

MITCHELLS RICHARDS MARSHS

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DESIGNER CAROLINE ELLEN ON...

BLACK DIAMONDS!

THE CRAZE THAT EVERYONE IS TALKING ABOUT.



Caroline Ellen (pictured in her New York City studio) designs her extraordinary creations by hand.

Black diamonds, the seductive “darker sister” of white diamonds are all the rage, utterly timeless and easy to wear from day to night. Here Caroline Ellen discusses her passion for finding just the right stones...

“I am always on the lookout for not only the finest quality black diamonds, but also for the newest cuts, and for unusual shapes and sizes. The amazing thing about gemstones is that you never really see the same thing twice. Each batch of rough diamonds that comes out of the ground will have slightly different characteristics, which makes it a lot like a treasure hunt!

I am thrilled to swoop in to my dealers’ offices and pick the prettiest stones from a newly cut lot



of beads, and then come up to Mitchells for frequent trunk shows to offer my new finds! I never buy a single stone or bead that I don’t fall in love with, and it has been such a pleasure to come up to visit the store and share my “babies” with such an appreciative and also highly knowledgeable community. Both the sales associates and customers have such refined taste, which makes it even more fun for me when I am shopping for the best stones. I can actually visualize who may want to wear a strand of beads when I create one that knocks my socks off!”

HO HO HO: MEET OUR AWARD-WINNING SANTA

Warning: Don’t show this to anyone who still believes Santa flies down from the North Pole. Because, indeed, our own prize-winning St. Nic, who has been bringing his “ho, ho, ho” to our stores for over 10 years, is none other than Trumbull resident, Bill Evans!

How does one become Santa, you may wonder? According to legend, in 1998 Bill’s wife just couldn’t help noticing the resemblance and entered him a Santa Look Alike Contest in *The National Enquirer*. When he won the (national!) contest, they asked if his wife would dress up as Mrs. Claus and flew them down to Florida to hand out gifts to children from a shelter. The

visits with **santa**

MITCHELLS
 Saturdays 12/3, 12/10, 12/17 (11 am-1 pm)
 Sundays 12/4 & 12/18 (11 am-1 pm)
 Breakfast with Santa: Sunday 12/4 (9 am-11 am)

RICHARDS
 Saturdays 12/3, 12/10, 12/17 (2-4 pm)
 Sunday 12/18 (2-4 pm)

gifts were put together by *National Enquirer* employees and hundreds of children came. The owner of the paper is a huge philanthropist and said this was a highlight of his career. As for Bill’s Santa career, the rest... is history!



HUGS + HAPPENINGS...

Fashion’s Night Out & Pink Aid

Fashion was so much fun at *Fashion’s Night Out*! And a huge thank you to all who made the inaugural *Pink Chair Luncheon & Fashion Show* a spectacular fundraising success and wonderful community event. For more photos and info, visit pinkaid.org!

Pink Aid CC&G Magazine photography: Neil A. Landino Jr.



FORECAST: BRRRR!

INTRODUCING:
OSCAR DE LA RENTA FURS

COME SEE OUR NEW FUR COLLECTIONS AT MITCHELLS, RICHARDS AND MARSHS. WE NOW HAVE A FUR SPECIALIST AT RICHARDS, AVAILABLE BY APPOINTMENT AT ALL 3 STORES!



HEAD OF WOMEN'S MERCHANDISING,
ELLEN FINLAYSON, ON ONE OF THE
SEASON'S MOST EXCITING NEW
COLLECTIONS...

"We're so lucky to be offering furs by Oscar de la Renta... ranging from full length, cropped to stoles and from classic to 'of the moment' in stunning styles and colors!"

NEW JEWELRY DESIGNERS!

FRED LEIGHTON ESTATE JEWELRY
& MORE NEW JEWELRY DESIGNERS!

JAMES BANKS (MITCHELLS/RICHARDS)
PAUL MORELLI SILVER BELL COLLECTION (MITCHELLS)
SALLY SOHN (RICHARDS)
FOPE (MITCHELLS)
PAOLO COSTAGLI (MITCHELLS)
JAMIE WOLF (MITCHELLS/MARSHS)
RENEE LEWIS (MITCHELLS)
ECLAT (MITCHELLS)

IN STORE THIS MONTH

TRUNK SHOWS & PERSONAL APPEARANCES

MEET OUR NEW STORE MANAGERS:



Michele Penque/Richards
Manager, Women's Division

"I have been so fortunate to work in luxury retail for over 30 years. I am now thrilled to be working for the Mitchell family managing the women's division at Richards of Greenwich. I love the huge selection of merchandise and I absolutely love how everyone works as a team... we work hard and have fun!"



Laurie Palladino/Marshs
Women's Team Leader

"I was bit by the fashion bug at an early age, watching Elsa Klensch on CNN, and never looked back. My passion came full circle when I sat next to her during a Donna Karan runway show. I am very blessed to be with the Mitchells Family of Stores, where my passion and drive for success is being nourished in a healthy, warm environment."

