

# Toolworthy

### *Enveloping elegance*

Reviving the fine art of the letter is oh-so au courant these days. Chicago artist and bookbinder Bari Zaki now offers handmade envelopes based on authentic 19th century correspondence. Glorious handwriting and aged textures signal that the enclosed letter is truly special. Available in several standard sizes, all are ready-to-mail with the proper amount of postage in the form of vintage (but still usable) stamps, some from the '50s and '60s. All-occasion and Christmas-themed versions are stocked, and Zaki says more holiday and seasonal themes are coming. \$5–10; *Ardour Book-binding*, 4608 N. Dover St., Chicago, IL 60640; 773.989.7569

