

STELLA!

Stella Page of Moss Landing was a waitress for 25 years, her last post being at the legendary Langer's Deli in Los Angeles where she wore a doily on her head that said "Stella."

But on the side, she liked to do decoupage, the art of decorating surfaces by applying cutouts of paper or other materials and coating them with several layers of a clear finish.

She would do it, every day, whether it sold or not. Today, it sells. In fact, the demand for Stella Page one-of-a-kind custom handbags

has elevated them to the status of collector's items.

"My understanding is Oprah has two or three, Maria Shriver has five, and we have Dina Eastwood's handbag sitting right here," said Lisa Benavides of Pacific Tweed in Carmel which, along with Buzbee Studio of Carmel, carries the themed handbags.

Stella Page Design is now located in



Moss Landing purse designer Stella Page has gone from hobby to haute career.

*Moss Landing and can be accessed at
www.stellapage.com.*