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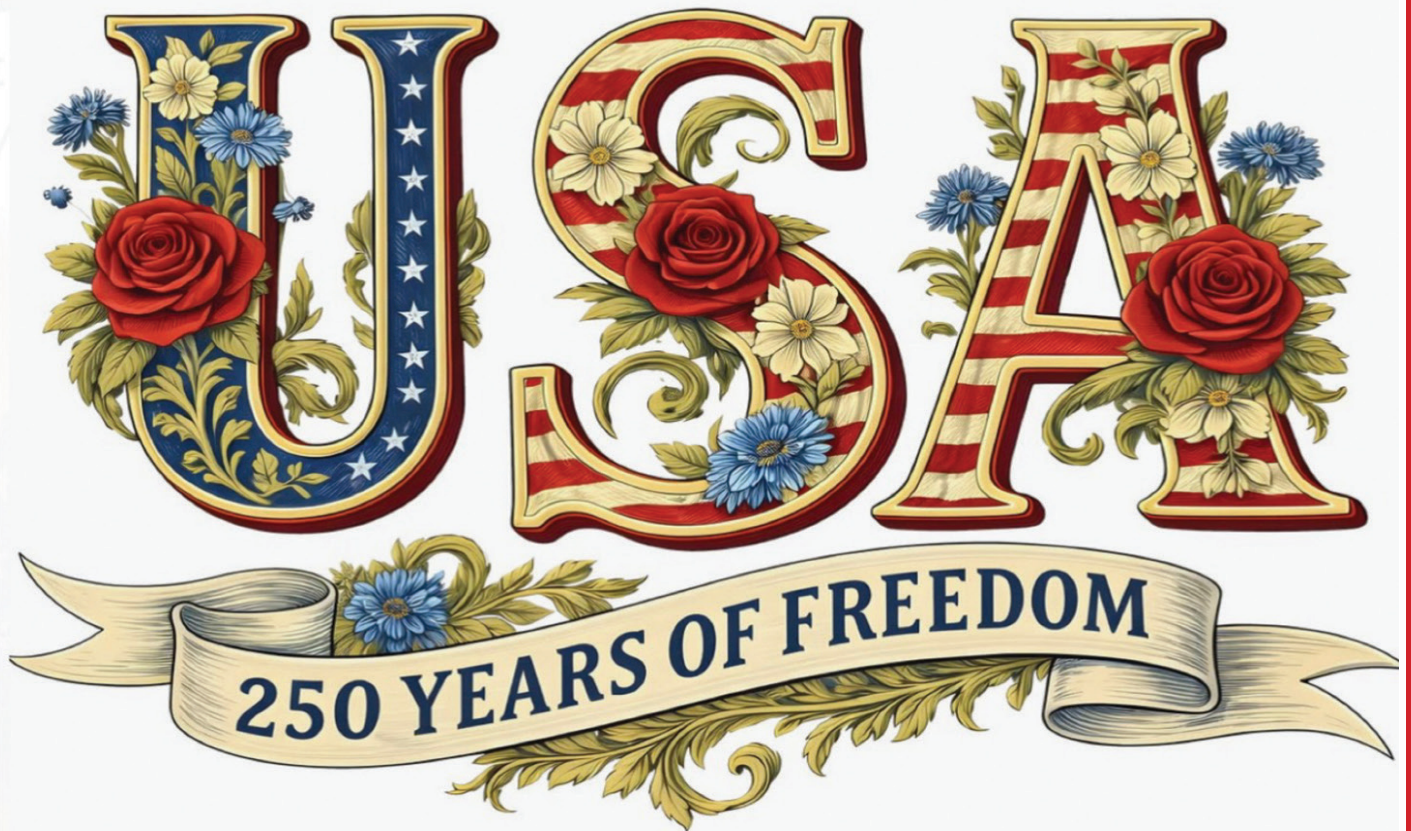
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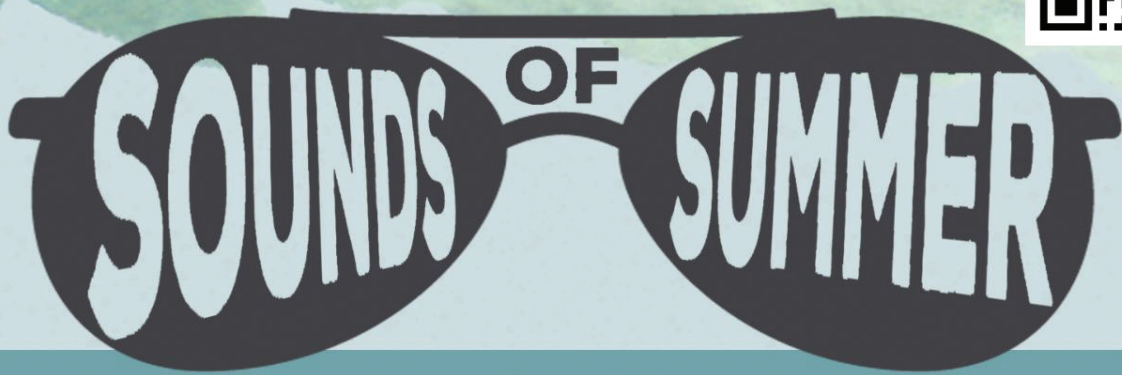


