

A photograph of Bill Clinton, smiling, wearing a dark blue polo shirt and dark trousers with a belt. He is standing outdoors, leaning against a tree trunk on the left. In the background, there is a white helicopter and a blue sky with clouds. The magazine title 'TOWN & COUNTRY' is printed in large white letters across the top, with 'PHILANTHROPY ISSUE' above it. A red diagonal banner in the top right corner says 'WEDDINGS & BEAUTY SPECIAL'. Various headlines are placed around the image, separated by red horizontal lines.

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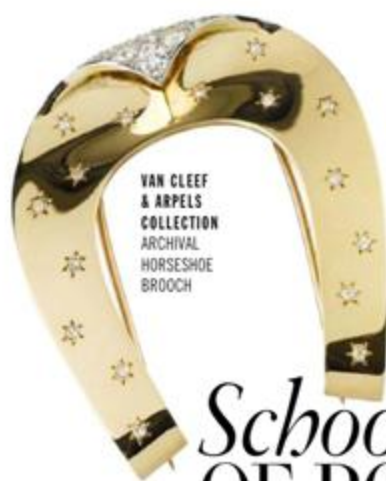
BILL CLINTON:
HE WHEELS,
HE DEALS,
HE MAKES
A BIG
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SALMA HAYEK
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ONE
WOMAN'S
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GIVE BACK,
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REALLY
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School OF ROCKS

HOW DOES ONE PREPARE FOR JEWELRY UNIVERSITY? A CRASH COURSE IN ANCIENT MYTH, SECRET MEANING, AND THE SYMBOLISM OF STONES.

Keith Richards is a student of Herodotus. That fact might explain his impressive collection of skull rings—just one of the nuggets I gleaned from a class in talismanic jewelry at the Van Cleef & Arpels L'Ecole in Paris. (Skull rings turn out to be rooted

in the ancient practice of memento mori.) I was also schooled in why bats are Chinese good luck charms, why samurais painted

VAN CLEEF & ARPELS EMERALD EARRINGS (PRICE ON REQUEST), VANCLEEFARPELS.COM



BEAUTY NOTE The season for earthy stews may be coming to a close, but a humble herb garden staple is having its moment in the skincare aisle. Rosemary, which figures in REVISION SKINCARE DEJ CREAM (\$120, REVISIONSKINCARE.COM), NUDE PROGENIUS RESCUE OIL (\$78, SEPHORA.COM), and TAMMY FENDER PURIFYING LUCULENT MASQUE (\$215, TAMMYFENDER.COM), acts as both an antioxidant and a circulation booster. "It brings essential nutrients and oxygen directly to the cells," says Fender, who also touts its mental health bona fides. "On an energetic level, it instills an easeful clarity of mind."

dragonflies on their swords, and why every soldier should consider wearing a three-stone spinel brooch into battle.

The four-hour class, part of the L'Ecole curriculum, is lecture-focused but heavy on student participation. (At the end, each pupil sketches a personal talisman.) The school, established in 2012, will set up for two weeks this June at New York's Cooper Hewitt Museum; there will be classes in the sketching and creation of jewelry as well as more historical choices, like a talisman class and one on the Art Nouveau movement. I've done both types and prefer the latter. I found it frustrating to measure dimensions in my sketch and to wield jewelers' tools—my butterfly model was a poor reflection on the capabilities of the Van Cleef workshop. But give me a great teacher, like the one at L'Ecole who spun tales of the magic of the green stones in the Crown of the Andes, or

of the scarabs that changed Napoleon's luck, and I'm rapt for hours. JUNE 4-18; FOR MORE INFORMATION GO TO US.LECOLE.VANCLEEFARPELS.COM S, V.

CLASS NOTES

A CHEAT SHEET ON THE POWERS OF GEMS, MEANT TO INFLUENCE FUTURE JEWELRY PURCHASES.



MALACHITE
Healing properties are ascribed to all green stones; this is a current favorite. KARA ROSS BRACELET (\$33,395), NEIMANMARCUS.COM.



PEACOCK
When Zeus tried to kill Argos, Hera turned him into a peacock—and the bird a symbol of immortality. ELIZABETH LOCKE BROOCH (\$8,775), NEIMANMARCUS.COM.

SKULL
Herodotus, Plato, and Tibetan monks claimed its powers long before Keith Richards. AMEDEO RING (\$6,300), MYAMEDEO.COM.



CARTIER CORAL LADYBUG BROOCHES (FROM \$8,800), FD-GALLERY.COM



AMBER
Thought to give off the force of life, protect children, and heal joint problems. SYLVA & CIE EARRINGS (\$6,000), MITCHELLS, 203-227-5165.

AQUAMARINE
A sailor's good luck talisman. Works for even mere mortals traveling over water. VERDURA BROOCH (\$67,000), VERDURA.COM.

