

Keep Calm

Design legend Donna Karan uses her store Urban Zen to support global artisans.

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‘Where do you find the calm in the chaos in the world we live in today?” asked Donna Karan. The celebrated designer, whose philosophy of living revolves around yoga and meditation, has infused that spirit into her Urban Zen stores.

And with a strong emphasis on artisans, Karan recently collaborated with shoe designer Calleen Cordero on an exclusive collection of leather sandals handcrafted in Los Angeles. “I love collaborating with people, and I love the concept of her doing them by hand because it’s very much the symbol of what Urban Zen is,” said Karan. For Cordero, Urban Zen was a perfect fit. She said, “Being a part of a soulful economy and caring about where the product is made are philosophies that we both share.” Focusing on philanthropy, global artisans and seasonless fashion, Karan has multiple retail locations in New York as well as one in L.A. “Urban Zen is dressing and addressing,” she said. “We are in such a difficult time that supporting one another is really where it’s at.”



Glacier National Park

Calling all hikers and campers. In a survey held by

Experticity, more than 3,500 outdoor experts and enthusiasts weighed in to identify the best national park in the U.S. Among

Mini Minions

When popular children’s brand Akid celebrated the launch of its “Despicable Me 3” shoe collection with a BBQ in L.A., actress Jaime King shared that her son is a big fan of the line and film. But she recalled feeling like an old soul when she was a youngster. “I remember wanting jelly shoes, and I begged my mother,” she said. “I



CLEAN SWEET

Lifestyle service **Neat Method**, founded by Ashley Murphy and Molly Graves, is the latest organizing business making its way to consumers’ closets and homes. The company offers online and in-home services in cities across the country, and actress Kate Hudson is just one client who recently transformed her shoe closet with help from Neat. Here, Graves gives FN five fast tips on how to store, display and show off your footwear collection.

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1 “We fully believe in color coding. You can see how much you have of a particular color of shoe and style. This helps you purge items you no longer need more quickly when you can see just how many you actually have.”

2 “Unless you regularly clean your shoes, they will get dirty and you will have to replace them. It’s a good idea to have a shoe care kit on hand to keep your shoes looking like new.”

3 “[For shoes that are not worn often,] we love to use shoe bags. They are a great way to store shoes so they don’t get crushed and they are a small space saver.”

4 “[For shoes that are worn often,] we like to use shoe inserts. They can help to keep your feet comfortable and they can also help to prevent blisters.”

5 “We love to use shoe displays. They are a great way to show off your favorite shoes and they can also help to keep your shoes looking like new.”