

# Christa’s seashell jewelry returns to Palm Beach

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Artist Christa Wilm makes large seashell installations, along with household items and jewelry.

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Former Palm Beacher Christa Wilm may have left the island but her seashell creations remain by the shore. Since **closing her store on Antique Row** in West Palm Beach, she has focused her time on making seashell installations for hotels and businesses around South Florida as well as creating jewelry collections.



Christa's South Seashells can be seen in Palm Beach homes, businesses and hotels such as The Breakers. The resort's spa has a sculpture of Hygeia, the ancient goddess of health, encrusted with seashells from oceans around the world. The shells are used for her new focus: earrings.



Christa's South Seashells debuts an earring collection at a trunk show in Collective at the Royal Poinciana Plaza.

What's the hardest part of making seashell earrings? Finding a similar pair, Wilm says. Yet, she manages to do it and combines the shells with precious stones, fossils and rare pieces. Each earring's tags show what year and where the shells were found along with how deep they were in the ocean.

"I adore the imperfection in them," Wilm said. "I love the juxtaposition of a rustic piece mixed with formal precious gems."

Find the collection at [Maris Collective](#) on 340 Royal Poinciana Way, Suite 329. The store plans to carry Christa's South Seashells jewelry, picture frames, book ends and mini Hygeia statues for the next two months.



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