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Step Up to Art

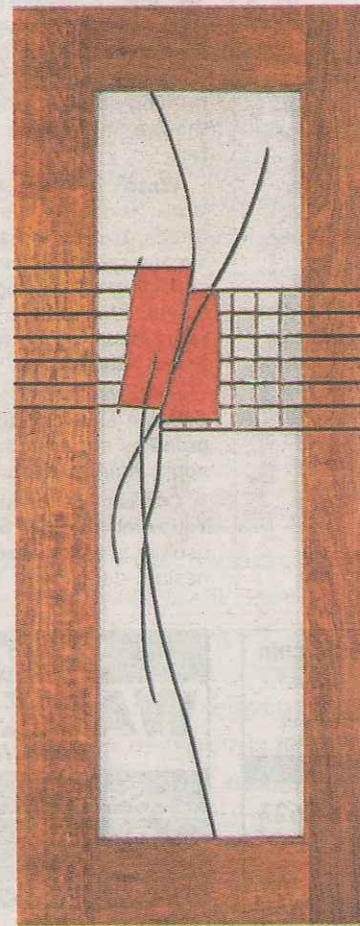
You don't have to be rich to surround yourself with original works of art, from stairs to chairs.
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With the palette
of artists featured
in Florida Craftsmen
Gallery's newest
exhibit, homeowners
can find true
self-expression.

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ART DECO DOOR
Larry Roofner,
Grand Entrance Custom Doors

Larry's a woodworker and glass artist in Windermere. This door is made from rosewood inlaid with ebony and German mouth-blown glass, which he likes because of its sparkle. The leaded lines extending into the wood are an Asian flourish. See more of Larry's work at www.artistdoors.com or the Expo Design Centers in Orlando and Naples.

BLUE ELEPHANTS
Robert Epstein, High Stone Studio

Created to hang on a wall indoors or out, this bas relief sculpture is made of a special fortified plaster painted with a bronze finish. It's about 18 by 24 inches. Robert is currently working on his largest project, a 30-foot-tall abstract piece celebrating the spirit of flight. It's scheduled to be installed in mid-November at the new Avion Park Westshore hotel and retail complex. See it from the air as you



ROLLING TARGETS
Catherine Woods, C Glass Studio

These tiles, installed above a home's fireplace, are fused glass, a technique that saturates the glass with color that is uninterrupted by leaded lines — "pure color as sculpture." See more of Woods' work at www.cglasstudio.com, or the Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority lobby, where "Agnis Motion" also fused

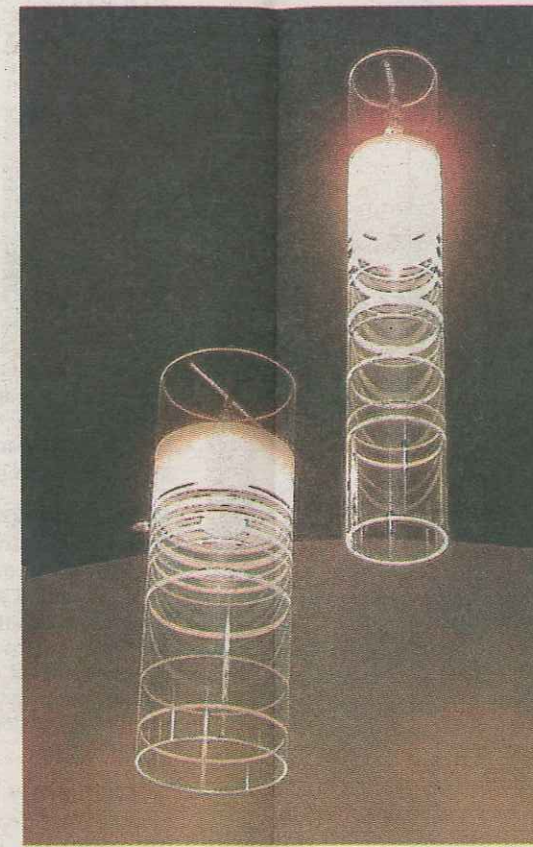
By PENNY CARNATHAN
The Tampa Tribune

Some people like the familiar — the same looks and brands they see in their friends' homes and favorite department stores.

Others long for the original. They get a rush of joy at the sight of a lamp that is more sculpture than lighting fixture, a lamp like none other they've ever seen.

They would love to surround themselves with works of art like that, but who can afford them?

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LUCIANO LIGHT
William Stack, Stack Design

The Luciano was a custom design for Grille One Sixteen restaurant in Carrollwood. Owner Terence Terenzi wanted something "completely original," so Stack and his associates designed a cluster of 22 acrylic tubes, each with a unique etching of rings that appear to be falling from the ceiling. By company custom, the originating client got to name the design. Terenzi named his light for his mother, whose maiden name was Luciano.

Stack Design continues to produce the fixture as a numbered series. Stack is an artisan, designer and fabricator, creating architectural components and modern furniture at his Ybor City company. Visit www.stackdesign.com.

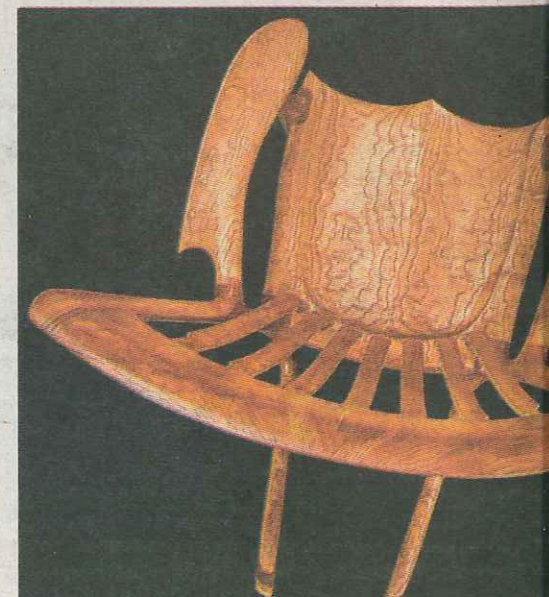
SURFER MOSAIC
Joshua Johnson, JMJ Tile

This 2-by-12-foot mosaic created from about 6,900 hand-made tiles was installed as a Jacuzzi backsplash at a private residence. Joshua creates individual tiles in the arts and crafts-era style of the early 20th century, and sells individual tiles as well as commissioning murals. His studio is in Holmes Beach on Anna Maria Island. See more of his work at www.jmjtile.com.



SCULPTURED KAURI WOODEN ROCKERS
Larry Roofner, Grand Entrance Custom Doors

Larry's other specialty is sculptured rocking chairs made of figured hardwoods — woods with "wild grains," such as walnut and maple. They're a variation of the design created by worker Sam Maloof. The rockers are custom-made in the workshop to suit the rockee, for example, a higher seat for a long-legged



Photos from Florida Craftsman

They can, and so can you, says Maria Emilia, executive director of Florida Craftsmen Inc., a nonprofit association for fine craft art.

"A lot of people think commissioning a lamp would be cost prohibitive," says Emilia, who's also a painter. "It's hardly ever more expensive than buying from a department store. And sometimes it's less. When you buy something ready made, you get what they did. If you commission, there is a selection process. You make choices about what you want.

"A work of art is just as much fun, and a lot more fun, and with something of more meaning. Lifestyle art is the opening Friday at Florida Craftsmen Klein Family Gallery. Details and Other Design showcases the work of 30 Florida artists, plus Youth Arts Corps. Along with introducing people who can turn their house into original