

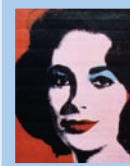


# 944's MILD OBSESSIONS

## smart art

Add some flair to your digs with recycled art museum street banners. After exhibitions, banners are taken down, cleaned, restored and offered for sale to the public as limited edition wall hangings. Over 12 tons of vinyl have been saved from landfills.

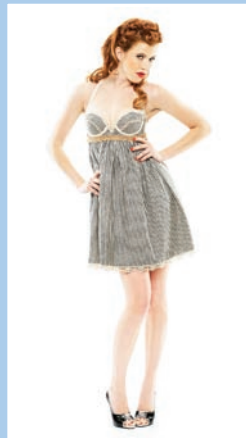
[www.betterwall.com](http://www.betterwall.com)



## comeonwannaleiya

"A voluptuous pinup girl goes on a Hawaiian vacation and meets a mysterious Tikiman." That's the story behind designer Deborah Lindquist's Spring '07 collection. If that doesn't intrigue, then consider that her clothing is made from recycled vintage cashmere, silk, kimonos and florals paired with hemp and organic cotton.

[www.deborahlindquist.com](http://www.deborahlindquist.com)



## bay breeze

The Bay trees that grow on the Island of St. John were held sacred by the Arawak Indians. The Bay Rum in this bottle is held sacred by the chicks whose men wear this fragrance. Oil from the leaves is mixed with orange peel and exotic spices. Mmmm, pirate-y.

[www.stjohnsbayrum.com](http://www.stjohnsbayrum.com)



## the giving tree

Artist Christopher Robbins built a 14-foot tree out of plywood from Home Depot, and "planted" it outdoors. On high noon on April 18, he will chop it down, mill it back into plywood and return it to the store, now *that's* recycling. (Photo by Karen Philippi)

[www.plywoodtree.com](http://www.plywoodtree.com)



## sweat-tested, 944-approved

Mineral based, all natural makeup specifically designed for hot climates. What more could an Arizona girl ask for? Our crack team of testers really flipped for the eyeshadow ... just the right amount of shine, with a light finish. Bonus: Rae cosmetics are hypoallergenic and not tested on animals!

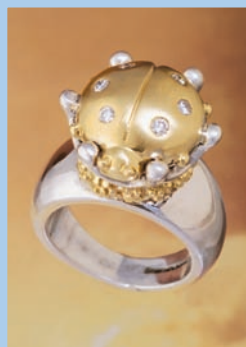
[www.raecosmetics.com](http://www.raecosmetics.com)



## beatlemania

She won't scream when this bug lands on her. Saint by Sarah Jane designs are hand-carved, using the lost wax process. This little lady is fashioned of 18-karat gold and sterling silver with diamond spots.

[www.saintbysarahjane.com](http://www.saintbysarahjane.com)



## al gore's big slideshow!

Carpool on over to ASU's Gammage Auditorium on April 2 for Vice President Al Gore's slideshow of his recent family vacation on global warming as featured in the movie, *An Inconvenient Truth*. Also inconvenient: trying to get a ticket for this event — it's sold out.



## WHY WE LOVE

### THE PHOENIX FILM FESTIVAL

#### 1. THE UNDISCOVERED TALENT

The Festival was founded in 2001 to celebrate independent films and the visionaries behind them. Showcasing both full-length features as well as shorts, the festival introduces local audiences to the future Kevin Smiths and Doug Limans of the world. If those names don't ring a bell, perhaps its time to cut back on the cookie-cutter action flicks.

#### 2. THE INTERNATIONAL FLAVA

Travel the world without leaving your stadium-style seat. This year's festival features films from Turkey, Greece, Canada, the UK, Israel, the Czech Republic, Ireland, India, Australia, the Netherlands, France, Mexico and Spain.

#### 3. THE COCKTAIL CONVERSATION FODDER

She'll be putty in your hands when you sidle up to her and launch into your rap about how *A Sunday in Kigali* so brutally illustrated man's inhumanity, or the scholarly and psychological value of the NEA's "Operation Homecoming" that was so poignantly explored in *Muse of Fire*.

#### 4. THE A-LISTERS

It's not quite the celebrity draw that Sundance is (yet), but the Phoenix Film Festival draws some big league Hollywood talent to our humble burg. Purchasing a V.I.P. Pass for this year's event will give attendees the chance to rub shoulders with stars like Judd Nelson (*Breakfast Club*), Amy Davidson (*8 Simple Rules*), Jason Mewes (*Clerks*) and others.

#### 5. THE IAN ITSELL POPCORN TECHNIQUE

What's a movie without popcorn? During the festival try eating it utilizing the Itsell Method. Order one medium sized popcorn. Ask for a cardboard box/drink-holder and a small water cup with a few squirts of the fake butter goo. The 17-year-olds behind the counter will roll their eyes, but pay no heed. Transfer the popcorn from the bag into the box and distribute evenly. [This maximizes your corn surface to butter and salt ratio.] Pour the butter flavoring over the popcorn and fling salt all over the whole mess. Never settle for eating popcorn out of a tub again.