

Branch Out

In 2003, David Wiseman admired his heroes' work at the Cooper-Hewitt's National Design Triennial. Now the Pasadena-bred artist is one of the exhibition's featured designers. Working close to home, Wiseman recently completed an installation in the dining room of Anne Crawford and Dudley de Zonia's L.A. house (pictured right). "It's very couture," says Crawford. "Even the most jaded walk into the room and say, 'It's ravishing.'" Wiseman's work—which includes faceted porcelain vases and a new line of crystal decanters for Artel—gives natural forms a contemporary edge. "It's not this really obvious *trompe l'oeil*," says Phillips London Managing Director Rodman Primack, who now represents the artist. "It's more artistic than decorative." 310-659-5743. STEFFIE NELSON



CITRUS SENSATION

Californians practically live outside, so it only makes sense that a shop celebrating al fresco living would make its way to Venice's trendy Abbot Kinney. In August, outdoor enthusiast Karla Stevens opened **Patio Culture**, a haven of custom-made cushions, pillows, market umbrellas and accessories. 310-314-9700; patioculture.com. VICTORIA NAMKUNG



On the Waterfront

Interior designer Suzanne Ascher and partner Jill Johnson opened Manhattan Beach's **Waterleaf Interiors** last July in the new Metlox Center just blocks from the Pacific. "People in this town love it here and don't want to leave to find great things," explains Ascher, a Long Island native and veteran of Ralph Lauren. So along with Johnson, a former fashion designer, Ascher has brought in art from S.F. designer Beth Weintraub, tabletop pieces from Match, John Derian decoupage and enough custom lighting and case goods to keep the homes in this charming beach community well furnished. 1210 Morningside Dr., Manhattan Beach, 310-545-3175. V.N.

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IN WINE WE TRUST



André de Baubigny originally founded **Vintrust**, a full-service wine management company, to handle his own collection. The S.F.-based company (an L.A. outpost opens this spring) monitors fine vintages for more than 2,000 clients and their multi-million-dollar cellars. Collections can be supervised online, whether stored at home or at Vintrust's state-of-the-art facility in Napa. And Vintrust's sommeliers can provide advice on everything from wines to buy and sell to what pairs best with a particular filet. vintrust.com. AMY GURVITZ

