

DECEMBER 5 TO MARCH 3, 2013

UNEXPECTED PLEASURES LONDON, U.K.

In the 1970s, traditional jewellery design experienced a major backlash, with many accessory designers abandoning precious ornamentation in favour of an experimental approach that often incorporated outlandish materials. This survey by London's Design Museum, featuring over 200 examples of envelope-pushing contemporary jewellery from the past four decades, explores the narratives and origins of these eye-catching adornments, and the experience of wearing them. Exquisite creations of gold and gemstones are juxtaposed with works in a mash-up of unlikely materials, including discarded coffee cartridges and plastic action figures, inviting us to ponder the unusual, and unexpected, meanings we assign to our most intimate accoutrements. Among the highlights: Gijs Bakker's oversized PVC collar embellished with a colour photograph of a dewy rose; David Bielander's Scampi, an anodized silver and elastic cuff in the form of a crustacean conga line; and Blanche Tilden's titanium and aluminum necklace, reminiscent of a bike chain. designmuseum.org



← Karl Fritsch often sets precious stones into asymmetric gold bands, but for Screw Ring he embedded fasteners in a cast silver shank.
 ↓ Blanche Tilden's bike chain-inspired necklace is crafted in glass, titanium, aluminum and silver.



NOVEMBER 14 TO 16 GREENBUILD SAN FRANCISCO

Photovoltaics, green roofs and energy assessment software reign supreme at the world's largest sustainable building expo. Among the eco-manufacturers on hand is Centria, whose Formavue windows were recently installed in the award-winning New Orleans residence at 930 Poydras (left), by Eskew+Dumez+Ripple. The fair also presents workshops and inspiring speakers, including Majora Carter, who pioneered urban sustainability and green-collar job creation in the Bronx. greenbuildexpo.org

NOVEMBER 12 DION NEUTRA LECTURE TORONTO

Richard Neutra revolutionized California modernism with his glass walls and expansive overhangs. Over nearly nine decades, his firm built more than 400 projects, including cliffside homes for American socialites, the iconic former U.S. embassy in Karachi, and the Huntington Beach library (right). His son, Dion, who now helms the firm, comes to Toronto's Design Exchange to discuss these projects and the Neutra Institute's architectural preservation initiatives. dx.org



DECEMBER 5 TO 9 DESIGN MIAMI MIAMI

This biannual collectible art and design fair takes place in a bespoke venue adjacent to the Miami Beach Convention Center, which hosts Art Basel concurrently. Design Miami exhibits avant-garde works from such galleries as Carwan in Beirut, and Priveekollektie of Heusden, The Netherlands. The latter presents Curio (left), a solemn curiosity box by Dutch studio De Intuïtiefabriek, with irregularly sized walnut drawers nested in a smoked glass frame. designmiami.com



UPCOMING FAIRS

JANUARY 9 TO 12 HEIMTEXTIL, FRANKFURT
 The ultimate contract and residential textile fair. heimtextil.messefrankfurt.com

JANUARY 12 TO 15 DOMOTEX, HANOVER, GERMANY
 An international showcase of floor coverings, from handwoven rugs to ceramic tiles. domotex.de

JANUARY 14 TO 20 IMM COLOGNE
 The latest trends in residential furnishings. imm-cologne.com

JANUARY 18 TO 22 MAISON&OBJET, PARIS
 Parisian-flavoured decor for the home. maison-objet.com

JANUARY 23 TO 27 MACEF, MILAN
 Italy's largest home accessories and decor show. macef.it

JANUARY 24 TO 27 INTERIOR DESIGN SHOW, TORONTO
 Lighting, furniture, accessories and more at Canada's premier design fair. interiordesignshow.com

FEBRUARY 5 TO 9 STOCKHOLM FURNITURE AND LIGHT FAIR
 The latest in Nordic interior design. stockholmfurniturelightfair.se

FEBRUARY 15 TO 19 AMBIENTE, FRANKFURT
 Aisles of chic home accessories and giftware. ambiente.messefrankfurt.com