



March 21: The Asia Society celebrated Asia Week New York with a benefit dinner at 583 Park Avenue. The guests were encouraged to come in "Asian chic" or festive national dress, and many did.



1. STEPHANIE FOSTER, left, and VISHAKHA N. DESAI, the society's president.
2. NAEEM KHAN and RANJANA KHAN.
3. RENÉE FLEMING.
4. MIRANDA TANG, left, and KARI TIEDEMANN.
5. MIYOKO MURASE, left, and MIWAKO TEZUKA.
6. LINDA LINDENBAUM, left, and LULU WANG.
7. MELISSA CHIU.
8. SARAH ZAVALA, left, and JANET ROSS.
9. MICHAEL BRANER and MALINI VIRA.
10. CHRISTOPHE MAO, left, and JOHN FOSTER.



March 21: Van Cleef & Arpels, at 744 Fifth Avenue, unveiled its cherry blossom windows. The branches appear to grow out of the windows and climb the outside of the building.



March 23: Arts of Pacific Asia, a fair featuring 60 galleries, opened at 7 West 34th Street. The event continues through today.



11. NICOLAS BOS, left, the store's chairman, and DOUGLAS LITTLE, the window artist.
12. JACK LENOR LARSEN, left, and JONATHAN TUNG at the Lotus Gallery.
13. ANDREA ARANOW, left, a dealer in textiles, and AYAKO YAMADA.
14. CLARE GRAHAM, left, and GILBERT IRELAND.
15. DODI FROMSON and MURRAY FROMSON.



## EVENING HOURS

Bill Cunningham

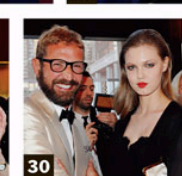
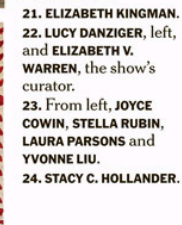
## Birthday Patchwork



March 22: Vicky Colbert, the founder of the Escuela Nueva Foundation, received the \$250,000 Henry R. Kravis prize in leadership. Escuela Nueva helps improve low-income schools around the world.



March 24: Daniel Rose gave his wife, Joanna S. Rose, an 80th birthday present in the form of an exhibition of her collection of red-and-white quilts at the Park Avenue Armory. The preview of 651 bedcovers benefited the American Folk Art Museum. Part of the gift was opening the show to the public through March 30. Admission is free.



March 24: The Metropolitan Opera premiere of Rossini's "Comte Ory" followed by a dinner. The gala was underwritten by Yves Saint Laurent.

25. From left, ANN ZIFF, MERCEDES BASS and KATHRYN MILLER.

26. From left, DAVID SC MARLENE HESS and JAM ZIRIN.

27. From left, LISA SCHI PETER GEORGESCU and BARBARA GEORGESCU.

28. BRANT CRYDER and MARY CRYDER.

29. GLEN BOWERSOCK and ELAINE WOLFENSOHN.

30. STEFANO PILATI and LINDSEY WIXSON.

31. SHARON DeLANO, left, and PATTI SMITH.

32. ADRIENNE ARSHT.

33. CLAUDIA SCHIFFER and DARRELL HARTMAN.

34. From left, ANJA RUB SASHA KNEZEVIC and RAQUEL ZIMMERMANN.

35. NEVILLE WAKEFIELD OLYMPIA SCARRY.

36. From left, NICOLETTI SANTORO, MAX VADUKU and SANDY BRANDT.