

with an etched leaf pattern, \$500. "I would even drape a strand of pearls in the box for a classic feminine look," she says.

Umbrellas in hand, we run between the raindrops and make a quick stop in Primas at 28 Broad. It's a perfect place to shop for Gulian's new tropical client, and she immediately picks out a set of four vintage-looking palm prints in antique wood frames, \$98. Though most of the wares here have a casual feel, we find another spectacular accoutrement for the traditional home: a 41-inch mirrored lamp, \$399.

"Our decorative accessory shopping trip would not be complete without carpets," Gulian proclaims. So it's on to Nazmial at 12 Broad Street. "With carpets you can appreciate the look, but the most interesting thing is their country of origin," she explains. "Each country has such different methods of construction and color technique." We inquire about a beautiful, 8-foot by 12-foot brown and blue Persian rug manufactured by Sultanabad, \$9,495. We learn it's from Iran and was one of the first pieces to come into the United States through recent free trade agreements.

Toward the back of the store we find more contemporary carpets. Gulian is especially fond of Agar's damask in a straw color, \$2,000 for an 8-foot by 12-foot area rug. "With its organic feel, this would be a good complement for a new tropical room, especially with the contrast of a wood floor underneath," says Gulian.

Having seen the rugs of Persia, the cockatoos of the Amazon jungle and the mirrors and tables of England and France, we feel like world travelers. Delighted with the day, Gulian calls her clients to tell them of our adventures—and, of course, of their new decorative accessories from Red Bank. □

Red Bank gallery-hopper's guide



These art-scene high spots form an easy walking tour

1. ART ALLIANCE GALLERY

33 Monmouth Street
732-842-9403
www.artallianceofmonmouth.org

- An all-volunteer co-op gallery dedicated to providing exhibition and studio space for area artists.

2. ART FORMS GALLERY

16 Monmouth Street
732-530-4330

- 21st century contemporary American art masters and emerging artists work in all media.

3. BEACON FINE ARTS GALLERY

68 White Street
732-936-0888
www.beaconfinearts.com

- Featuring international and eclectic artists of all styles.

4. CEL-EBRATION! GALLERY

30 Monmouth Street
732-842-8489
www.cel-ebraction.com

- Specializes in original and limited-edition animation art, both 2-D and 3-D, from Disney and all other studios.

5. CHETKIN GALLERY

9 Wharf Avenue
732-741-6116
www.chetkingallery.com

- Emphasizes contemporary international artists.

6. COVERT GALLERY

74 Monmouth Street
732-758-9393
www.covertgallery.com

- Shows local and emerging artists with a flair for something different.

7. INHERITANCE GALLERY

27 Monmouth Street
732-530-5417
www.inheritancegallery.com

- Original vintage art posters, through the centuries and from around the globe.

8. KINGSLEY ART GALLERY

Inside the Galleria
2 Bridge Avenue
732-530-3383
www.kingsleyartgallery.com

- A diverse selection of fine art by renowned and up-and-coming American and international artists.

9. LAUREL TRACEY GALLERY

10 White Street
732-224-0760
www.laureltraceygallery.com

- Contemporary American paintings, sculptures and works on paper.

10. MCKAY IMAGING

Photo Studio and Gallery
12 Monmouth Street, 2nd floor
732-842-2272
www.mckayimaging.com

- Red Bank's only photo gallery, featuring contemporary fine-art and documentary photography.