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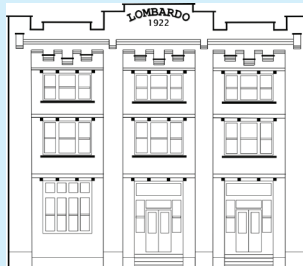


Congratulations to our June winner, Michael Pettross of Nashville, Tennessee! Michael has done it again, becoming our second-month-in-a-row winner. He picked up his copy of Busy Bee Trader at GasLamp Antique Mall in Nashville and found the hidden Busy Bee in The Old Feed Store's ad.

Outstanding job, Michael!

Want to play along? Here's how:

- The Busy Bee (just like the graphic shown here) is hidden inside one of the ads in each issue of Busy Bee Trader.
- When you find it, email us at findthebee@busybeetrader.com with your name and the location where you picked up your copy.
- The first reader to send in the correct answer will receive a special shout-out in the next issue! Think you've got a sharp eye? Start looking! The Busy Bee could be hiding anywhere in this month's issue. Good luck and happy hunting!



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Who says you have to wait until December to experience the magic of Christmas?

Nestled in the scenic community of Flat Rock, Alabama, Jolly Elfish Mercantile is bringing holiday cheer year-round with a shopping experience that feels like Christmas morning no matter the season. Recently opened at 4795 Alabama Highway 75, this unique marketplace combines the charm of a traditional mercantile with the excitement of discovering treasures around every corner.

While the name may hint at Christmas, visitors will find much more than holiday décor. Jolly Elfish Mercantile offers a mix of new merchandise, home décor, furniture, seasonal decorations, handcrafted items, collectibles and vendor spaces filled with an ever-changing assortment of unique finds. The mercantile was created as a marketplace where small businesses, artisans, collectors and entrepreneurs



can showcase their products in one convenient location.

Of course, Christmas enthusiasts will feel right at home. The owners have built their brand around spreading joy, nostalgia and a touch of holiday magic throughout the year. You'll find plenty to spark your imagination whether you're

searching for festive decorations to get a jump start on the holiday season or simply

enjoying the warm feeling that Christmas brings.

What makes Jolly Elfish Mercantile especially appealing is its commitment to supporting small businesses. The marketplace provides booth rental opportunities for vendors selling new, used, vintage and handcrafted merchandise, creating a shopping destination that is constantly evolving with fresh inventory and new discoveries.

