

The neighborhood defined by the crossroads of 57th and Fifth—not to mention Madison Avenue—is Manhattan's most exciting retail zone.

Three canisters from the **Mackenzie-Childs'** 30th anniversary "Aurora" enamelware collection, just introduced to the marketplace. Each piece has subtle iconography in it—the company's farmhouse, cows, estate barns, and so on, each topped with a pink-glass rose. From \$36 to \$108.

Mackenzie-Childs, 20 West 57th Street (Fifth/Sixth Avenues); 212-570-6050; mackenzie-childs.com



The "Messenger d'Amour" pendants (1.5" tall) from **Frey Wille** offer an ideal way to say "I love you" in any language, any time of the year. Available in the company's signature enamel with yellow or white gold-plating, each carries a personalized message (the boutique's professional calligrapher will write yours) inside the tube. From \$1,170.

Frey Wille, 727 Madison Avenue (63rd/64th Streets); 646-682-9030; frey-wille.com



The **Rolex** "Prince Brancard" model with its sterling silver dial is a rarity, and all the more so with the "1/4 Century Club" markings. Manufactured in the 1940s, these watches were crafted for the T. Eaton Company to commemorate 25 years of continuous service. \$13,950.

Aaron Faber, 666 Fifth Avenue (53rd Street); 212-586-8411; aaronfaber.com



Leave it to the genius leatherworkers at London-based **Smythson** to dream up countless configurations of jewel boxes, suitable for either sex. The "Mara" in Prussian blue, croc-stamped calfskin is two-tiered (top tray is removable) and measures 8.5" x 4.5" x 6". \$1,225.

Smythson of Bond Street, 4 West 57th Street (Fifth/Sixth Avenues); 212-265-4573; smythson.com



The "Hamra" peep-toe, wedge-style bootie from **Ugg** features hand-finishing, elastic gore cut-outs, and a leather midsole. Available in fawn and dark chestnut. \$295.

Ugg Australia, 600 Madison Avenue (57th Street); 212-845-9905; uggaustralia.com



It's the Mecca of world-class shopping, the gilded four corners of luxury boutiques and specialty shops. "It" is the crossroads of 57th Street and Fifth Avenue, which forms the nexus of Manhattan's most exclusive mercantile mile. But, according to Faith Hope Consolo, Chairman, The Retail Group, Douglas Elliman Real Estate, while these "four corners are the jewels" of Gotham's commercial real estate, the "spillover in each direction...east and west, north and south" make the entire region, including prestigious Madison Avenue, a burnished magnet for shoppers from all over the world. "This is the most exciting retail zone of Manhattan, truly the crossroads of Main and Main...with everything from world-class jewels and the most lavish boutiques to trendy shops with fast fashion and cheap chic—there are one-of-a-kinds, major name-brand designers, flagship emporia, and everything in between." Here is a sampling of those retail riches. **By Ruth J. Katz**

the fabulous four corners & beyond

Furla's slightly trapezoidal handbag is quietly avant-garde in its shape and style. Constructed from exquisite saffiano-print calfskin, it features a zippered compartment with a padlock ornament. \$498.

Furla, 598 Madison Avenue (57th Street); 212-980-3208; furla.com



Absolutely stunning footwear, a real guy's pair of hiking boots. These calf "Forester" boots from **Bally** are available in the milky tones shown here and in a black combo and a brown combo. \$1,195.

Bally, 628 Madison Avenue (59th Street); 212-446-3330; bally.com



The "Graffiti" rectangular, silver-plated tray from master silversmiths **Christofle** measures approximately 8" x 6" and features messages of love incised in a freehand scribble across the surface. Exquisitely crafted as only this company does! \$435.

Christofle Pavillon, 680 Madison Avenue (62nd Street); 212-308-9390; christofle.com

