

favorite things

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Summertime's rising temperatures inspire a slower pace and a return to old-school pastimes: lemonade, large hats and love letters penned at leisure. Look to **Any Butler Sunblooms** stationery sets to revive at least one of those lost rituals and bring blooming color to your writing desk. (\$14.95, Bucks County Dry Goods, Palmer Square, Princeton)



Feeling blasé about yet another backyard barbecue? This summer, trade potato salad for *petit fours* with the help of tea goddess Tracy Stern's new tome on tea that calls for heaping spoonfuls of fun and very little fuss. (\$27.50, **Tea Party** by Tracy Stern, Barnes & Noble, Princeton MarketFair)



Cheery cherry red turns up the fun factor on an ensemble. For a splash of this innocently wanton hue, pick up **Poppy Couture's fold over clutch** in deep red (\$350, visit poppiecouture.com for retail information).



Didi Dunphy charms us again with her I-only-have-eyes-for-you **Convenience Chair**. Good for new love, old love or any ironic moments in between. (\$4,300, Modern Convenience, 706-255-3224)

For 75-minutes of skin-hydrating bliss, stop by **Blossom Spa** in Newtown for their signature Luxe facial. The deep steam, pore-cleansing and acupressure massage leave you fresh as the morning dew thanks to Sonya Dakar botanical products. A light makeup application afterward hides any noticeable extractions and preps you for a night on the town. (\$105, 13 S. State St., Newtown)



Even if you're a few frequent flyer miles short of a trip to our most distant state, don't despair. **Pacifica's Hawaiian Ruby Guava** soy candle brings the islands to New Jersey with sweet notes of guava against citrusy pomelo and a subtle hint of coconut. Aloha, summer! (\$13.95, Bucks County Dry Goods, Palmer Square, Princeton)

Just because you have a baby on board doesn't mean you have to sacrifice style. The punchy **UPPAbaby Vista Stroller** in Denny has style for miles and shows those other mommies just what they're missing! (\$599, Jacadi, Summit)



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