



Made in Montecito

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The following is a peek at four Montecito artists. Four local jewelers – David Tallman, Silverhorn, Jenny Morris, and David Gibbons – provide personal style, technique, and precision to their hand-crafted treasures. While components of each piece come from all over the world, these pieces were designed and made by these jewelers in their Montecito studios.

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The first Silverhorn gem is to wear a piece of the world. Co-owners Mike and Candy Riddell travel abroad and beyond to capture their finds. The cufflink ring and cufflinks (1) are of Nigerian origin. Candy notes that the cushion-cut sapphires were "in a rare orange-green." The ring complements its setting in a 24K Trans green, set in rose gold with a satin finish.

Perhaps the most eye appealing are the five opal beads with wood bezels (2). Candy notes that the opal beads are "extraordinarily significant," in that they were found in a new mine in Ethiopia. 18K gold spacers complement each bead. Gavroche applied the dark, mocha



tear-off and orange spray wash for the bezels. "We love the contrast of the yellow gold against the grain of the hardwood," notes Candy. "The center stone is opal."

More from craftsmanship to delicacy with the handmade white jade cufflinks (3). Rabbits are made from fine Peruvian, solid antique white jade, carved in China.

For more information call Silverhorn at 805-569-0442, or visit the studio at 1210 Coast Village Road, Montecito.

