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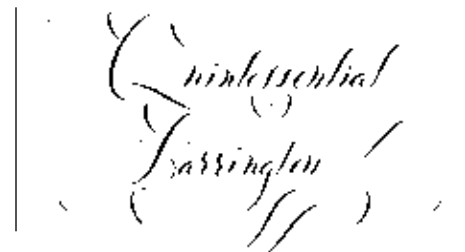
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TT Patton Hosts World-Renowned Calligrapher at Grand Opening



TT Patton, a stationery boutique located in Barrington's Ice House Mall, is the second store to carry Bernard Maisner's new product line of exquisite hand calligraphy and hand-painted boxed stationery. TT Patton owner Theresa Patton discovered his products while shopping at New York City's Bergdorf Goodman, the only store to carry his products at the time. Maisner not only introduced his line to TT Patton, but also joined TT Patton's lovely grand opening, February 12, that included Patton's family and guests, a jazz trio, and a spirit of celebration. Guests enjoyed the opportunity to meet Maisner, and to receive his personal gift of having their name penned as a keepsake.

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Top of the Line

Even the visually extraordinary words penned by Bernard Maisner are not enough to describe his unparalleled, world-renowned talent in the art of calligraphy. Also a painter, Maisner applies a masterful, sweeping brushstroke to every letter he creates. His unique lettering is a modernized and personalized combination of 18th century European Copperplate, and 19th century American Spencerian handwriting methods.

Maisner's lettering isn't the only thing that has "flourishing" written all over it. Long sought-after for one-of-a-kind weddings and special events, with many clients and event planners in the Chicago area, his expanding career includes endless recognition from

magazines such as *Town & Country*, *The New York Times*, *Elegant Bride*, *House Beautiful*, *In Style*, and *O (Oprah)*. Martha Stewart describes Maisner's work as 'the most beautiful calligraphy I have ever seen.' Movies have featured Maisner's hand, writing live on-screen, in films such as *Sleepy Hollow*, *Finding Forrester*, and *The Age of Innocence*.

A new direction for Maisner's work includes a growing list of international requests for his products that are taking new shape. Beginning in May, Tiffany's Fifth Avenue windows, in New York City, will display lamp shades, shoji screens, and umbrellas, all bearing Maisner's fine art of lettering. As Maisner told us, "I want to take writing off of the page."

His plan is to expand his work from his exquisite stationery product line to newer personal and home design elements.

In addition to a personal collection of pens, nibs, and ink, which can be found in his studio in New York City, Maisner enjoys being on the lookout for antique writing instruments. The antique monogram handles he finds are mounted together with Maisner's custom designed monograms for his clients to press into hot wax. Maisner doesn't keep his unique knowledge to himself; he also writes a bimonthly column for *Stylus*, the fine pen magazine. ••• To learn more, visit www.bernardmaisner.com.

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TT Patton is a creative atmosphere that stimulates an interest in fine stationery and journal writing. Theresa Patton's vision for TT Patton is "to create a destination that invites you to linger and browse journals, photo albums, pens, and other accessories, or to sit and write a note to a special friend." Most of TT Patton's products are specially designed and printed by fine artists and include an exceptional assortment for everyone. TT Patton's merchandise is displayed on uniquely-designed doors and ancient Asian furnishings; if you happen to fall in love with them, note that they are for sale.

Theresa Patton's encouragement for journaling can be found in the writing seminars she offers. TT Patton has a monthly journal club, "Write With Us," that meets in the boutique with complementary books also focused on creative writing, such as "Keeping a Journal You Love," by Sheila Bender.

Personalized services offered at TT Patton are available for the busy hostess or corporate executive wanting to make a great impression with hand-addressed envelopes and custom-designed services. For those who do have time to write a note, stop by and enjoy the relaxing writing space provided, and then have your note completed with sealing wax and postage on the spot.

TT Patton is open Mon-Fri, 9:30-5:30pm (Thurs- open until 8pm); Sat, 9:30-5:30 and Sun, 12-4pm. Ph: 847-277-0073. Visit www.ttpatton.com U