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The Nest decides to show some decorum!

NAPA, CA – This may not be the time to bank on champagne wishes and caviar dreams, but elegance is always in style. For us, elegance suggests the chandelier, and chandeliers suggest light, architecture, delicacy, femininity, ballrooms, and the past. Our upcoming exhibition, **DECORUM: lipstick, crowns, and chandeliers**, allows us all to indulge a few highflown royal fantasies. An opening "ceremony" will take place **Saturday, March 21, 4:00-6:00 pm**.

The show will include North Bay artists Nancy Willis, Kana Tanaka, Carl Dern, Ann Weber, Mary Jane Wood, and Nina Zaslove, plus special guest artists, create stunning "objet d'art" that reflect the universal appeal of those pretty hangy things.

Nancy Willis is a well-known St. Helena artist who teaches at Napa Valley College and Nimbus Arts. Her frequent travels to France imbue her work with a transcendent feeling of infinity and grace. She states, "In my work, I create a sense of place, where the themes of beauty and visibility can inhabit." Willis will present new solarplate etchings and create a lipstick chandelier on the wall of the gallery.

Kana Tanaka, is a Japanese artist living in Richmond. She creates delicate and nearly invisible glass installations that challenge perceptions of light with moments of reflection. Kana says "Glass is the net with which I take the experience of light and share it with others. When I see the reflections of my pieces in my audience's eyes, the communication process becomes complete."



The exhibition will also include inspired chandeliers and lamps by Fairfax sculptor Carl Dern in collaboration with Oakland artist Ann Weber as well as luminous new photographs by Nest collaborator Nina Zaslove and incredible handcrafted crowns by Mary Jane Wood.

The objects in the shop set the tone for our nod to French Style. You'll find not-so-shabby-chic gifts and home decor, jewelry, furniture, and the usual surprises! During the month of April, the Nest will host a **Tiara/Crown Workshop** and **Swingin Chandelier Making Party** just in time for Mother's Day. Watch the website www.napanest.com for more information and registration.

The Nest is a gathering place to experience art, showcase local talent, and inspire future generations. Our mission is to live creatively and give generously. A portion of profits are set aside to build the "Nest Egg" grants which will be awarded to local artists and arts organizations through the Arts Council of Napa Valley.

You can visit between 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Thursday thru Sunday. The Nest is located at 1019 Atlas Peak Rd behind Jessel Gallery in Napa, CA. Visit www.napanest.com or call 707/255-7484 for directions.

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