

# Readers' Choice Best of 2009



La Costa Kids

## Best Resale Shop (Tie):

### Carolyn's Designer Resale And La Costa Kids

A repeat winner, Carolyn's Designer Resale offers luxury goods by sought-after designers including Chanel, Escada, Armani, and many more, at prices that are up to 80 percent off the original. (858/756-2765)

For the little ones, La Costa Kids is an upscale resale shop offering pristine used designer children's clothing at great prices. The boutique also carries maternity clothes and one-of-a-kind pieces that are new as well as toys and used baby strollers. (760/944-9076)



La Perla

## Best Lingerie (Tie):

### La Perla And Victoria's Secret

La Perla was founded in 1954 in Italy, and has grown into a worldwide leader in luxury undergarments and swimwear. La Perla is located locally at South Coast Plaza. (714/754-7500, [www.laperla.com](http://www.laperla.com))

Victoria's Secret appeals to budget-conscious consumers with pieces that range from cozy to downright racy. (800/970-1109, [www.victoriassecret.com](http://www.victoriassecret.com))

## Best Jewelry Store (Tie):

### Tiffany & Co. And Rebecca Norman

A repeat readers' favorite, Tiffany & Co. offers a history of quality, pride, and craftsmanship. From sterling silver to glittering gold to the finest diamonds, rubies, and emeralds — you know it's something special when it's in that little blue box. (800/843-3269, [www.tiffany.com](http://www.tiffany.com))



After two years in a small courtyard, the Rebecca Norman Boutique is now located next to Cedros Avenue's Tucci Boutique. In addition to Norman's stunning silver and vermeil pieces, fine jewelry, and men's accessories, offerings also include art glass by Californian artist Joe Cariati, Norman's hand-stitched leather goods, scarves, fashion accessories, and more. (760/804-0246, [www.rebeccanorman.com](http://www.rebeccanorman.com))



## Best Formal Wear (Tie):

### Neiman Marcus, Nicole Miller, And Donna Marsh

Readers trust that Nicole Miller can provide the perfect dress for any occasion, whether it calls for coastal chic or gala glamour. (858/454-3434, [www.nicolemiller.com](http://www.nicolemiller.com))

Despite being a readers' favorite, tough economic times have led to the closing of Donna Marsh. Patrons are invited to give their best to proprietor Donna Steinback, while perusing designer gowns and much more, now at a 50-70 percent discount. (858/454-3003, [www.donnamarshlajolla.com](http://www.donnamarshlajolla.com))

Neiman Marcus' stellar selection of formal wear features beauties from Alexander McQueen to Vera Wang and everything in between. (619/692-9100, [www.neimanmarcus.com](http://www.neimanmarcus.com))



Badgley Mischka gown from Donna Marsh

## Best Accessories Store (Tie):

### Madison Del Mar And Leaping Lotus

Madison Del Mar in Flower Hill Promenade offers three levels of luxury items with everything from fine leather goods, luggage, and briefcases to men's accessories like wallets and belts to women's handbags, belts, scarves, jewelry, and shoes. (858/259-7622, [www.madisonleather.com](http://www.madisonleather.com))



Cedros' Leaping Lotus offers truly one-stop shopping with more than 120 merchants featuring exotic imports, clothing, jewelry, and more. A spring party takes place March 19 featuring live music, wine, raffle drawings, and more. (858/720-8284, [www.leapinglotus.com](http://www.leapinglotus.com))