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Diary of a Peach



There is something about the fall season that brings out the renovator in me. I love my home but, just like my wardrobe, always have to mix it up. Once the first chill hits, I'm off! So I'm heading out for a quick shopping trip before the "Whine Club" arrives. What's that? A few bottles of vino, some snacks and lots of whining about the opposite sex.

First, I run into one of my favorite spots on the Westside. **Verde Home** is the eco-chic answer to my last minute luxury. I swoon over the Square Root Chair, which is made from solid reclaimed teak — a minimized carbon footprint fits my clean feet so well — and accessorize with a pillow from the Laura Walker Collection. She's an expert at finding that perfect piece so it's only fitting to see her style finally getting it's own signature brand. I also pick up a Titan glass lamp (recycled glass, natch) that was made in Mexico.

Cricket joins my crusade around lunchtime, and meets me at **StaceAge**. Stacey Sharon has really kicked it up a notch with her fly fabrics, trims and furniture. I order a custom chaise lounge with a SpitShine paint finish in a knockout blue and diamond tufted with metallic leather buttons. Cricket grabs a handmade throw that will really glam up her mostly conservative Buckhead condo. Maybe there is hope for her yet!

Speaking of Buckhead fabulous, Hartford rings my cell and informs us that the boys at **Mitchell Gold + Bob Williams** just received a slew of sexy pieces. The Donnabella 4 Door Chest — love the distressed wood finish and antique pewter hardware — is so 1930's Paris. Or maybe a rustic French farmhouse, perhaps? I can totally see Mary Margaret in her pearls, sipping Domaine Ott Rosé and dreaming of her summers at Hotel Du Cap.

Darby brings me back to earth with a frantic call. "I have tickets to Fashionada and I have nothing to wear!" (For someone who always claims she doesn't have any clothes, she certainly has an incredibly packed closet.) We hit **Nani Sensorium** in Atlantic Station for a few pieces from Yana K — think vintage-inspired, whimsical designs for every day — and the best pair of James Jeans. Frankly, they boost our backsides like no other.

Then we're off to **Sage** where we fall in love with a colorful must-have for the season. A yellow trench coat by Tulle is just light enough for our balmy October and the bold collar and bright color will definitely heat up our fashion barometer. Now we understand why this line is one the most requested in the store. Of course, we couldn't resist a pair of It Jeans called Hottie, just for the name alone. We kick into gear and head up I-75 to **Emily Benham** for a much-needed shoe fix. "Hello, lover!" we squeal as we spot a few pairs of Jimmy Choos just waiting for us. This season's must-have George bootie and the coolest flats (code name: Morse) send us into a fashion frenzy. Darby grabs a pair of Alberto Fermani boots and looks like she's found her new best friend — hot Italian leather can do that. The vintage-earthly look and the fact that they're actually comfortable puts this boutique exclusive on the top of our wish list.

Finally, we end up at **Vinings Gallery**, where the excitement is building for Michael Flohr's sixth annual visit to Atlanta on October 24th and 25th. The cool young California artist is known for capturing beautiful streetscapes and featuring local hotspots in his paintings. In fact, he created a beautiful piece called "Fontaine's" and he'll be here to present a personalized copy to the owners of the restaurant, who have found the perfect spot to hang it.

After a whirlwind renovation, the group assembled at my house and couldn't help but admire my chic new finds. "Honey, if only it were that easy to procure a hot man!" Hartford sighed. But then we'd have nothing to whine about, right?



Verde Home



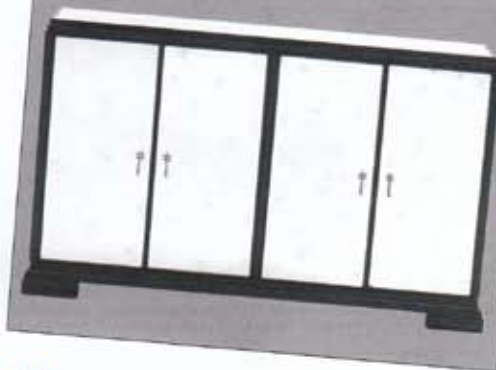
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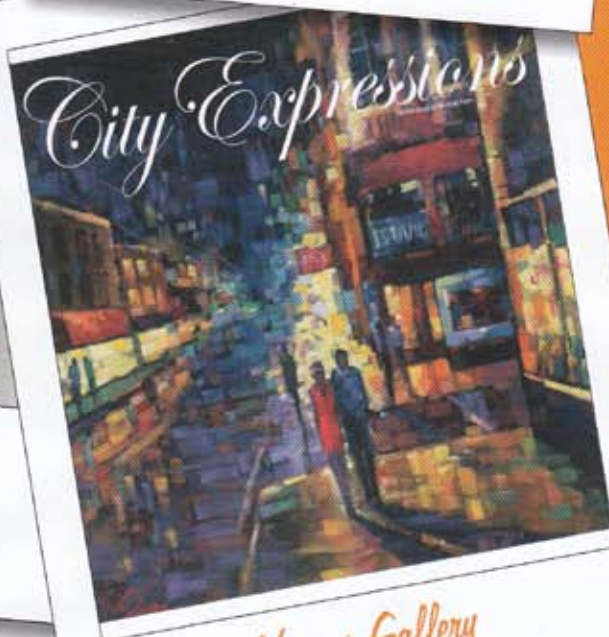
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Vinings Gallery

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