

Necklace sales assist women here, in Kenya



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Chris Keene, Kaci Underwood and Roger Hoskins, from left, attend the Ranch Baron's Ball.



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Dave and Lana Lopez, and Sandy and Ira Schlezinger attend the ball.

Here's something to think about: A necklace you buy in Oklahoma can support breast health awareness here and help women of Nairobi, Kenya live a better life.

Project Woman Coalition, an Oklahoma City-based organization that has been dedicated to fighting breast cancer since 1989, is bringing Kazuri Beads to us. These beautiful, ceramic bead necklaces are handmade and handpainted by more than 200 low-income women who are ensured a fair



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wage, a safe working environment and favorable living conditions.

The necklaces range in price from \$40-\$80, with many featuring dramatic and colorful designs.

Kazuri Beads was started in 1975 by Lady Susan Wood, whose parents were missionaries in what was then the Belgian Congo. She was born in a mud hut, went to school in England and married a surgeon. They moved to Kenya, Africa in 1947. In 1975, she set up a business making beads in a small shed in her back garden. She started with two women, then discovered many more women needed jobs.

Kazuri, which means "small and beautiful" in Swahili, is a member of the Fair Trade Federation.

Project Woman Coalition provides Oklahomans who are younger than 50, uninsured, underinsured and low-income access to breast cancer screening, diagnostic services and treatment.

Kazuri Beads will be available at these Integris Women's Health Forums: ■ "Just a Spoonful of Sugar: An Evening With Julie Andrews," 4:30 to 7 p.m. Saturday, Civic Center Music Hall.



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Kazuri necklaces are hand-made and hand-painted by Nairobi women.

- 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Sept. 11-13, All Souls Episcopal Church Christian Family Center, 6400 N Pennsylvania.
- "Latina Luncheon: Taking Charge of Your Breast Health," 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Sept. 14, Cocina de Mino, 6032 S Western.
- Various sessions start at 10:30 a.m., noon and 1:30 p.m. Sept. 18-20, Shartel Church of God, 11600 S Western.

For more information about Kazuri Beads and Project Woman, call executive director Pam Scott at 604-4642.

Favorite products

It's no secret that I love to hear about other women's favorite beauty products. I can't wait for Allure's Best of Beauty issue and In Style's best beauty buys.

And let's not forget about the Best of Sephora winners. This year, more than 150,000 beauty enthusiasts voted for their most coveted cosmetic favorites — lip glosses, fragrances, creams, mas-

caras, brushes and more — online at sephora.com.

If you haven't heard, Sephora, the ultimate beauty store, will make its Oklahoma debut in Penn Square Mall on Nov. 17.

Here are the 2006 winners. I'm including the other stores that carry these products, too.

- **Biggest beauty breakthrough:** Bare Escentuals RareMinerals Skin Revival Treatment, \$60 (Ulta).
- **Best lip gloss:** Nars Lip Gloss in Orgasm, \$23 (The MakeUp Bar).
- **Best lip plumper:** DuWop Lip Venom, \$16 (The MakeUp Bar).
- **Best lipstick:** Nars Lipstick in Dolce Vita, \$23 (The MakeUp Bar).
- **Best blush:** Nars Orgasm, \$25 (The MakeUp Bar).
- **Best bronzer:** Stila Sun, \$24 (Cayman's).
- **Best mascara:** Dior DiorShow Mascara, \$23.
- **Best concealer:** Sephora Light Touch Highlighter, \$10.
- **Best powder:** Bare Escentuals Mineral Veil, \$19 (Ulta).
- **Best body cleanser:** Philosophy Amazing Grace Bath, Shampoo and Shower Gel, \$22.
- **Best body moisturizer:** L'Occitane Ultra Rich Body Cream, \$36 (The MakeUp Bar).
- **Best self tanner:** Clarins Self Tanning Instant Gel, \$29.50 (Dillard's, Macy's).
- **Best face moisturizer:** Philosophy Hope in a Jar, \$35-\$105.
- **Best eye treatment:** Murad Essential-C Eye Cream SPF 15, \$60 (Ulta).
- **Best styling product:** Jonathan Product Dirt Texturizing Paste, \$26 (Ulta).
- **Best women's fragrance:** Prada, \$35-\$95 (Balliet's, Ulta, Dillard's).
- **Best men's fragrance:** Giorgio Armani Aqua di Gio Pour Homme, \$16-\$65 (Dillard's, Macy's, Ulta).