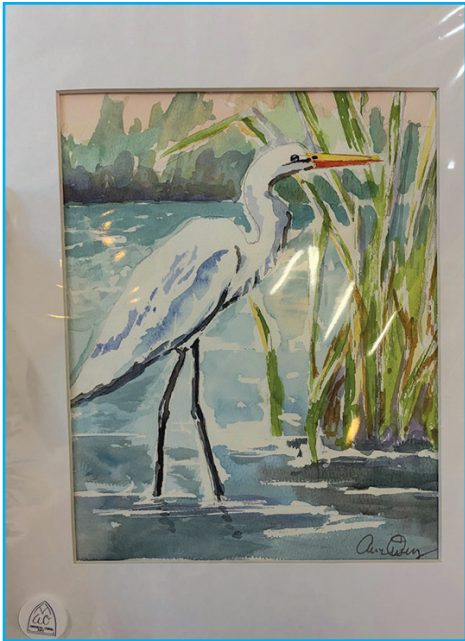
As "Christmas in July" celebrations pop up across the Southeast, Jolly Elfish Mercantile offers a reminder that the joy of the holidays doesn't have to wait until December. From seasonal décor and home accents to furniture and one-of-a-kind gifts, this Flat Rock destination captures the excitement of finding something special while supporting local entrepreneurs.

If your travels take you through northeast Alabama this summer, consider making a stop at Jolly Elfish Mercantile. You may arrive looking for Christmas decorations, but don't be surprised if you leave with much more than holiday cheer.




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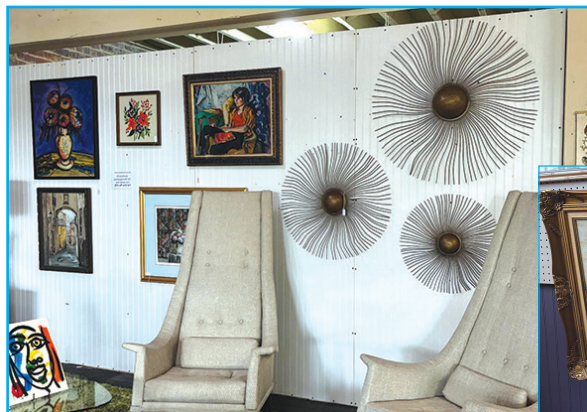
WALLS WORTH WANDERING FOR

One of the easiest ways to transform a room is with the right piece of wall art, and Railroad Station Antiques in Huntsville has no shortage of options. Shoppers will find beautiful framed and unframed paintings in every style imaginable, from serene landscapes and garden scenes to colorful birds, coastal-inspired pieces, rustic barns and elegant traditional artwork.

Part of the fun is the hunt! With a large, ever-changing inventory, each turn may reveal an unexpected find. Railroad Station Antiques offers artwork that brings warmth and person-

ality to any space, whether you're decorating a cozy cottage, adding character to a modern

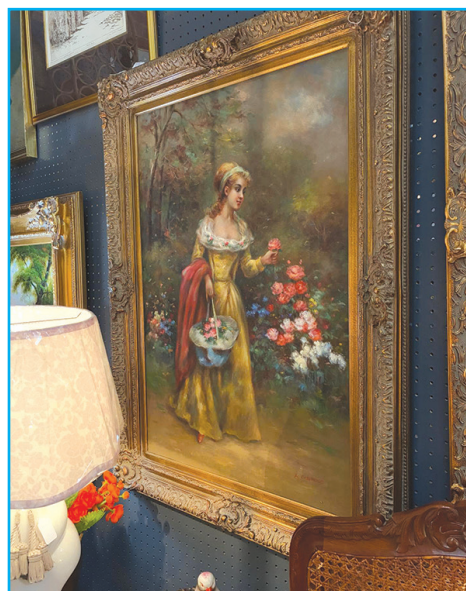
loft, or searching for the perfect oversized statement piece.



