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EXTRA

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are stars!

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charity

local fundraising
for breast cancer
research

PEARL
PARTIES

how about a pearl party?

MASTERS
GAMES IN
ALICE

sunday
sidewalk sales

sun 14 dec & sun 22 feb

*Panda Pearls
australia*



'Sunday Sidewalk Sale' Bigger and Better in 2009

The love affair with Nundah continues with our Sidewalk Sales becoming an institution. Our gorgeous regulars including Mary, Judy, Robyn and Sue have found an array of treasures for home and garden. Where else on a Sunday morning in Brisbane could you grab a coffee en route to purchase your marble topped iron table, antique fob watch, 1920's trombone, 50's coral lamp, ex DJ display tigers (lifesize), stuffed & mounted wall pheasants and another set of antlers to add to the collection!

THANK YOU EXTRA

For the rare few of you who missed us... Helen and Amanda are stars!! Thank you to all our loyal customers and friends for capping off a very busy year and enabling us to get the attention of **Channel 9's EXTRA program**. You could not fit a cigarette paper in the shop the day after the show went to air! People came from suburbs we had never heard of! The shop door swung open like a western saloon bar with one woman rushing over by taxi as she simply had to have an antique silver fob enhancer!!! Megan and her mum Helen did a great job being interviewed by Doug Murray. Queenies Teahouse got in on the action bringing down a divine afternoon tea and even Millie starred on the day! A great effort by all.

PEARLS FOR CHARITY

It takes special people to throw themselves in wholeheartedly to raise funds for charity. PandaPearls are humbled by the efforts of so many who donate their time to raffle, fundraise and support worthy causes. Congratulations to Maria, Narelle, Ilona, Leonie and all the girls (pictured) for getting together on a stormy night in Shorncliffe to raise funds for Breast Cancer Research. **Great costumes girls!**



OPEN NOW SATURDAY!

You asked and open we are from 9am - 12pm. We are also very flexible and will meet you by appointment over the weekend, especially for wedding pearls!

keppell sands pearl party

Pearl Parties can be quite stressful, especially when you've fly to beautiful parts of Australia, meet great ladies, raise funds for worthy causes and then get whisked aboard for a daytrip to the likes of Great Keppell Island! It's tough and a big thank you to Pam and Brian Foley and friends in Keppell Sands, Yeppoon and Rocky for arranging a lovely pearl party in the local town hall. Kathryn joined me again (no Albert appeared this time!) and she got to experience her first ever snorkelling experience on the Great Barrier Reef! Imagine, she's now closer to 70 than 50 and her first time out on a Mustang!



PEARLS OF WISDOM

Did you know...

The Roman General Vitellius financed an **entire military campaign** from the sale of one of his mothers's pearl earrings.

In the **dark ages**, knights wore pearls onto the battlefield to protect them from harm.

antique enhancer anyone?



Finding treasures is my greatest pleasure and parting with them can often be hard! Ask Mrs Moody from St Margaret's, my old German teacher who had to state, "for heavens sake Amanda you can borrow it back!" I loved that antique sterling medallion which I'd had a giant cats eye mounted on the shield! Divine! Some recent standouts include the Masonic photo ball, WW1 Trench Compass, Victorian chatelaine and the set of handpainted French 18th century bedhead porcelain miniatures!

Cleopatra served a pearl at the most celebrated banquet in history. Having wagered Marc Antony that Egypt could host the most expensive dinner, Cleopatra faced him with an empty plate and a goblet of wine. She crushed one of a pair of large pearl earrings into the goblet and drank it! *What a sexy woman!*



what is a pearl party?

It is a privilege to be asked into peoples homes, to schools and even aged care facilities all because of your fascination with pearls. PandaPearls travel from Alice to Kalgoorlie, Townsville to Great Keppell, Wellington to Scone all because somebody wanted to introduce the magical world of pearls to their friends. Every Pearl Party is unique but if you can organise a group of friends, say a work gathering or a charity do, we can come along at our own expense and help provide some fun! Kath and I require:

- ✔ A minimum of 20 people with an interest in pearls, antique jewellery or both!
- ✔ A table for us to set up our antique bamboo display (pictured left)
- ✔ A copy of the invitation so we know what we're in for
- ✔ Advise the local newspaper details in case we supplement our time with an advertisement to entice more to view the stock!

