

**FIND FRESH TRENDS AND FRESH PRODUCTS ALL IN ONE SPOT DURING THE JULY 2008
GIFT & HOME FURNISHINGS MARKET™ AT THE L.A. MART®, JULY 15-21, 2008,**

WITH [TEMPORARIES @ L.A. MART](#), JULY 18-21, 2008

LOS ANGELES, CA (April 8, 2008) – The L.A. Mart® is the spot to shop the most prominent lines in the gift industry including exclusively West Coast gems this July during the Gift & Home Furnishings Market™ at the L.A. Mart®, Tuesday, July 15-Monday, July 21, 2008. The L.A. Mart hosts a week packed with the biggest lineup of the latest in gift and home furnishings as well as not-to-be missed special events and unparalleled buyer amenities.

[Temporaries @ L.A. Mart](#) is back from July 18-21 and will continue to bring buyers some of the hottest, most innovative lines available today. The L.A. Mart welcomes numerous new and returning exhibitors including: Home Décor Factory, Mark Cutler Design and Oopsy Daisy.

Allan H. Palacek, president of Palacek, will give the L.A. Mart's keynote presentation this Market with his "Growing Green: An Industry Leader" seminar on Friday, July 18 at 12 p.m. Attendees will learn how Palacek has explored exotic locales to find materials and inspiration for its collections. Long before "green" became a buzz word, Palacek recognized the possibilities of mixing and weaving an international palette of natural fibers into furniture, textiles and accessories that were distinctive, elegant and sustainable.

Additionally, making its way back to the L.A. Mart this July is Infinity Spa, L.A.'s premier mobile day spa. A popular break between schedules and appointments, the elegant Infinity Spa will pamper and relax you with treatments such as a massage or foot treatment. Mini-manicure available by appointment only. Walk-ins welcome, appointments preferred. Infinity Spa will be open daily during Market from 12-6 p.m.

As always, buyers traveling from all over – whether by air, train or car – will find the building's central location makes getting here a snap. Travel discounts, complimentary parking and shuttles and free taxis to and from Union Station are also offered to assist buyers.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS AND EVENTS:

Power Lunch Seminar Series

Fresh perspectives and trends by leaders in the industry, exclusively at L.A. Mart in July.

Hot Topics at Retail: Today and Beyond

Thursday, July 13, 12 p.m.

Complimentary boxed lunch served

Presented by Jenny Heinzen York, editor in chief, *Home Accents Today*

A lot of issues face the retail industry today — the environment, imports, the Internet, the state of the economy and more. What can retailers do to meet those challenges? Join Jenny Heinzen York and a panel of expert retailers as they explore these pressing issues. The presentation will

include exclusive data from *Home Accents Today* research, as well as insights and strategies for

success. Be prepared for a bright future with this thought-provoking forum.

Growing Green: An Industry Leader

Friday, July 18, 2008, 12 p.m.

Complimentary boxed lunch served to first 50 attendees

Presented by Allan H. Palecek, President of Palecek

Learn how industry leader Allan H. Palecek has explored exotic locales to find materials and inspiration for a collection celebrated for both its "eco-chic" and fashion-setting style. Long before "green" became ultra-fashionable, founder of the Bay Area-based company, Palecek, recognized the possibilities of mixing and weaving an international palette of natural fibers into furniture, textiles and accessories that were distinctive, elegant and sustainable. Over the last three decades, Palecek has set the standard for rattan and wicker, as well as pioneered the use of fast-growth hard wood, sea grass and Havana weaves to create handcrafted, ecology-friendly designs. Immediately following, please join Palecek for an after Power Lunch reception in Suite 1010, refreshments will be served.

The Ins and Outs of Eco-Luxury

Saturday, July 19, 12 p.m.

Complimentary boxed lunch served.

Presented by Timothy Corrigan

Join acclaimed designer Timothy Corrigan as he discusses current design trends and his signature look of *European Elegance Infused with California Casual*. Learn about his "Eco-Luxury" philosophy, in which environmental consciousness doesn't require sacrificing style, quality or effectiveness. You'll see proof that looking beautiful and taking care of the planet can go hand-in-hand. Noted for his distinctive flair for interior design, architecture and restoration, Timothy has been named by *Architectural Digest* and *The Robb Report* as one of the top designers in the world!

Timothy Corrigan Home, his line of eco-friendly home care products, signature candles, linens, and custom designed furniture and accessories, can be found at JDH, Suite 800

SHOWROOMS PRESENT

Enjoy complimentary events right inside the showrooms of your favorite companies.

