

EXPERIENCE HANDICRAFT HEAVEN!



Treasures of the Turquoise Crab is a unique gift, gallery and jewelry store recently opened in **Careening Cay Resort** on Isla Carenero. Ethnic masks, hand-painted ceramics, wind chimes, metal art, wood crafts, dichroic glass, stained glass lamps, sun catchers, amethyst and agate geodes and bookends, decorative wall hangings, molas, art glass and enamel, and of course ... gorgeous handcrafted jewelry, can be found as you stroll through the beautiful displays.

Joan and **Stephen Crabtree** have long held a vision for creating beauty in paradise. Careening Cay Resort has undergone extensive renovations in the nearly three years since they moved here. They've added sidewalks throughout the resort, all the bungalows have been upgraded with themed wood carving and interior native wood paneling, air conditioning, TV/DVD. All the bungalows have been recently painted in beautiful Caribbean colors reflecting the magical experience of Panama. The Cosmic Crab has become one of the most popular restaurants in Bocas, with fabulous Caribbean panoramic sunset views. The setting is fantastic but the excellent food is the secret.

Treasures of the Turquoise Crab is the newest addition to this destination location. Joan, a jewelry designer and sales rep, met Stephen Crabtree, a fine jeweler designer and manufacturer, in his store in Naples, Fla, ten years ago. Here in Bocas, they have successfully combined their creative talents and opened their exquisite and esthetically tantalizing store. "We plan to travel throughout Panama and Central America, finding handcrafts and buying directly from artisans," Joan explained. She will be returning in February from a buying trip to the New York Gift Show, the biggest Gift Show in the world, and promises great new finds for the store. "We will always be bringing in new and exciting inventory, unique, hard to find treasures." Joan has also taught local women from Carenero to assemble and string necklaces with gemstones and sterling silver components she brings back from the states. Turquoise, coral, pearls, amethyst, lapis lazuli and many other precious stones are used in her designs. "It has provided skill and income for women who would otherwise have few options for employment. The women have learned to assemble absolutely gorgeous jewelry and are earning well above the local wage."

The jewelry is sold by the Crabtrees to museum stores and galleries in Florida and throughout the U.S. and is also available for purchase in Treasures of the Turquoise Crab.

It will be an afternoon well spent browsing the store and dining at the Cosmic Crab! Joan, Stephen, **Jesse**, and **Jaden** Crabtree hope to see you soon!