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## Pearls — the true wedding gem

Just as the diamond has become synonymous with engagements, the pearl, with its soft and lustrous glow, has always been considered the "wedding gem."

As everyone knows, pearls are the traditional jewels for brides around the world. No other jewels reflect the bride's radiance as well. Real pearls, natural or cultured, have a warm inner glow that seems to frame a bride's face in beauty and happiness. And throughout history the pearl has come to represent the love and devotion of a bride on her wedding day.

And just as the bride carefully chooses her gown with quality and design uppermost in her mind, the same considerations should be paid to her pearls.

When selecting cultured pearls, it is wise to buy the best quality that you can afford in order to ensure a lifetime of wear and enjoyment.

Of all the qualities to look for in cultured pearls, luster is perhaps the most important. Fine luster produces an almost mirror-like reflection on the surface of pearls when looked at under normal light. You should try to avoid cultured pearls that look dull and chalky.

As cultured pearls are a product of nature, large pearls are more costly than small pearls and perfectly round pearls are quite rare. Most pearls are slightly off-round and therefore more affordable, while less-expensive baroque (unusually shaped) pearls have a charm all their own.

Surface imperfections in pearls can easily be seen with the naked eye, unlike imperfections in most other jewels that show up only under magnification. Pearls can easily be checked for blemishes such as cracks, unsightly discolored spots or blisters.

While numerous surface imperfections are unsightly, they will also affect a pearl's durability.

When selecting pearls for the bride, matching the length and style of pearls to a particular gown design is important. One- to three-strand princess or choker-length pearl necklaces best accentuate off-the-shoulder or scooped-neck gowns and help to frame the face as well. High- or closed-neck gowns call for longer strands of pearls to create an elegant, long and smooth silhouette.

Just as cultured pearls celebrate the bride, so too do they celebrate the wedding. They make fine gifts for the bridal party. Bridesmaids will be delighted with gifts of cultured pearl pendants or bracelets, while cultured pearl tie tacks, tie bars, cuff links or shirt studs are handsome tributes to the men.

### Bridal Show

Planning a wedding is not an easy task. But the job will be that much easier if you attend the fifth annual Bridal Event of the Year today (Sunday) at the Holiday Inn, 30 Peel Centre Dr. in Brampton.

Sponsored by The Brampton Guardian, The Bridal Event of the Year offers everything the bride-to-be could desire. Representatives from caterers, disc-jockeys, florists, photographers, bridal salons, formal wear outlets, banquet halls and others in the wedding industry will be taking part to ensure that the bride's "big day" is special indeed.

Near capacity crowds attended previous shows and this one promises to be just as popular. Doors open at 10 a.m. and close at 5 p.m. with admission only \$3.

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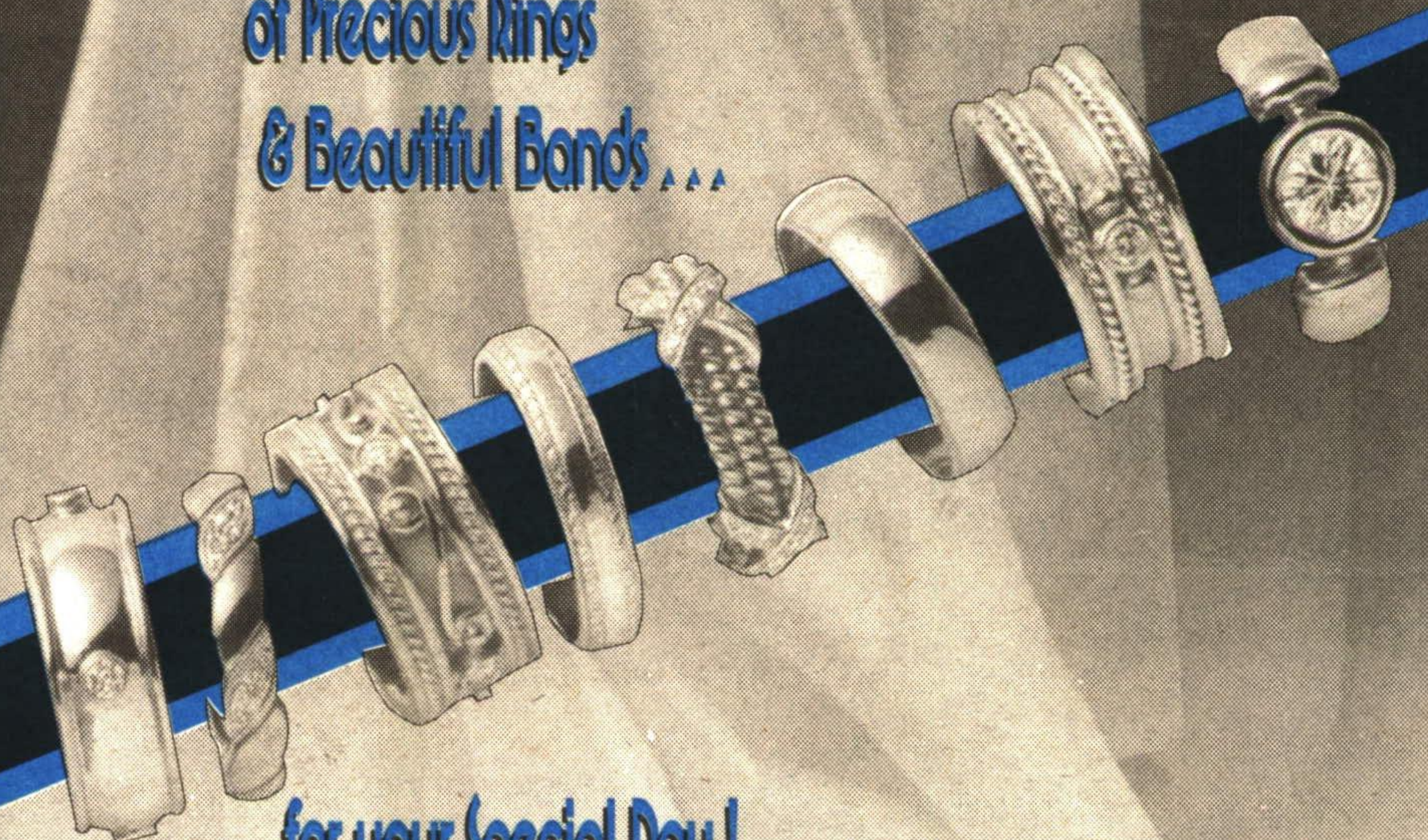
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