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Craft Fair Sparks Interest in Employees' Unusual Handicrafts

By NED RACINE



(Nov. 14, 2007) Pakastani art shaped the items sold by sisters Shamaila Samuel and Jane Mohsin, an Accounting supervisor. Their mother embroiders the handbags the sisters were selling; some embroidered bags take 40 hours to create.



Addie Allison, Division 1 stenographer, has always loved buttons. She originally decorated cigar boxes with her collections but has now evolved to ornamenting jewelry boxes and crosses. Allison now procures her buttons from Los Angeles' Fashion District, although her favorite decorations are found objects.



Teri Forenelli-Valenzuela and her sister Maria Valenzuela sold bags, purses and trays based on *Loteria*. Valenzuela, a Metro real estate officer, described *Loteria* as Mexican Bingo. Instead of using numbers, *Loteria* uses images. Teri has been creating items incorporating the *Loteria* images for 10 years, but yesterday was the first time she sold them.

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