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Looking Good in Lamorinda

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It's spring! Time to revisit the closet and consider a new addition or two to freshen up our look.



Vintage handbags in exotic leathers at Cuesta Antiques in Lafayette. Photos Moya Stone

Specialtees in Lafayette's Fiesta Square says this season celebrates the shoulder. Tops with an off-the-shoulder silhouette work well for all ages and body types. As for bottoms, cropped! Wide-leg cropped and boot cut jeans are what's hot.

Speaking of jeans, Patrizia Marrone proprietor of Patrizia Marrone on Fiesta Lane in Lafayette tells me that embellished is everything. Marrone stocks her elegant boutique with European designs offering Lamorinda something a little different. This spring jeans in traditional blue and also white are distressed and detailed with both large and small stones, in some cases rhinestones around the cuff for some unexpected sparkle.

The latest trend in jewelry is to layer two to three or more delicate pendants and Natasha Grasso Jewelry in Moraga has just the thing. Each piece is gold-filled or silver and in charming motifs such as horseshoes, love knots, keys and stars or the more edgy skull. Grasso also uses semi-precious stones in her work, which in addition to necklaces includes earrings, bracelets, and rings. I'm thinking Easter, graduations and Mother's Day. Natasha Grasso Jewelry is located in the Rheem Shopping Center 386 Park Street in Moraga.

I recently stopped by one of my favorite shops in Lafayette, Cuesta Antiques, and discovered a small collection of exotic leather vintage handbags. Peruse any fashion magazine and you will notice exotic leather is all the rage in accessories. Cuesta has one-of-a-kind 1950s bags in, ostrich, alligator, and even sea turtle. Each one in impeccable condition and, considering the rarity of the leather, reasonable price tags. Plus the vintage factor decreases the guilt. Thinking ahead to Father's Day, the shop also carries vintage men's accessories such as wallets and flacks. Cuesta Antiques, 3540A Wilkinson Lane in Fiesta Square.

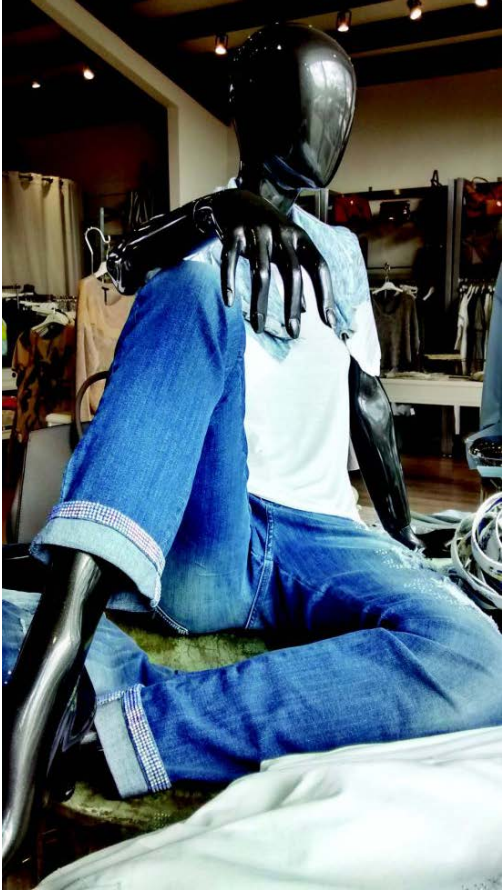
The Summer of Love Experience: Art, Fashion, and Rock and Roll opens April 8 at the de Young Museum in San Francisco. Celebrating the 50th anniversary of the legendary counterculture centered right here in our own San Francisco, this exhibit features more than 300 artifacts of the era including handmade fashions by local designers. Crochet, embroidery, leatherwork, denim, and of course tie-dye were the fashion trends among youth who wanted to set themselves apart from mainstream America and anyone over 30! The Summer of Love Experience runs though August 20, 2017. And these will all be the more fashionable at Lafayette's own Summer of Love concert series beginning in June.

Enjoy the sun and go forth in style!

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Delicate pendants at Natasha Grasso Jewelry in Moraga.



Embellished jeans at Patrizia Marrone in Lafayette.

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