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Engel expands jewelry business

Spunky bags, purses of all sizes added to inventory of Mi Tierra Designs

By KELLY GERLACH

At least once a year, Silvia Engel reinvents her business, Mi Tierra Designs. New inspiration strikes, she follows and offers customers unique, personalized creations and accessories to spice up their daily lives and add a little more culture and variety to the area.

“If I do the same thing year after year, I get bored. So do the customers,” she explained.

Her newest foray into design includes spunky yet fully functional bags as well as brass jewelry.

View and purchase these newest pieces during her spring sale Friday, March 27, from 1 to 7 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday, March 28 and 29, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

In addition to her one-of-a-kind, hand-fired dichroic glass pendants, earrings and Love Ashes, Engel will be showing her new brass jewelry designs and fabric bags.

Engel became an independent sales consultant for Bagolitas by Janice, a home party industry begun by a woman with interesting fabrics to spare and nothing to do with them.

Engel first noticed the bags while selling her jewelry at a craft fair a couple of years ago.

“I saw all these ladies carrying these cute little purses. What caught me was the cute little fringe on the top,” Engle recalled. “And I asked someone where they came from and it was from a woman in West Liberty whose husband didn’t like the fabric she was going to use to cover bar stools.”



MSP photo by Kelly Gerlach

Handbags of every shape and style – a woman’s dream. Silvia Engel is now an independent sales consultant for Bagolitas, which makes playful yet durable bags of all sizes. A sample of the bags is on display at Engel’s Mi Tierra Designs in Maquoketa. Customers can order a bag and receive a free small pendant during a sale next weekend at the studio.

So Silvia purchased her first bag...then her second...then her third. The unique style and mixture of fabrics, sizes and decorative touches – especially the fringe – made her fall in love.

“Then I thought, ‘Why not?’ They’re cute, they complement what I’m selling and they’re just cute.”



Contributed Photo

Brass combined with dichroic glass comprise one of the newest lines of jewelry on display and for sale at Mi Tierra Designs in Maquoketa.

Bag fabrics come in every color, pattern and texture imaginable, including solids, polka dots, stripes, florals, abstracts, squares, circles, animal prints, leaves and paisleys.

Find a bag, style and size to suit or go online to create a unique one.

People may visit Engel’s 210 W. Platt St. shop to look at samples of the bags and place an order there. Interested individuals may also call Engel to set up a home party to view the bags.

Or, they may visit the Bagolitas Web site at www.bagolitas.com, view the bags and place an order using her link. There, customers can customize their own bag, selecting their favorite mix of fabrics, accents, etc.

Engel said she is also concentrating on designing vintage brass jewelry. She’s been incorporat-

ing many of her dichroic glass pieces with the brass findings and such to create one-of-a-kind necklaces, bracelets, etc. She said these new pieces are selling well and are in relatively high demand.

She’s also continuing to locally and nationally market her Love Ashes, a special line of cremation jewelry keepsakes that may be worn as a necklace or mounted as a framed memorial. The dichroic pendant incorporates human or animal ashes as a tangible reminder of the deceased.

Cleanup requires permit

By DOUGLAS MELVOLD

Contractors who may wish to bid on the job of demolishing and cleaning up Maquoketa’s downtown fire site must obtain a permit even if they don’t plan to do the work themselves, Mayor Tom Messerli warned this week.

To qualify for the work, contractors must obtain from the Iowa Department of Natural Resources a permit for removing asbestos.

Messerli noted that the permit is required even if the contractor plans to subcontract the work to another firm.

He said the rules for removing asbestos have changed. He referred interested contractors to the DNR’s Manchester office for additional information, including details on how to obtain the permit. The requirement is listed in Chapter 88B.3A of the Iowa Code.

“Basically what the means for local contractors is you have to have a permit issued by the DNR or EPA to clean up this mess downtown,” Messerli said during a City Council meeting Monday night, March 16.

“I’m telling you now so you have time to get this paperwork,” he added, addressing contractors.

The mayor also gave an updated report on the status of arranging financing for clean-up of the debris from the January 2008 fire.

He said the Maquoketa Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors approved his request to give to the city \$5,189 in private dona-

Since the Maquoketa artist returned from vacation with hundreds of shells, look for those to show up in another upcoming jewelry line in her studio.

Everything will be on display and available for purchase (excluding actual Bagolitas, which will be on display but must be ordered) during Mi Tierra Designs’ sale next weekend. Contact Silvia Engel for more information.

tions designated for the fire clean-up to pay for bid specifications for the project.

City Manager Brian Wagner said he has asked Snyder & Associates, a Cedar Rapids engineering firm, to provide an estimate for drawing up the specifications.

He said the city’s engineering firm, IIW Engineers & Surveyors of Dubuque, withdrew from the project as the firm doesn’t have expertise in asbestos removal work.

Messerli also reported that the Maquoketa Industrial Development Assistance Service board met last week is arranging to have the building it owns at the northeast corner of South Main and Pleasant streets tested for asbestos.

The MIDAS board plans to demolish that building and level the site as part of the overall clean-up project. MIDAS, an industrial development arm of the city, will use its own funds for that project.

The mayor also said the MIDAS board agreed to help provide financing for the project in case the city’s application for a grant of up to \$200,000 from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is turned down.

Messerli has proposed that any financing needed to cover a shortfall if the EPA grant is unsuccessful come in from a combination of MI-