The historic shop has become a destination for antique lovers across the Southeast, and their wall art selection alone makes it worth browsing. If your walls need a refresh, plan to



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Every 3rd Saturday of the month: **POP UP SALES** Four Sisters Antiques, Murfreesboro, TN

June 25, 5-8: **CLASSIC CAR CRUISE-IN** Ms. Rhonda's Antiques & More, Springfield, TN; last Thursday of each month

June 26-27: **WEST KENTUCKY ANTIQUE & VINTAGE MARKET** West KY Archery Complex, Madisonville, KY

June 26-28: **SUMMER SALE** The Shoppes at Homespun, Farragut and Maryville, TN

June 27, 1-3: **CREATE YOUR OWN ART FLAG** Artisan Depot Gallery & Gift Shop, Cowan, TN; with Bradley Hurst

July 1-11: **CHRISTMAS IN JULY** Shoppes on the Square, Loudon, TN; sales and refreshments

July 3-5: **STOREWIDE SALE** United Estates Antique Mall and Collectibles, Cleveland, TN

July 3-12: **ANNUAL SALE** Quantum Antique Gallery Memphis, TN

July 3-12: **MALL-WIDE SALES** Sheffield Antiques Mall, Collierville, TN

July 4, 9-3: **OUTDOOR FLEA MARKET** Treasures Trash and Tiques, Columbia, TN

July 4: **250 YEARS OF FREEDOM OPEN HOUSE** Antique Centers I & II, Murfreesboro, TN

July 4, 7pm: **SOUNDS OF SUMMER: MENDINGWALL** Regional Park, Athens, TN; fireworks after show

July 11, 8-3: **FLOCK SWAP** Beaty Hardware, Cleveland, TN

July 11: **ANNUAL SUMMER MALL-WIDE SALE** Butler's Antique Mall, Jack-

son, TN; refreshments, dealers present

July 11: **BIG 6 YEAR CELEBRATION** Edith's Emporium, Chattanooga, TN

July 18, 7pm: **SOUNDS OF SUMMER: DEXTER THOMAS BAND** Athens, TN

July 18, 9-3: **POP-UP PARKING LOT SALE** Four Sisters Antiques, Murfreesboro, TN

July 18-19: **25TH ANNUAL TENNESSEE ELEGANT & DEPRESSION GLASS SHOW & SALE** Gallatin Civic Center, Gallatin, TN

July 23: **SISTERS GONE PICKIN' ROAD TRIP FACEBOOK LIVE SALE** Four Sisters Antiques & Vintage; will ship anywhere in the USA

July 24: **LATE NIGHT AT THE SHOPPES** Shoppes on the Square, Loudon, TN; open till 8pm

July 24-31: **CHRISTMAS IN JULY** Four Sisters Antiques & Vintage, Murfreesboro, TN

July 25-26: **48TH ANNUAL VINTAGE GLASS SHOW & SALE** Cobb County Civic Center, Marietta, GA; hosted by Peach State Depression Glass Club; see ad for coupon

July 30, 5-8pm: **CLASSIC CAR CRUISE-IN** Ms. Rhonda's Antiques & More, Springfield, TN

August 8: **COLLECTORS CARNIVAL & FLEA MARKET** Gibson Co. Fairgrounds, Princeton, IN

August 8, 10am: **ABSOLUTE AUCTION** 2104 Highway 163, Riceville, TN; hosted by Bid To Buy; see back cover

August 8: **SOUNDS OF SUMMER: SCENIC CITY SOUND** Athens, TN


August 15, 7pm: **SOUNDS OF SUMMER: CONFEDERATE RAILROAD** Regional Park, Athens, TN

August 22: **10TH ANNIVERSARY SALES EVENT** Yesterday's Treasures Today, Dickson, TN

August 27, 5-8pm: **CLASSIC CAR CRUISE-IN** Ms. Rhonda's Antiques & More, Springfield, TN; last Thursday of each month

September 5-6: **ST. LOUIS ANTIQUE FESTIVAL**, Belle Clair Fairgrounds, Belleville, IL

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by Terry Lea, Murfreesboro, Tennessee

July's colors are always red, white and blue in our country. But this year, America250 is putting even more of our nation's history and proud patriotism on full display. And what better way to celebrate America's roots than by embracing items from our past? Before we get into the "what" or "how" of collecting, let's talk about the "why."

