



NEWSLETTER

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STYLE AND SUBSTANCE

We aren't sure what is driving the fashion world back to the days of "Style and Substance", but we are delighted to see so many elegant and timeless styles revisited in current designer's portfolios! An article in *The Wall Street Journal* recently noted that "shoppers are looking for clothes that are crafted and timeless enough to last more than a season." The popularity of "Mad Men" and other retro shows and movies have spurred a resurgence and love for the classics, with many of the looks and styles reminiscent of such legendary designers as Yves St. Laurent, Armani, Hermès, Christian Dior, Bill Blass, Oscar de la Renta, and the holy grail of timeless chic, Coco Chanel. These iconic designs are clearly evident on the runways and in the most exclusive stores now..... and it appears that they will continue to be staples of the upcoming spring and summer fashions (news alert - look for the best of the best from Etro, Mark Jacobs, Chloe, Akris, Dries Van Noten, Celine and Pucci among others).



Hermès Skirt



Naturally, the beauty of shopping at Classic Collections is that we provide you with a wide variety of timeless fashion - some of it from the original geniuses and some of it from the new designers. Our "Passion for Fashion" is continuously inspired by the newest looks that are often derived from the classics. The "menswear" trend currently offered to fashionistas is evocative of the



Armani Pant Suit

marvelous and trailblazing styles of Chanel, The Duke of Windsor, Yves St. Laurent, Thierry Mugler and others. Form fitting jackets, slacks, waistcoats, 'smoking jackets', and slim, minimal slacks made of sumptuous tweeds, camel hair, velvet, gray flannel and brocade are once again on the rise. As noted in *The Wall Street Journal*, there is a reason for the popularity of these classic and smashing styles: "As the excesses of the millennial era disappear and the recession tugs us down to earth, we face a similar backlash. A fresh generation of designers is turning to menswear for a straightforward response to frivolous clothes."

Our philosophy is that if a fashion piece - clothing, handbag, shoe, jewelry, gown - is a classic design, beautifully tailored, made with rich and ravish fabrics or materials, top-quality hardware, is hand crafted or personally pampered by the assembled couture team, then it is a piece of substance and represents the height of fashion and discerning style. We offer a wide selection of elegant and marvelous treasures for your worthy consideration!



Oscar de la Renta Gown

CHANEL, CHANEL, CHANEL!!!!

Copious amounts of classic and coveted Chanel's have recently arrived at the shop! We're talking about those instantly recognizable, flirty little 'luncheon suits', jackets, dresses and sweaters. Sporting the nearly perfect marriage of tailoring and

structured femininity and created with divine fabrics and lots of double CC buttons or hardware, these are truly pieces for "investment dressing"!

Oh, and did we mention the handbags, accessories and ... hold on ... the vintage jewelry? The gripoix pearls and hand colored glass necklaces, the stunning brooches, earrings, cuff bracelets and other goodies? Honestly, if there ever was a question of the stability of certain investments, say stocks, real estate or vintage Chanel jewelry, clothing and handbags, we know where we could put our money! But, we give you fair warning: this merchandise literally flies out of Classic Collections and once it's gone, it's gone! It's impossible to tell you how many times we have heard the saddest words a retailer can hear ... "What do you mean it SOLD??? I wanted that!" It's trite, but true: if you see something in a consignment shop and it fits you perfectly, you love and can afford it ... then for heaven's sake, BUY IT! We can't 'order' you another one !!!



Chanel Suit



Chanel Collection

BUNDLES OF BEAUTIFUL BOTTEGAS

Since 1966, it's been hard not have a love affair with the marvelous, timeless designs created by the Italian geniuses behind the fashion house of Bottega Veneta. Owned by the Gucci Group and headed by creative director Tomas Maier since 2001, the merchandise from Bottega Veneta now include handbags, ready to wear, shoes, home products, accessories and so much more.





Bottega Veneta

Known for its signature "intrecciato" woven leather, Bottega has proven to be a fashion staple for their style-conscious and discerning clients. Classic Collections is delighted to currently be offering a bountiful selection of the marvelous handbag creations from Bottega Veneta. This includes the hand-woven leather collection in a variety of colors of shoulder bags, hobo's, clutches and small snap-shut evening bags. We also have available an impressive

selection of specialty evening bags featuring tortoise, satin, metal, silk, snake and beads ... surely the widest assortment of Bottega Veneta handbags in the Palm Beaches to make your evening a fashion success. So, to quote Caesar's famous line: "Veni, Vidi, Vici"!!

CALLING ALL CINDERELLAS!!

Heaven forbid that we should put Cinderella's handsome prince and his entourage out of work! But, we must share this critical fashion information with you! We recently have acquired an absolutely impressive collection of the most stunning, new, stylish shoes for all those Cinderellas that are lucky enough to wear a SIZE 8-8 1/2! (I admit, as a size 6 1/2, I swear, if I could surgically grow my foot, I would definitely consider it!)



Shoe Collection

Over 100 pairs of impeccable and elegant shoes - day, casual, evening, sandals, mules, pumps, boots and more (for both summer and winter) are bursting our warehouse at the seams. This collection includes designers such as Martine Clay, Jimmy Choo, Yves St. Laurent, Stuart Weitzman, Manolo Blahnik, Prada, Rene Mancini, Bruno Magli, Marc Jacobs, Emanuel Ungaro, and Chanel. If you have interest, please call

and make an appointment as we do not have room to display all of these magnificent shoes. We can set up a private showing and if this fabulous collection fits your foot, Miss Cinderella, we promise to have medical aid standing by because, trust me, you WILL faint! Unlike the prince, however, there are NO pre-nups required! We're quite happy with the Master Card, Visa, or American Express!



Jimmy Choo and Emanuel Ungaro

THANK YOU! GRACIAS! MERCI!

Thank goodness for November! What would we do without a month that actually helps us to focus on being grateful for the many blessings that we have and remember and do something constructive for those who may not be as fortunate as we are.

Therefore, as Classic Collections completes it's third year of business, it is with deep recognition and GREAT appreciation that we acknowledge the many people and things we are thankful for - wonderful old and new friends, loyal consignors, enthusiastic and delightful customers, good neighbors, a terrific computer/web technical support group and a dedicated, hard-working, cheerful and pleasant staff. Let's have a big hand for Dove, Debbie, Teal and Ronda!

We are so very grateful for your business, encouragement, suggestions, support, fashion sense and the fun we have through your shopping experiences. We deeply appreciate and credit your support for our efforts to give back to the community through the donations we make to so many needy organizations.



Tina, Aretha, Sally, Annie, Kate

So, from my family to yours, I really and truly THANK YOU and wish you, your friends and family a Happy and Healthy Thanksgiving!

**Save
10%**

We are THANKFUL for your business!

This coupon entitles the user to take an additional 10% off any one item during November. Some exceptions apply.

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PALM BEACH'S PREMIER LUXURY CONSIGNMENT SHOP