Ruby Jubilee

THE 40th anniversary of the “San Francisco Fall Show” will be seeing red with its Ruby Jubilee held October 13 through 16 at the Fort Mason Center for Arts & Culture’s Festival Pavilion. The show will embrace all shades of red, which is a color considered in many cultures around the world to symbolize energy, romantic love and good luck. Leaning into the rubies theme, the gemstone is thought to possess qualities including devotion, which is apt for the four-decade long event.

Fifty dealers will participate in this year’s fair presenting a range of fine and decorative arts. Included will be American, English, Continental and Asian furniture and decorative arts, paintings from an array of periods, books, photographs, jewelry, rugs and more. This abundance of variety gives collectors the chance to find the right pieces for their collections.

A gorgeous red lacquered cabinet from dealer Carlton Hobbs is one of the of standout pieces that will be available at the show. The work, an English object from the last quarter of the 17th century, has shaped panels decorated in imitation blue-and-white Delft porcelain and is on an original silver gilt stand. Among the wearable arts items, Kentshire will present an Art Deco ruby and diamond bombé style ring.

The central old European-cut diamond is surrounded by stepped concentric ovals of calibré rubies. A watercolor from botanical painter Alphonse Goossens titled Thalus Owennium can be found at the booth from Arader Galleries.

An opening night gala benefitting the Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco will kick off the fair on October 12. The popular Lecture Series, Cocktail Hour Talks and other programs will also return during the event, allowing for an informative discussion and viewing of artwork over the four-day event.