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Robert ParkeHarrison: The Architect's Brother / 18 Sept–2 Jan / DeCordova / Lincoln, MA

Sometimes the best way to deal with disturbing thoughts is to confront them directly. When it comes to society's ill effects on the earth, Robert ParkeHarrison does just that. In collaboration with his wife, Shana, ParkeHarrison fuses performance, sculpture, photography, and painting to create large-scale, image-based narratives that cast himself as an Everyman pitted against a nature marred by human folly. www.decordova.org



Fast wineglasses / By Cedric Spottes

In most city apartments, it's barely possible to find kitchen storage space for one set of plates, much less the wine connoisseur's requisite cache of glasses for each kind of grape. Now Montreal designer Cedric Spottes has created an array of subtly biased multitasking glasses that provide service for all types of liquids without compromising cupboard space. spottesdesign.com



Rugs / By Peddada

"It's too bad we have to walk on a work of art. Or perhaps this is the ultimate luxury," says Raju Peddada, founder and head designer of Peddada rugs, which are tufted and knotted using top-of-the-line silks and wools. More than 65 colors and 30 styles are available in new modern collections: Signature, Euclid, and ColeWalk. The pieces are all Rugmark-certified—guaranteeing no children helped weave them. www.peddada.com



Season's Greetings: The Art of the Aluminum Christmas Tree / By J. Stronin and J. Lindemann / Melcher Media / \$25.95
Aluminum Christmas trees are a burnished breed that would make any others, deciduous or coniferous, green with envy. These metallic burlaps outdo their time, but like all things Aquarian their edges had died by the '60s. This book is one step in reviving the yuletide kitsch that pushed out the pine and reflected the holiday law. www.melcher.com



Josef and Anni Albers: Design for Living / 1 Oct–27 Feb / Cooper-Hewitt, National Design Museum / New York, NY

The Albers were one of the most influential design duos, and the Cooper-Hewitt pays them fitting homage in this new exhibit of their modern domestic creations from the '20s through the '50s. Both are known for their affiliation with the Bauhaus; Josef is most recognized by his yen for the square, while Anni is considered to be one of the foremost textile artists of the 20th century. www.ndm.usda.edu