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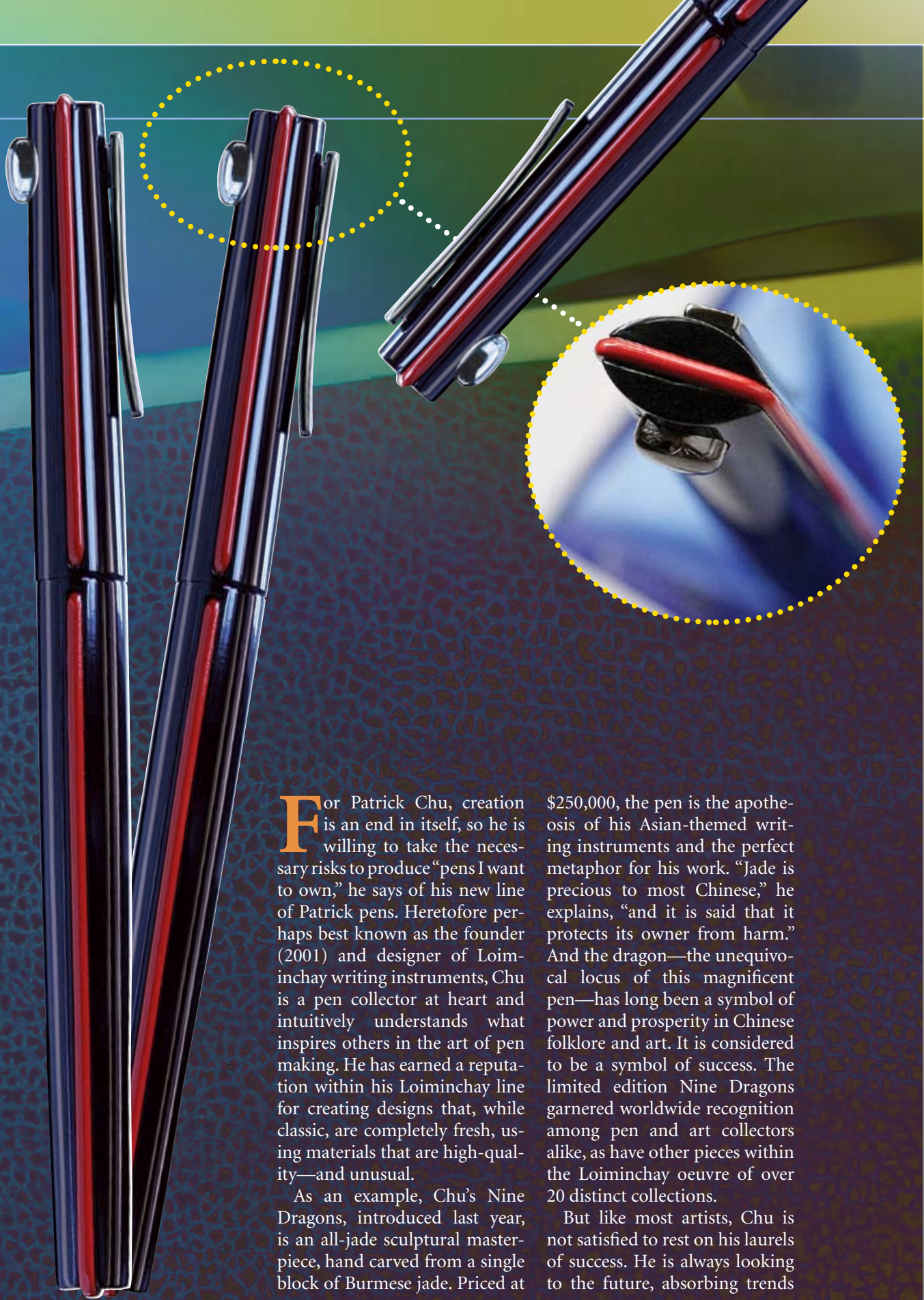
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BY NANCY OLSON

Easygoing Pens



The limited edition Patrick "Babe" fountain pen retails for about \$1,500.



For Patrick Chu, creation is an end in itself, so he is willing to take the necessary risks to produce “pens I want to own,” he says of his new line of Patrick pens. Heretofore perhaps best known as the founder (2001) and designer of Loiminchay writing instruments, Chu is a pen collector at heart and intuitively understands what inspires others in the art of pen making. He has earned a reputation within his Loiminchay line for creating designs that, while classic, are completely fresh, using materials that are high-quality—and unusual.