11/30 - 12/1	Luciano Barbera Women's Trunk Show	Mitchells
12/1	Loren Jewels Trunk Show	Marshs
12/2	Kathleen Dughi Trunk Show	Richards
12/2 - 12/3	Luciano Barbera Women's Trunk Show	Richards
12/2 - 12/3	Loro Piana Trunk Show	Mitchells
12/2 - 12/3	Lela Rose Trunk Show	Mitchells
12/3	Irene Neuwirth Trunk Show & PA	Richards
12/3	Robin Rotenier Trunk Show & PA	Marshs
12/3	James Banks Trunk Show & PA	Richards
12/3	Pomellato Trunk Show	Mitchells
12/7 - 12/8	Akris Trunk Show	Richards
12/7	Stella McCartney Launch Party	Mitchells
12/9	Paolo Costagli Trunk Show & PA	Mitchells
12/9	Gurhan Trunk Show	Richards
12/9	Nam Cho Trunk Show & PA	Richards
12/9 - 12/10	Akris Trunk Show	Mitchells
12/10	Temple St. Clair Trunk Show	M/R/M
12/10	Gurhan Trunk Show	Marshs
12/10	Ashley Pittman Trunk Show & PA	Mitchells
12/10 - 12/11	Mikimoto Trunk Show	Richards
12/11	Moore and Giles Trunk Show	Marshs
12/14 - 12/15	Graff Trunk Show	Mitchells
12/16	Robin Rotenier Trunk Show & PA	Richards
12/16	Bochic Trunk Show	Mitchells
12/16 - 12/17	Temple St. Clair Trunk Show	Richards
12/22 - 1/3	Cartier Jeweled Watch Trunk Show	Mitchells

holiday Shopping Nights

Come out and shop for a good cause! Please join us for our special Holiday Shopping Nights, benefitting local charities that are near & dear to all our hearts.	11/30/11	Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory	Marshs
	12/8 /11	Westport Country Playhouse	Mitchells
	12/6 /11	Goose Hill	Marshs
	12/8 /11	Breast Cancer Alliance	Richards
	12/15/11	Pink Aid	Mitchells

FUN GIFTS WITH LOTS OF HOLIDAY SPIRIT!

Stuck on gift ideas for the holidays? Our stores are stocked with fun & fabulous ideas, sure to bring tidings of joy to everyone on your list...



1. jeweled handbags

Hit the party circuit in style with a jeweled handbag by Judith Leiber (pictured), Kara Ross or Lauren Merkin.



4. party shoes

Add some sparkle to her step with shoes from Manolo Blahnik (shown), Giuseppe Zanotti, Rene Caovilla, Jimmy Choo or Valentino.

2. cashmere socks

The perfect gift for the man who has everything! Socks from Pantherella (shown) or Overdافت.



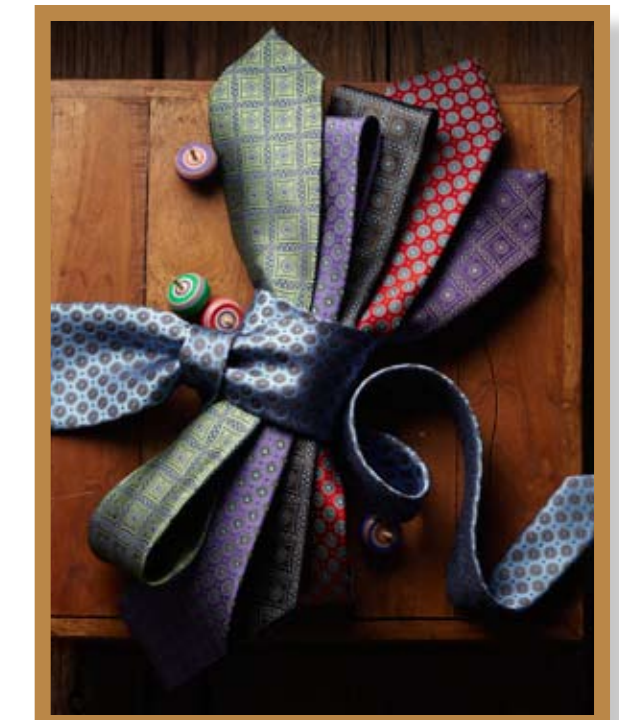
3. estate jewels

Our new Fred Leighton collection features exquisite vintage works & signed pieces by the great masters of jewelry history! By appointment, Mitchells & Richards.



6. charming necklaces

Embrace her whimsical side with these "must have" conversation pieces by super-hot designer James Banks.



7. stunning ties

Make sure he's stylish in 2012 with a gorgeous tie from Ermenegildo Zegna (shown), Brioni, Stefano Ricci or Talbott.



5. comfy layers

Keep him warm and cozy with cashmere and down layers by Brunello Cucinelli (shown) or Loro Piana.

8. colorful pull-overs

Brighten up his day with a colorful pullover by Agave Denim (shown), Peter Millar, Loro Piana or Brunello Cucinelli.



from: Scott Mitchell [Richards Since 1998]

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subject: **Help... I Need a Jeweler!**

With the holidays approaching, a client who often asks me for restaurant and local recommendations came in and asked if I knew a jeweler he could trust. "It's far," I said... "can you walk ten feet?" With the help of his shopping expert (10-year old daughter), he left with a rare star sapphire ring from Oscar Heyman. Not only did the 3 of us have a blast, but his wife loved the piece!

 We want to hear *your* story. Email us at stories@mitchellstores.com.

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