

FORBESLIFE DECEMBER ISSUE: THE BEST IN HANDMADE LUXURY



NEW YORK, NY (December 2009) – With a focus on artisans, the latest issue of ForbesLife features beautiful handmade pieces that are the hallmark of luxury today. **In Gold Standard (p. 106)**, the magazine takes a behind-the-scenes look at gold virtuoso Orlando Orlandini’s workshop where he manipulates metal’s versatility to create stunning masterpieces. Making gold thread has been one of Orlandini’s primary innovations, and gives his creations a luminosity and softness that other jewelers can only strive for. Also in this issue:

Big Time: For Whom the Bell Tolls (p. 101) – An homage to the most complex of all timepieces: the minute repeater and *sonnerie*. Featuring designs from Patek Philippe, Jaeger-LeCoultre and more.

Grain of Truth (p. 114) – Frank Pollaro painstakingly reproduces Emile-Jacques Ruhlmann’s Art Deco furniture, replicating their luxurious simplicity perfectly.

At Large with Christopher Buckley (p. 45) – Christopher Buckley follows the 1,049-mile Iditarod braving minus 65 degree weather to report on the race that honors the dog-mushing tradition of Alaska.

Animal Instincts (p. 26) – The post-crisis quest for quality made bronze animals the hot item at auction houses this past year. These coveted pieces are recession-proof, and a sure investment in uncertain times.

The Eye: John Houshmand Table (p. 32) – Using slabs of pristine wood as inspiration, John Houshmand creates sculptural furniture. His designs juxtapose thick glass panes with massive planks, chunks or even trunks of trees creating stunning, one-of-a-kind pieces.

And in the “**Well-Traveled**” section, learn about other featured travel destinations:

- **Weekend in the Country: Borrego Ranch, Borrego Springs California (p. 56)** – This family-run desert resort takes a relaxed approach to rejuvenation with an emphasis on Chinese medicine, promoting both martinis and mindfulness.
- **Critique: Palazzo Grimani, Venice (p. 60)** – A recently restored 16th century palace featuring Venetian mixed marble, Romanesque frescoes, and stunning architecture make this Palazzo a must-see on any trip to Venice.
- **Dialed In: Santa Fe (p. 62)** – This insider’s guide to Santa Fe features all the best in fine, handcrafted pieces, from art to textiles to jewelry.
- **Barefoot Luxury: Petit St. Vincent, The Grenadines (p. 68)** – This island getaway is retro in the right way, pairing modern conveniences with laid back living.

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