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SPRING FORWARD

From garden party-perfect china patterns to out-of-this-world art and fashion, here are our picks for putting a stylish foot forward this spring.

By Elise Hofer Shaw

Ruffle-sleeve long embroidered gown in apple, $9,390, by Andrew Gn at Neapolitan, Winnetka, 847.441.7784, neapolitanonline.com.

IN BLOOM

Clockwise from top left: Flower brooch in silk and cotton, $575, and Dionysus Blooms mini shoulder bag, $1,650, both at Gucci in the 900 North Michigan Shops, 312.664.5504, gucci.com. *Tulips Teeth*, colored pencil on paper, 2007 (10" x 13"), $1,500, by Farsad Labbauf at Gallerique, 312.445.8978, connect.gallerique.com. Hand-painted porcelain with white glaze Memento Mori skull with Cumberland design (limited edition of 25 signed and numbered pieces), $7,380, by Nymphenburg at Kneen & Co., 773.880.8424, kneenandco.com. Red and white enameled 2 Anemones decanter, $1,900, at Lalique Chicago Showroom in the Merchandise Mart, 312.867.1787, lalique.com.

Clockwise from top left: Gold, enamel and pearl fringe necklace (circa 1874-1895), $74,520, by Carlo Giuliano at Gallerique, 312.445.8978, connect.gallerique.com. Tourmaline and diamond drop earrings from the Thea collection, $9,900, by Kastel Jewelry at kasteljewelry.com. Paisley earrings from the 1960s, $165, by Kenneth Jay Lane from Ladybug Vintage. Ladybug Vintage is available at space519 in the 900 North Michigan Shops, 312.751.1519, and at Chalk Boutique, Evanston, 847.424.0011. Voyage en Ikat dinnerware, $230-$630 per piece, by Hermès at Kneen & Co., 773.880.8424, kneenandco.com. Multicolored knotted mules, $740, by N°21 at VMR, 312.649.6673, vmrchicago.com. Handmade glass and wood stacking vessels with assorted bases, $250-$1,900, by Utopia & Utility at Gild Assembly, 312.528.7825, studiogild.com.

SPACE ODYSSEY

Clockwise from top left: Tiffany T sterling silver wide Bar cuff, $3,600, Cut-Out cuff, $1,850, and smaller Bar cuff, $2,850, all at Tiffany & Co., 312.944.7500, tiffany.com. Kellen gunmetal ear jackets in aqua kyocera opal, $80, at Kendra Scott in the 900 North Michigan Shops, 312.281.6760, kendrascott.com. Black Starburst bangle, $6,850, by Graziela at Elements, 312.642.6574, elementschicago.com. Coral Look vase, $1,640, by Nymphenburg at Kneen & Co., 773.880.8424, kneenandco.com. Calin loveseat, from $3,255, by Pascal Mourgue at Ligne Roset, 312.222.9300, ligne-roset-usa.com. Bluetooth Gramophone 2.0, $350, by Gramovox at gramovox.com. Hand-thrown, black-and-white porcelain Shift vase, $920, triangular candle blocks/bookends in waxed brass over steel with interlocking teeth, $760 for the set, and brass censer with porcelain sculpture on top (can be used as an incense burner or candle holder), $820, all by Apparatus at Gild Assembly, 312.528.7825, studiogild.com.