

# Elizabeth Gualtieri

What kid wouldn't want X-ray vision? As a child, I could "see" how things were put together, how individual pieces join and interact with each other. When I was four or five, my mom taught me to sew and I loved how the oddly-shaped pieces of fabric came together to fit me by the time we were done. Wooden, woven or mechanical—constructed objects still fascinate me because I can see what's inside and how everything comes together.

That's why I fabricate my own designs. These days, gold and gems are my fabrics. I look at an odd, misshapen pearl and see a sensuous, feminine form. I see it, fully realized, as the focal point of a creation that brings out the perfection of curve, line and texture that I know lies within it.

"La Floraliere" brooch  
Grand Prize Winner  
Gold/Platinum  
2004 Saul Bell  
Design Award

Serendipity? Sure.

Synergy?

Absolutely.

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