Love of patriotic memorabilia is uniquely American. While other countries are filled with citizens who are rightfully proud of and love their country, America's affection for patriotic emblems is unusual. So why do we latch onto flags, coins and other items? Simply put, they're a tangible way to embrace our shared heritage. That shared heritage bridges gaps between generations, social and economic classes, races and more. By curating our own collections, we can pass down the stories and traditions that go along with those symbols. So what can you collect? The list is pretty extensive:

1. Flags & Bunting

An obvious choice for showing your American spirit is with an old-fashioned flag, whether a replica of the iconic Betsy Ross flag with 13 stars or a more modern rendition with all 50 stars.

Did you know? The Bedford Flag, associated with the Minutemen of Bedford, Massachusetts, is generally considered the oldest surviving complete flag in the United States. Historians believe it dates to the early 18th century and may have been carried during the opening days of the American Revolution.

Bunting is almost as iconic as our flag, but its origins are more recent. In 1865, Union General Benjamin Butler founded the U.S. Bunting Company so the popular pleated decorations could be made in the United States. By the late 19th century, bunting had become a mainstay of campaign trains used by presidential candidates, including McKinley and Teddy Roosevelt.

2. Historical Documents

Who doesn't immediately recognize the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution at a glance? Reproductions of these documents have long been displayed as serious artwork in homes alongside oil and watercolor paintings. America's 250th birthday is a great time to locate a high-quality reproduction of



your favorite American documents and have them framed for display this year and beyond.

If you'd rather raise a glass to toast our Founding Fathers, you can also find these documents emblazoned on vintage barware like the glasses shown here.

3. Militaria

If you have a presentation American flag, military jacket, weapon or medal from a family member who served, this treasured keepsake is both personal and patriotic.

4. Patriotic Artwork

Everything from mid-century cross-stitch samplers and lithographs to war posters and more is highly collectible. These pieces serve as endearing reminders of our nation's history.

5. Stamps & Coins

Like many collectibles, antique stamps and coins are sought after by collectors. Many are also patriotic, making them even more desirable and valuable. As with any collectible, buyer beware: mass-produced coins and other items advertised on television are unlikely to achieve the value hinted at in the ads. You're better off focusing on coins issued by the U.S. Treasury and stamps created by the USPS.

6. Nostalgia Memorabilia

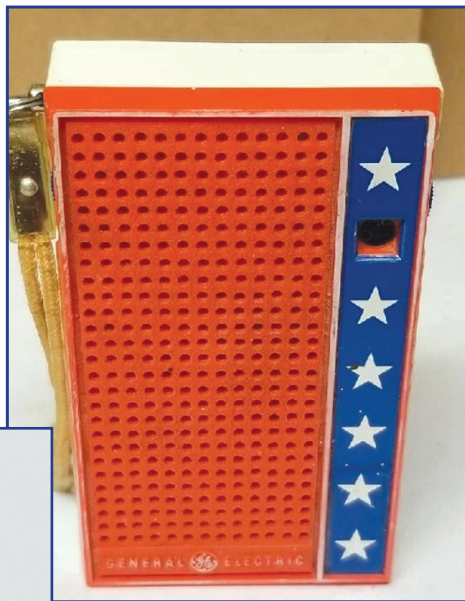
From food packaging to costume jewelry and beyond, American businesses have long leaned into patriotism to market their merchandise for patriotic celebrations. And if you're lucky enough to still have that Campfire marshmallow tin or "Spirit of '76" GE transistor radio, you've probably held onto it because it reminds you of one of America's milestone birthdays.

If you're new to collecting patriotic memorabilia, we suggest starting modestly. Look for authentic vintage items in good used condition and get a feel for what's genuine and what has been reproduced. If your patriotic spirit leads you into a full-blown antique quest, you'll find many avenues to pursue, including the ones listed above.

