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(OPPOSITE): *A necklace and earrings of Tahitian cultured pearls interspersed with diamonds, emeralds, and sapphires, designed by Christopher Walling, demonstrates today's high-end use of the once less-desirable circle pearls.*