

Annieglass open on Santana Row

Store in upscale shopping center features luxury glass tableware

Staff report

SAN JOSE » Annieglass, the award-winning glass design company that started in Santa Cruz in 1983, is opening a retail store Friday at Santana Row in San Jose.

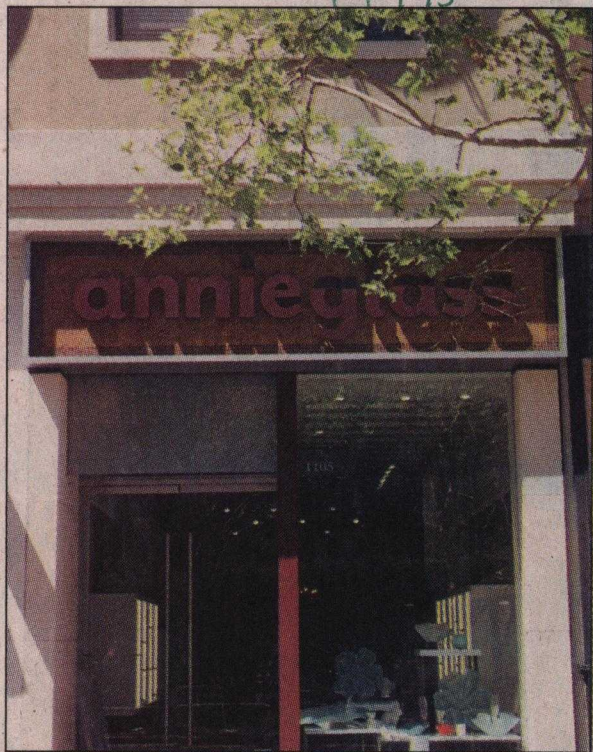
The new shop features full collections of luxury glass tableware designed by artist Annie Morhauser and handcrafted by her team of artisans at a production studio in Watsonville using a special “slumping” process she pioneered to ensure dishwasher safety and durability.

The store also carries jewelry from Alexis Bitar, Philippa Roberts, Michael Vincent Michaud and Mickey Lynn, plus Morhauser's choice of fair trade and upcycled collections.

Morhauser tapped the Santa Cruz design team of Timerie Gordon and Nielsen Architects to create a space where “Audrey Hepburn meets Amy Winehouse,” elegant yet edgy. The designers used raw cypress to create what Morhauser calls a playful mix of texture and materials.

Annieglass is in the Smithsonian Museum of American Art's permanent collection, and this year won the Green Award for Eco-Sustainability at the 26th Annual ARTS Awards.

The Annieglass production studio at 310 Harvest Drive in Watsonville remains open to the public with a retail store, Pour & Tour wine tastings and studio tours every weekend. There's also an organic farm stand. Details: annieglass.com.



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Annieglass occupies Suite 1105 at Santana Row.