

To Have & To Hold

From Italy to the Far East, this duo travels the world hand-selecting the finest exotic skins to create timeless handbags. With a shared passion for art and design, friends and owners Minnie Baird and Lisa Barfield Kopecky created Barfield and Baird, a line of sleek, stylish bags. Using rich, luxurious skins such as ostrich and stingray, each piece is meticulously crafted in the art-centric city of San Miguel de Allende, Mexico, or New York's Manhattan. They also offer "purse jewelry" – unique clips that add a little something extra to the look of your bag, each made from the finest stones. Because these bags promise to take you from a luncheon to an evening cocktail party, we think they are a wise update for your winter wardrobe.

Available at www.barfieldandbaird.com



Haute Headgear

Bands of sparkly rhinestones or glittery jewels are just the thing for dressy cocktail parties. And with the holiday season coming up, designer Diane Cotton's creations will be the perfect hair accessories. Using Victorian dress ornaments, Czech glass buckles and mid-century floral millinery combined with vintage and modern ribbons, Cotton creates these one-of-a-kind headbands. She is inspired by "the idea of taking something old and gorgeous and reinterpreting it in a fresh, current way." Just remember, if you decide to wear a hair ornament, keep the rest of your look toned down; we wouldn't want you outshining the holiday decorations.

Available at *Abejas*, 5600 Kirby Dr., 713-522-3025

13

NOVEMBER 07

On A Whim

Get online and get a glimpse of Cindy Roberts', the mastermind behind the Cynthia Ann Collection, trendy bauble website www.whimjewels.com. Upon looking at her amazing jewelry additions to River Oaks' Cotton Club and her dedicated clientele, it's not a surprise to hear that Roberts' has launched her own website. The site, which began as a hoop and charm sanctuary, has grown to include much larger pieces and collections, featuring nationally recognized designers such as Cynthia Ann, Jude Francis, Arman, Mizuki, Beverly K, Mix Then Mingle and Diana Heimann. Roberts' believes, "women should change and wear their fine jewelry every day," in order to enjoy every mood and every whim.

Available at *Cotton Club*, 3941 San Felipe, 713-522-9101 or www.whimjewels.com