Care for vintage and antique memorabilia by keeping it out of direct sunlight and controlling temperature and humidity levels as much as possible. But do bring your treasures out and enjoy them, at least for the season.

Happy birthday, America!

Terry Lea and Sherri Brown were flea-market-going friends before they made their shared hobby into a full-fledged business by opening Re-Invintage in Murfreesboro, Tenn. Be sure to check out all their fantastic finds at 3781 Franklin Rd., Murfreesboro, TN.





VINTAGE RECIPE: Tropical Parfait Pie



- 1-3 oz pkg lime Jello
- 1 c boiling water
- 1 pt vanilla ice cream
- 2 c miniature marshmallows
- Coconut crust

Dissolve lime Jello in water.
Add ice cream, stirring until melted.
Chill until almost firm.
Fold in marshmallows; pour into
coconut crust. Chill until firm.

COCONUT CRUST

- 2 c flaked coconut
- 2 T sugar
- 1 T flour
- 2 T melted Oleo

Combine coconut, sugar and flour.
Blend in melted Oleo. Press mixture
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July has always been a month made for exploring.

Whether it's a weekend road trip, a family vacation or simply taking the scenic route home, summer invites us to get out and discover something new. As our nation celebrates America's 250th anniversary, it feels especially fitting to reflect on the places, people, traditions and small businesses that help tell our country's story.



In this issue, we're taking you on a journey across the Southeast and beyond. Our cover feature introduces you to Four Sisters Antiques & Vintage, a destination that beautifully blends history, charm and the thrill of the hunt that antique lovers know so well. We also celebrate our nation's heritage in "For the Love of Country," while exploring one of nature's hardest-working travelers in "What's the Buzz About Bees?"

If coastal escapes are on your summer itinerary—or simply in your decorating dreams—you'll enjoy this month's Trend & Tradition feature on Coastal Heritage style. Along the way, we'll introduce you to Jolly Elfish and The Samaritan Center, two organizations making a difference in their com-

munities, and share a closer look at The Shops at Main & McGrew and Railroad Station Antiques, both worth adding to your list of stops.

We want to remind collectors and glass enthusiasts about two exciting upcoming shows: the Fostoria Glass Show on July 18 and 19 and The Peach State Depression Club's Vintage Glass Show & Sale on July 25 and 26. Both are listed in the July calendar, a great resource to save and keep on your refrigerator!

Of course, none of this would be possible without the many advertisers who fill these pages each month. They are the heart of Busy Bee Trader and the reason we're able

to continue connecting readers with unique shopping destinations, memorable attractions, local restaurants, artisan businesses, museums and hidden gems throughout the Southeast. We encourage you to support them whenever your travels take you their way. Every visit, purchase and recommendation helps preserve the businesses and communities that make our region special.

As you turn the pages of this issue, we hope you'll find inspiration for your next adventure—whether that's a cross-state road trip, a day spent antiques, or a visit to a destination you've never explored before.

Thank you for traveling with us.
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By Lynda Vandiver, Madisonville, Kentucky

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For owner Dawn Goodman, Four Sisters is much more than a business. Named in honor of her sisters—and especially her oldest sister Debbie, whose love of antiques inspired the store before her passing in 2016—Four Sisters was built on family, faith and a passion for preserving pieces of the past.

That heartfelt vision has resonated with shoppers throughout the region. What began with 40 dealers has grown to more than 80 vendors, creating an ever-changing marketplace filled with antiques, vintage décor, collectibles, furniture, seasonal treasures, handcrafted goods and one-of-a-kind pieces waiting to be discovered.

One reason customers return so frequently is simple: no two visits are ever the same.

While many antique stores refresh inventory occasionally, Four Sisters has built a reputation for keeping fresh merchandise flowing throughout the week. Vendors regularly restock on Sunday mornings, Monday evenings and Thursday evenings, meaning shoppers can expect new treasures nearly every time they walk through the door.