Meet the Designer

Thursday, July 17, 1 p.m.

Refreshments and appetizers served.

Showroom Host: Eve Yun Designs

Presented by Eve Yun

Meet designer and artist, Eve Yun, and learn about her unique, hand-crafted, eco-friendly furniture collections. Eve Yun Designs specializes in organic, comfortable, contemporary furniture that is inspired by the Earth. Learn more about her mission of “bringing the outdoors in” and view her La Vein Aroma Rose Candle Collection.

Mary Carol Garrity Plate Signing – My House

Saturday, July 19, 2–4 p.m. Plate Signing

4:30 p.m. Anniversary Celebration

Showroom Host: My House, Suite 365, 312A

Presented by Mary Carol Garrity, owner of Nell Hill's retail stores

Dubbed as "one of the hottest little retailers" in America by *Forbes* magazine, Mary Carol Garrity is one of today's most sought-after lifestyle resources. With her own series of books, three retail

stores, a column syndicated weekly throughout the U.S., a line of home accents carried by 750 stores and custom paint colors, she is known for her elegant, but practical tips on everything from holiday decorating to stylish ways to entertain at home, setting tables and displays that wow guests with their inspiration and affordability. My House invites you to join Mary Carol Garrity, owner of Nell Hill's retail stores, for a very special plate signing.

Immediately following the plate signing, join My House as they celebrate their 30th anniversary. Enjoy amazing food and great music!

Book Signing

Saturday, July 19, 1–3 p.m.

Light refreshments will be served.

Showroom Host: Entertaining Creative & Fun, Inc., Suite 438

Despise Mondays? Meet authors Matthew Emerzian and Kelly Bozza and receive a free, autographed copy of their book, *Every Monday Matters: 52 Ways to Make a Difference*. In the book the pair will “do a total makeover on the bad image of Mondays and make that day mean something amazing, something incredible—something unbelievable. It's a perfect way to have a positive impact, get others involved, and make a difference in your life and the lives of others.” First 250 visitors get a free copy of their book while supplies last.

Surprise Meet and Greet

Mimosas and cappuccinos will be served

Showroom Host: Entertaining Creative & Fun, Inc., Suite 438

A surprise author from Howard Publishing will be making a very special appearance in Entertaining Creative and Fun, Inc., Suite 438, during the July Gift & Home Furnishings Market. Stay tuned for more details.

MARKET WEEK AMENITIES:

Late Nite Shopping

Friday, July 18 until 8 p.m.

Shop all the L.A. Mart has to offer on Friday, July 18. Enjoy, as always, two additional hours of your shopping experience accompanied by complimentary hors d'oeuvres on floors 1-10.

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2nd floor, July 18-21, 2 p.m.

Be sure to stop on the Temps floor for complimentary hors d'oeuvres and cocktails...California style.

Infinity Spa

Rejuvenate tired feet or freshen up your manicure at the elegant Infinity Spa. A popular break between schedules and appointments, the elegant Infinity Spa will pamper and relax you with treatments such as a massage or foot treatment. Mini-manicure available by appointment only. Walk-ins welcome, appointments preferred. Infinity Spa will be open daily during Market from 12 noon-6 p.m.

Lounge. At the L.A. Mart.

Open daily during Market, 9 a.m.–6 p.m.

The luxurious Lounge. At The L.A. Mart offers buyers a place to relax, regroup and refresh amid a busy Market day. With a convenient on-site business center, including computers, Internet access, fax and copy machine, you can also take care of business while you are away. Lounge. is yours to work or just relax and enjoy complimentary refreshments and snacks everyday during Market.

Transportation

In keeping with the L.A. Mart's goal of providing an overall seamless, convenient buyer experience during the Gift & Home Furnishings Market, there will be free intervenue shuttles between the L.A. Mart and the California Gift Show at the L.A. Convention Center from Friday, July 18-Monday, July 21. There is also free buyer and designer parking in the south and east

parking lots while space permits and free taxi rides to and from Union Station. **Morning and evening shuttle service will be provided from Tuesday, July 15-Monday, July 21 between the L.A. Mart and all downtown host hotels.**

Welcome Station

Start the day of shopping with complimentary coffee, water and goodies, served at the main lobby Welcome Station each morning starting at 8:30 a.m.

SHOW HOURS:

9 a.m.–6 p.m. Tuesday, July 15–Thursday, July 17

9 a.m.–8 p.m. Friday, July 18 **LATE NITE!**

9 a.m.–6 p.m. Saturday, July 19–Monday, July 21

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