As an example, Chu’s Nine Dragons, introduced last year, is an all-jade sculptural masterpiece, hand carved from a single block of Burmese jade. Priced at

\$250,000, the pen is the apotheosis of his Asian-themed writing instruments and the perfect metaphor for his work. “Jade is precious to most Chinese,” he explains, “and it is said that it protects its owner from harm.” And the dragon—the unequivocal locus of this magnificent pen—has long been a symbol of power and prosperity in Chinese folklore and art. It is considered to be a symbol of success. The limited edition Nine Dragons garnered worldwide recognition among pen and art collectors alike, as have other pieces within the Loiminchay oeuvre of over 20 distinct collections.

But like most artists, Chu is not satisfied to rest on his laurels of success. He is always looking to the future, absorbing trends

PEOPLE AND PENS

It doesn't get any better, according to Stan Pfeiffer

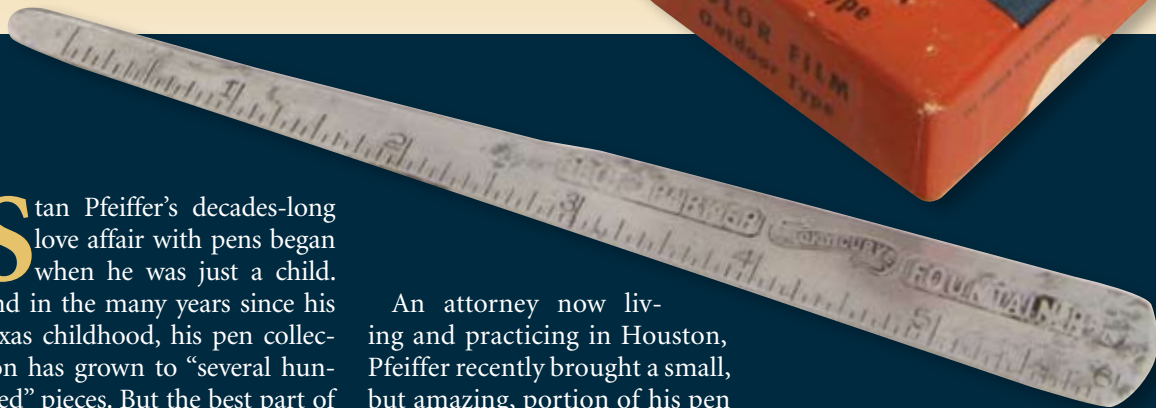
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Red hard rubber and pearl Parkers.



Parker ephemera



Stan Pfeiffer's decades-long love affair with pens began when he was just a child. And in the many years since his Texas childhood, his pen collection has grown to "several hundred" pieces. But the best part of this collector's story is that while Pfeiffer certainly enjoys the sheer quantity of pens he now owns, he gives equal weight to their quality. He is perhaps best known for his premier Parker collections, but he has some pretty stunning Watermans and Conklins, among others—not to mention his world-class selection of desk sets.

An attorney now living and practicing in Houston, Pfeiffer recently brought a small, but amazing, portion of his pen collection to a local Houston studio to be photographed for this issue. On time—a bit early, in fact—he showed up with boxes, cases and even a piece of luggage, filled to the brim with pens and pen ephemera. I had requested that he bring pens he felt were "representative" of his collection, and the Parkers,

particularly the red hard-rubber pieces, took center stage.

"I am motivated to buy a pen because it interests me aesthetically and because I want to use it," says Pfeiffer, when asked how he sets his sights on a particular piece or brand. He adds that sometimes the sheer rarity of a

ACME Studio brightens the world of pens

BY RHONDA J. FOSTER



From the Quatrefoil and Multiform collections,
designed by Alexander Girard



Lesley Bailey and Adrian Olabuenaga

We Fear No COLOR

(gift guide)

On the cuff

Exclusive gold and enamel cufflinks—with or without diamonds—from David Oscarson are stunning accessories for those posh holiday parties. They range in price from about \$1,600 to \$3,000. Pictured are Pierrot and Pierrette, matching the pen collection of the same name.



Smooth Move

The chess set has long been a gift standing for intelligence and erudition. Dunhill's exclusive collaboration with Jaques of London, the world's most recognized and respected maker of chess pieces, offers this quintessential version of unsurpassed quality. Retail price: \$3,150.

Add some sparkle to your holidays . . .

New from the Montblanc jewelry collection is La Dame Blanche. The white gold chain with diamond pendant retails for \$6,635; the white gold ring with diamonds, \$6,395; and the white gold earrings with diamonds, \$6,635. Each piece features a multi-faceted Montblanc-cut diamond.

