

It Takes a Villa



What guests remembered best about a stay at Greg Evans' villa in the small town of Peccioli, southwest of Florence, was the impeccably designed home full of furniture and artwork. **The same rustic romance is available at**

his home furnishings store, Tuscan Hills, a haven for all things Italianate.

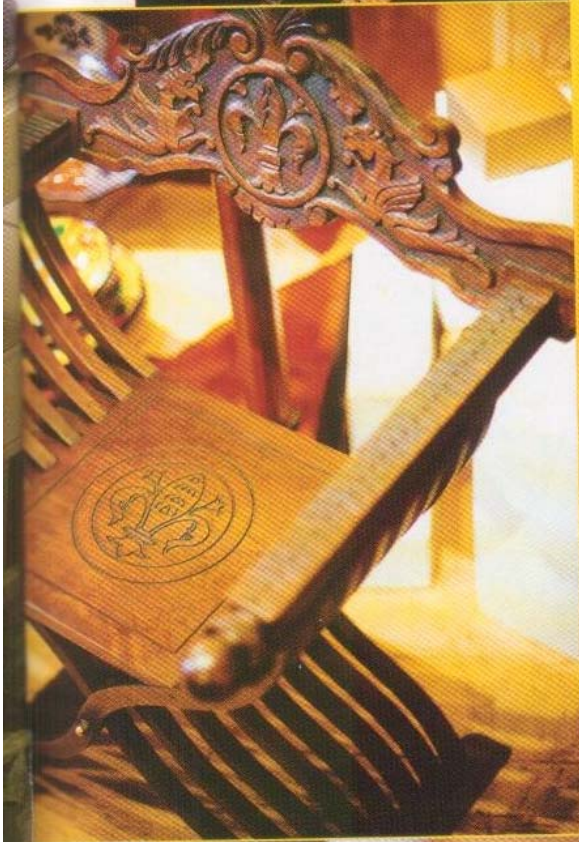
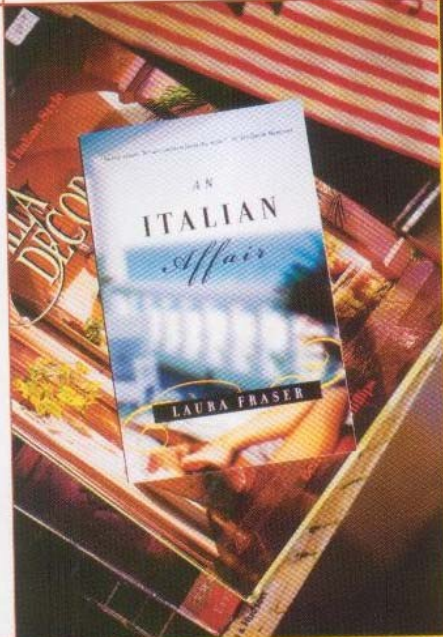
The Princeton-based entrepreneur converted a 1,100-square-foot Nassau Street space into a little piece of Italy, with terra-cotta colors, beamed ceilings and exposed brick walls. There, he and his wife and co-owner, Sue, sell the same **Italian-designed handcrafted furniture, mouth-blown glassware, home accessories, fine linens and fresh olive oils** that grace their Italian villa.

Evans also partnered with Tuscany Now, a London-based company, to arrange villa rentals, and sells and restores them with his partner, Marco Vigni.

If you can't travel abroad anytime soon, shopping the store's exclusive imported lines is the next best thing. Find Caporali's customized bed frames, Saladini's line of **knives with olive wood handles, hand-cut crystal from Arnolfo di Cambio's Clearline collection**, and Busatti's gorgeous handmade place mats, runners and napkins woven from Egyptian cotton and pure Irish linen.

Evans takes four or five trips to Italy each year, so he can serve up a taste of Milan, Umbria, Rome or the tiny rural towns of Italia. "We can translate the feel of Tuscany into your home," he says. A suitable arrangement until you can buy your own Italian bungalow.

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