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From handmade furniture and garden sculptures to surfboard showers, *WA&A* editors select their favorite objets d'art

Gemstones, pearl and copper necklace by Janet Vitale

Since she took her first jewelry class as a child, Janet Vitale has been combining beads, stones and precious metals into simultaneously contemporary and timeless works of art. Our favorite gemstone, pearl and copper necklace has been 35 years in the making as Vitale has collected the beads — including more than a dozen precious and semi-precious gemstones, Russian glass, antique salmon coral beads, freshwater pearls and dye-formed copper pieces — over her lifetime. Never one to rush flawlessness, Vitale waited until she found the perfect combination to craft this unique and fully-adjustable necklace. We love the rare combination of so many colors and textures. Her pillow-shaped copper beads are handcrafted using Vitale's 20-ton jack. Vitale also employed a light heat patina to give the copper a rich glow. Among the other material Vitale often uses in her stunning work are antique inlay turquoise beads, faceted peridot beads, Yellowstone River Montana agate, chrysoprase beads, garnet, heshi beads, antique seed beads and scarab. All of her pieces are rare and utterly lovely.

\$936

23.5 inches

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Sandblasted Blown Glass Vases by Laurie Thal and Lia Kass

Laurie Thal is the kind of artist that inspires everyone with even a hint of creativity wriggling around in their bones. This is an artist who can, indeed, do anything. From architectural glass to lighting, from perfume bottles to sculpture, from sandblasted vases to martini glasses, her creativity, like her liquid medium, knows no bounds. In 1997, she was commissioned by Hillary Clinton to create a Christmas ornament for the White House, and recognized again by President Barack Obama in 2009 when one of the sandblasted vases she creates with über talented artist Lia Kass was selected as his first official gift, this one the fabulous *Peacock* for India's prime minister. Inspired by her creative drive, Thal is unafraid of transformation and always willing to experiment. She combines earth and fire in the creation of lyrical pieces that quite literally look as if the glass might continue its flow at any moment. The layered colors are so exquisite, the forms so lovely in their fluidity and the textures, as rich as they are varied, they make choosing a favorite pure folly.

\$2,400

10 x 12 inches

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