"It's always changing" is a phrase often heard from regular customers, and that's exactly what Dawn and her vendors strive to create: a shopping experience that feels



the road, behind-the-scenes glimpses of their picking adventures and a live sale featuring treasures discovered along the way. Whether shoppers are searching for blue-and-white décor, quilts, brass, copper, jewelry, artwork, vintage clothing or something completely unexpected, the Sisters Gone Pickin' trip promises plenty of opportunities to find that special piece.

For those who enjoy the excitement of outdoor shopping, Four Sisters also hosts Pop-Up Parking Lot Sales every third Saturday of the month. These events bring additional vendors, special deals and a festive atmosphere that has quickly become a favorite among locals and visiting shoppers alike.

Of course, treasure hunting can work up an appetite.

Visitors to Four Sisters can take a break in the store's café area, where freshly prepared treats add another layer to the shopping experience. Guests may find fresh sourdough bread, homemade fried pies, jams and jellies, seasonal fruits, candy, muffins, chocolate brownies, crunchy chips and other delicious goodies available throughout the week. It's the perfect spot to recharge before heading back out to explore another aisle.

like a treasure hunt every time.

Adding to the excitement is a growing lineup of special events designed to bring together collectors, decorators and antique lovers from across the Southeast.

One of the newest adventures is the upcoming "Sisters Gone Pickin'" Road Trip Facebook Live Sale. On July 23, Dawn and her team will take followers along for the ride as they travel from Murfreesboro all the way to Springfield, Ohio, sourcing antiques and vintage finds for customers. Throughout the journey, they'll share videos from

The combination of antiques, hospitality and community has helped Four Sisters earn a loyal following and numerous accolades. Yet despite the growth and recognition, Dawn remains grateful for the support she receives from customers, vendors and the Murfreesboro community. And that spirit of gratitude is evident throughout the store. Vendors support one another, customers are greeted like friends and visitors often leave feeling like they've discovered more than just a great antique shop.

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Have you checked out The Shops at Main & McGrew's new online auction website yet?

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The new Main & McGrew Auctions website allows bidders to browse and bid on antiques, collectibles, vintage treasures, ephemera and other unique finds from the comfort of home while enjoying the same quality and variety customers have come to expect from the store itself.



Another reason customers keep coming back is Alex's Rock Shop. Fully stocked and ready for exploration, the shop features an impressive selection of crystals, gemstones, fossils, minerals and rocks that appeal to both serious collectors

and curious newcomers. It's a unique addition that makes The Shops at Main & McGrew more than just an antique store.

Whether you're browsing online auctions or planning a day trip, The Shops at Main & McGrew offers something for nearly every collector and shopper. Visit them at 100 South Main Street, Shelbyville, TN 37160. Store hours are Wednesday through Saturday from 10am to 5pm and Sunday from noon to 5pm.

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By Diana Lamb, Cowan, Tennessee

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The FCAG welcomes partnerships with schools, churches, libraries and other community organizations, and they are seeking groups that would like to host a workshop.

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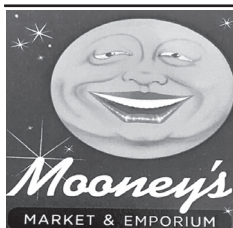
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Each month in “Trend & Tradition,” we explore the styles making a comeback—or sticking around for good—in the world of antique and vintage décor. Whether it’s a classic piece getting a modern twist or a fresh way to style a timeworn favorite, we’ll show you how old and new can live beautifully together.

As summer reaches its peak, homes naturally begin to take on a lighter, more relaxed feel. This season, coastal-inspired décor is making waves once again, but today’s version looks a little different than the themed beach houses of years past. Instead of overly decorated spaces filled with anchors and signs, the new coastal look feels collected, weathered and timeless. It draws inspiration from seaside cottages, lake homes and historic coastal living, blending vintage charm with an easygoing summer atmosphere.

