



▲ "I visited the beaches of Africa in 1999," Shahasp Valentine says. "The tidepools were endless, and I came home inspired by the sea and its inhabitants." Crafted of silver metal clay, 24K gold, and pearl, *Habitat Ring #3* represents these tidepools with anemones and sea-dwelling creatures.



► The elegance of times past is captured in *Rococo Necklace #2* from Shahasp Valentine's Modern Artifacts Series. A pink sapphire and tanzanites are fired into the 2½-inch (5.4cm) metal-clay creation. Wire-wrapped loops link the baroque cultured pearls that finish the piece.



◀ Inspired by Catherine the Great, Russia's most renowned female sovereign, the *Empress Choker* by Shahasp Valentine is a modern homage. Consisting of 41 metal-clay units linked together to form a 2-inch-wide (5cm) choker, the rhodolite garnets and white zircons are fired in place.