

NOTE TO EDITORS: The jewelry preview and the Buyers Market are wholesale to the trade only, but media are welcome to attend to get a preview of the newest designs that will be in boutiques, jewelry stores and museum shops in coming months. Press credentials and camera passes, media tours and product images are available.

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More Than 35 New Jewelry Artists to Debut at the Buyers Market of American Craft

Baltimore, Md. (February 6, 2008) **Retailers of fine and fashion jewelry will find work by dozens of new artists when they visit the Buyers Market of American Craft, February 15-18, 2008, in Philadelphia. An exclusive preview of jewelry exhibitors is scheduled Thursday, February 14, 2008, at 5 p.m. Both events will take place at the Pennsylvania Convention Center.**

Among the new exhibitors are noted designers whose creations in gold and gems grace exclusive collections, including **Suz Andreasen**, a celebrated designer based in New York, whose latest designs feature sapphires set in stunning gold flowers (Booth 1003). Her wholesale business is Women Want Jewelry.

The Buyers Market also welcomes to the show **Jil Streed** of **JilArt** (Booth 131), a San Diego-area silversmith whose studio and home were demolished this winter by wildfire. With determination and the help of fellow artists, her wholesale business is rising from the ashes.

Buyers from galleries and retail shops can expect to see exciting new designs and trends, including fresh uses of recycled materials. This winter, **the leaf is a dominant motif**, whether dipped in gold or used to imprint its unique pattern into pewter.

“New work is one of the first things craft retailers seek out when they come to the **Buyers Market**,” says show director Christine Kloostr. “Exhibiting new talent keeps retailers coming back year after year.”

Held semi-annually at the Pennsylvania Convention Center in Philadelphia, Pa., the **Buyers Market** is the nation's largest wholesale craft show. The **Buyers Market** features functional and decorative work by more than 1,200 artists from across the United States and Canada. The summer show will take place August 2-4, 2008.

Jewelry artists who are new exhibitors in the Buyers Market of American Craft include:

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| Amie Louise Plante, (Booth 733) | Laurel Denise, (Booth 236) |
| Carina's Creations, (Booth 732) | Leah Sturgis Jewelry Art, (Booth 234) |
| Deb Karash Jewelry, (Booth 1327) | Loretta Lam, (Booth 636) |
| Deborah Harrison Miller Jewelry, (Booth 1216) | Mani Designs, (Booth 1514) |
| DeKoeyer Designs (Booth 1629) | Mayapple Creations, (Booth 133) |
| Dee Janssen GlassWorks, (Booth 228) | Nina Basharova Jewelry Design, (Booth 1306) |
| Elizabeth Finn, (Booth 2826) | o*Live, (Booth 736) |
| Fehrenbach Jewelry, (Booth 1627) | Ocean Dreams, (Booth 1032) |
| Fiddlesticks, (Booth 232) | Olaria Studio, (Booth 633) |
| Glass Harbor, (Booth 527) | Randall Studio, (Booth 1116) |
| Guencha, (Booth 536) | Diane Rose Designs, (Booth 1013) |
| Harmony Jusseaume, (Booth 734) | Somos Creations, (Booth 1316) |
| JilArt, (Booth 131) | Sowon Joo Studio, (Booth 1010) |
| Klinefelter Studio, (Booth 833) | Stephen LeBlanc Metalsmithing, (Booth 1417) |
| Elena Kriegner, (Booth 1117) | Steven Douglas, (Booth 1517) |
| Krista Fenimore Hook, (Booth 932) | Susan Rifkin Jewelry Design, (Booth 231) |
| L. Hutchcroft Design, (Booth 1620) | Wear Ever, (Booth 1115) |
| LaFollette Design Group, (Booth 436) | Women Want Jewelry, (Booth 1003) |
| Laura A. Frank Designs, (Booth 1027) | |
| Laura J. Designs, (Booth 233) | |