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TOKENS OF AFFECTION

Lose yourself in a world infused with the frills and frills of Victorian valentines. Winged cherubs, doilies, and daisies—we can think of nothing more romantic than these nostalgic expressions of love.

COUNTDOWN TO MIDNIGHT

Instead of a night out, why not host a cozy, festive party at home to celebrate the new year? We have everything you'll need to plan an unforgettable affair, from menu ideas to décor inspiration and all the details in between.

FLOWERS IN THE SNOW

From diaphanous silk skirts to plush fleece-lined cotton pullovers, the beautiful fashions at White Flowers are endlessly inspiring. Explore the serene all-white designs found inside this one-of-a-kind shop.

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The Elegance of Black & White

Although we love bright colors and vibrant hues, in the quiet of winter, sometimes the absence of color is the most stunning. These companies understand the beauty of this simplicity.

Maine Oyster, a shop based in Portland, Maine, offers lovely jewelry, clothing, gifts, and home accessories. Although the brick-and-mortar shop recently closed, the store's Web site includes a beautiful selection,

such as freshwater-pearl necklaces, ocean-fresh potpourri, cozy throws, and oil paintings by a local artist.

Owner Jeannie Koby carefully selects each item for Piccolo, a Carmel, California, shop. Among the unique wares are handblown glassware from the Czech Republic, French chandeliers, local artisans' creations, cards, and books. The eclectic merchandise appeals to sophisticated local customers, as well as to Carmel's many visitors from around the world.

Spencer House Antiques, based in Denver, Colorado, offers hard-to-find Victorian furniture, silver, textiles, and more. Owners Kimberly Tennison and Mike Sharp journey to England several times a year in search of unusual items for the shop. For more information, visit www.antique-row.com/spencerhouseantiques.

Kelle Anne McCarter spent most of her life on a golf course, but it was her "secret passion" for calligraphy that led her to found her graphic design company, designsgirl, in 2003. "I love hand lettering wedding invitations and incorporating calligraphic elements into logos," Kelle Anne says.

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