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## Summer abounds with seasonal choices



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Memorial Day weekend: Time to get out those white clothes. Wait, this is Palm Beach, where wearing white is acceptable year-round. Scratch that.

Memorial Day weekend: Heading north? Pack those white clothes. They are now acceptable for wear until Labor Day.

### Artful sweaters

New York painter Laurance Rassin, 41, made his debut as a fashion designer this past winter, showing his collection of dresses and separates at the Mar-a-Lago Club (where his mother is, conveniently, a member) and informally during March's Palm Beach Fashion Week opener at the Trump International Ballroom.

What makes Rassin's clothes interesting are the prints, which replicate imagery from his widely exhibited canvases. They impressed John de Medeiros enough to add Rassin to the stable of designers showcased at the de Medeiros International Boutique in the 150 Worth complex.

Rassin has extended his collection to include lightweight cashmere intarsia tunics and dresses featuring prints from a tapestry painting he did, which de Medeiros says women are flipping for whenever they pass through his premises. The cashmere pieces, \$950 for a V-neck dress, \$800 for a tunic top, are being produced in a limited edition of 500. Each is numbered and signed by Rassin.

### Fit feet

It's strappy sandal and flip-flop season. The Babor Institut, 340 Royal Poinciana Plaza, has launched a new "Feetness" repertoire that focuses on beautifying and improving the health and well-being of those dogs of yours, which during the dog days may need a little refreshing.

The recommended cure includes newly launched several products, which are to be used twice a week.

Refreshing Bath (200 ml for \$16) is made with blue cypress oil and aloe vera to promote skin regeneration and to moisturize.

Hand & Feet Sugar Peeling (200 ml for \$28) isn't just for the feet, as its name portends. The oil-based exfoliant is said to be gentle and softening, with the same regeneration and moisturizing outcome from the product's blue cypress oil and aloe vera ingredients.

Callus Remover Fluid (six ampules for \$16) softens the calluses that develop, especially in warm weather, and conditions the feet and leaves them feeling fresh and clean.



(enlarge photo)

Bunny & Chad tote bags are intended for preppers who frequent Palm Beach-style watering holes.



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Laurance Rassin's new limited-edition cashmere intarsia sweaters are available at the John de Medeiros International Boutique.

Vitalizing Cream & Mask (200 ml for \$24) softens rough areas of skin and makes the foot surface feel more supple.

The products will be available starting Friday at Babor.

Smell of success

For the 35th time, it's time for the FiFi Awards, The Fragrance Foundation's annual event to honor the fragrance industry's creative achievements. The winners will be announced Thursday during ceremonies in The Winter Garden at World Financial Center in Manhattan.

Among those competing for fragrance of the year FiFis in select categories are:

Armani Code for Women (Giorgio Armani Parfums), Burberry London for Women (P&G Prestige/Burberry Fragrances), Donna Karan Gold Eau de Parfum (Donna Karan Cosmetics), Juicy Couture (Liz Claiborne Cosmetics) and Vera Wang Princess (Coty Prestige) in the Women's Luxe category.

Calvin Klein euphoria for Men (Coty Prestige), Polo Double Black (Ralph Lauren Fragrances), Prada (Puig USA), Terre d'Hermès (Hermès) and Unforgivable by Sean John (Sean John Fragrances/Estée Lauder) in the Men's Luxe category.



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Babor Institut is launching a group of products that are meant to improve the look and health of feet.

### Resort tote

Designer Rebecca Ryan lives in Boston and Miami Beach, but her heart is in Nantucket and Palm Beach, which she sees as the ultimate destinations for her Bunny & Chad canvas totes with decorative grosgrain ribbons and embroidered rabbit-and-heart logo. She's even considering moving her headquarters north to the island from South Beach, where her preppy self must feel a little bit out of place, to say the least.

The bags come in two sizes, priced at \$55 or \$65, and can be purchased only through Ryan's online store, [www.bunnyandchad.com](http://www.bunnyandchad.com).

Her company, Bunny & Chad, is named for "that quintessentially preppy couple," she said. "They summer on Nantucket, winter in Palm Beach and wear pastels and seersucker throughout the year."

No Memorial Day to Labor Day rules for these types, eh Rebecca?