Email panda.pearls@bigpond.com for bookings and enquiries.

PANDA PALS

It's important in small business to help other like-minded businesses who have had the courage to take a chance on our little Village!

Miss Maisie's gourmet preserves is proving a winner! Particularly the Date and Apple Chutney! Perfect with roast meat, on a cheese platter or as Amanda has been known to do... eat half a jar with an equal amount of red

wine! Susan has packaged a range of gourmet hampers which include her beetroot, gourmet BBQ relishes and sweet mustard pickles! Individual jars from \$4, hampers from \$10. They make great Christmas gifts for staff and stocking stuffers!

Nundah Co-op Café, a not-for-profit organisation that employs people with learning difficulties. Located in Station Street, the food is divine with gourmet salads, risotto bake, vege lasagna and incredible gluten free choices of desserts. Inexpensive and clean food, a little bit of Melbourne in the Village!

Martin Galleries... A wonderful addition to Nundah officially opened with a six corridor gallery in Aspinal Street, directly opposite PandaPearls. Offering a range of contemporary Australian Art, Pete has moved from Hamilton. Another string in Nundah's bow! Opening hours Wed to Fri 10-6, Wknd 10-4.





Masters Games in Alice!

Being the athletic types we are, Kath and I literally had to return to Alice for the World Masters Games! PandaPearls were invited to hold a pearl party at the Governor's Residence that hosted the Queen no less in 1964! Alice was pumping with 10,000 over 35's in town not just for the sporting events! The town went nuts, Dawn Fraser competed to uphold her record and Daryl Somers popped up everywhere! Thank you to the gorgeous Anita and Mignon who know everybody in town and spread the word. Special mention to our friend Rosemary Wiese and her 'Licorice Allsorts Team' (pictured) who competed in the Netball Division and got us into the opening party! Hello to Cyril and thank you for the Aboriginal Art insight.

We're looking forward to returning to our 'favourite Town'!



EXTENDED CHRISTMAS HOURS
Mon to Fri 9 - 6
Sat 9 - 12

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UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL

Amanda

Favorite lolly Licorice Allsorts

Favorite thing to do
Treasure Hunt at Antique Markets

5 famous dead people you would invite to dinner Cleopatra, Coco Chanel, Simon Weisenthal, Amelia Erhardt, Captain Cook

Helen

Favorite lolly Chico Babies

Favorite thing to do
Walk barefoot in thick grass, pick Melbourne Cup Winners

5 famous dead people you would invite to dinner Florence Broadhurst, Jackie Onassis, Harold Holt, Beatrix Potter, Graham Kennedy

Need to thank hardworking staff or suck up to your kids teacher?

NEW Pearl Stock in the NICK of time for Christmas! Seen the classic white, rose pink or champagne pearl bracelets from only \$50 boxed!?

How about the rainbow set of multicoloured dancing pearls, wrapped in tissue paper from only \$30? One of the most popular is the chunky silver and pearl charm bracelets @ only \$50.

PandaPearls can provide corporate Gifts or perhaps just that special thank you for staff from only \$10. Our drop pearl and stud earrings are lovely and come giftwrapped with our guarantee of exchange, if required!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



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| Warwick Antiques Fair | 14 February |
| Sunday Sidewalk Sale | 22 February |
| Collectorama | 7 March |
| Ipswich Antiques Fair | 28 March |
| Aladdins Collectables Fair | 29 March |
| Toowoomba Antiques Fair | 4 & 5 April |
| BEEF Expo Rockhampton | 1 - 6 May |
| Dalby Antiques Fair | 23 May |
| Nudgee Antiques Fair | 27 June |
| South Burnett Antiques Fair | 3 October |
| Ipswich Antiques Fair | 31 October |

notice

Merry Christmas, a safe, healthy and Happy New Year to all of you who have kept a little business going through often turbulent economic times. Thanks again for your interest in PandaPearls Australia and SIVAD Designs. Helen, Mill and I hope to see many of you at the next "Sunday Sidewalk Sale" in February '09. Please note that we all take a well deserved break with the **shop closed for trading in January**. You can of course contact us to make a private appointment if needs be!