival materials, which can be passed down within a family for generations.

"Truth and beauty will prevail in art and can only be achieved when technical mastery, creativity, and an innate sensitivity all come together in a piece of work," says Mellos. "I aim to respect the unique life of each human being I paint

and to show them the beauty that resides within them. It is truly an honor and a privilege to do this type of work." (619/917-9369, www.kellymellos.com)



Interior designer Suzanne Ward, Allied ASID (left) discusses color and fabric selection with Sharon Worman during a consultation

Spring Spruce Up

The American Society of Interior Designers' annual *Spring Spruce Up* is underway through the end of May. For a discounted rate of \$85 per hour, the public can arrange for a professional

designer to come to their home or business to consult on their remodel or design project and obtain advice, direction, and details. Sign up to receive a one- or two-hour block of time to discuss projects as wide-ranging as selecting colors for the home, deciding how to remodel a kitchen, or determining furniture arrangement. Designers from throughout San Diego County participate in this chapter fundraiser. Consider requesting a designer with specific expertise or located in your geographical area. (858/274-3345, www.asidsandiego.org)