

Dear Friend,

We thought you might like to know what's new at Hands on Cedros, the Gallery of Functional Art.

Patty's been looking for exciting new artists. Up to now, all the artists have been North American but she's found some whose work is so exceptional that we had to have them in the gallery.

Ana Hagopian is an Argentine by birth and now lives in Barcelona. She makes the most extraordinary jewelry. Rings that look like baby flower blossoms, Necklaces in various forms including hibiscus blossoms and raspberries, as well as geometric shapes. Bracelets with wonderful textures. Her medium is paper that she hand dyes, cuts, finishes and assembles. The pieces are not at all delicate and have an airiness that catch and hold the eye.

Clients have asked us for liqueur glasses and we found some amazing pieces from a German glassblower, Michael Schwarzmuller. He'll be sending us lowballs and old fashioned as well. He works in a high-grade, chemistry glass that resists breakage.

We also found the smartest, most sophisticated leather purses from Olbrish Studios in Berlin, beautifully finished. We ordered them in black and red. They also make men's wallets – very simple in design, but finely done and with surprising interior colors.

We're bringing in 2 sources for candles. Ana Design is Frank Weeden's artisanal house that makes columnar candles in fabulous colors and in stripes. Rick and Margrethe Faulkner's atelier is Barrick Design. We've had their work here in ones and twos and just put in an order for a few dozen of their crackle-finish candles in a range of colors.

Pean Doublyuw (say it out loud) are sending us very colorful glasses and candy/dessert dishes that will rock your tabletop.

We're still on the hunt. As of this writing, Patty's in Philadelphia and Baltimore at the national shows. And we'll be traveling to a couple of new locations to talent scout.

Point is, come in or visit the website (handsoncedros.com) to see what's new. We have new artists with new uses and we're sure they'll delight you.