So What Is Coastal Heritage Style?

Coastal Heritage style focuses on natural textures, faded colors and pieces that feel connected to life near the water. Think soft blues, sandy neutrals, weathered wood and nautical accents that feel authentic rather than overly themed. The goal is to create a home that feels relaxed, layered and welcoming.

Antique and vintage pieces play a big role in this look. Wicker furniture, brass accents, vintage sailing art and well-loved

wooden pieces all help create that collected coastal feel. Rather than looking brand new or perfectly polished, Coastal Heritage embraces age and patina. A slightly faded finish or worn texture only adds to the charm.

What to Look for While You Shop

Antique malls, vendor markets and summer estate sales are full of pieces that fit beautifully into this trend. The key is choosing items that hint at coastal living without turning your home into a themed vacation rental.



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Keep an eye out for these Coastal Heritage staples:

- Wicker, cane or rattan furniture and baskets
- Vintage nautical artwork, sailboats or maritime prints
- Blue and white pottery, ironstone or transferware
- Weathered wood furniture with natural texture
- Brass lamps, candlesticks or ship-inspired accents
- Striped textiles, grain sacks or ticking fabric
- Glass floats, shells or driftwood used sparingly
- Vintage fishing baskets, tackle boxes or lake décor

The beauty of this trend is that it works just as well inland as it does near the coast. A few carefully chosen pieces can bring in the relaxed feeling of summer without overwhelming a space.

Easy Ways to Add Coastal Style to Your Home

One reason Coastal Heritage has become so popular is because it’s easy to incorporate in subtle ways. You don’t need an entire beach house to make the look work.

- Start with texture. Wicker baskets, woven trays or cane furniture instantly add warmth and softness.



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- Bring in blues gradually. A few pieces of blue transferware or striped pillows can shift the mood of a room without feeling overly themed.

- Mix old and natural elements. Pair weathered wood with greenery, shells or simple white pottery for an effortless summer look.

- Keep nautical accents minimal. A vintage sailboat painting or brass lantern feels timeless, while too many themed pieces can quickly feel cluttered.

Coastal Heritage works best when it feels collected over time rather than decorated all at once.

Why This Trend Feels Right for July

July is all about slowing down and enjoying the season—porch evenings, lake weekends, family gatherings and time spent outdoors. Coastal-inspired décor naturally reflects that relaxed pace of life. Its soft colors and natural textures help create spaces that feel calm, cool and comfortable during the hottest part of the year.

Unlike more seasonal summer décor, Coastal Heritage also has staying power. Many of these pieces transition beautifully

into late summer and early fall, especially when paired with warm woods, vintage textiles and collected antiques.

Where to Hunt

One of the best parts of this trend is how easy it is to shop for at antique malls



and vendor markets. Coastal pieces often show up where you least expect them: a woven basket tucked under a table, a stack of blue dishes on a shelf, a stack of blue dishes on a shelf or an old maritime print hidden

among framed artwork.

As you browse Busy Bee Trader advertisers this month, look for items with texture, softness and a sense of history. Pieces that feel sun-faded, weathered or handmade fit naturally into this style and help create a home that feels welcoming rather than overly styled.

So next time you're out antiques, keep an eye out for those relaxed summer touches that bring a sense of calm and character into a space. Coastal Heritage isn't about recreating a beach house, it's about capturing the timeless feeling of summer living, wherever home may be.





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THE SAMARITAN CENTER: A THRIFT STORE WITH A MISSION

In the heart of Ooltewah, Tennessee, shoppers will find much more than bargains at The Samaritan Center. Behind the racks of clothing, furniture displays and shelves of home décor is a mission focused on helping neighbors throughout the local community.

At first glance, The Samaritan Center is an impressive thrift store. Spanning approximately 30,000 square feet, it is one of the largest thrift stores in the region. Visitors can spend hours exploring its expansive departments filled with furniture, home décor, glassware, clothing, toys and countless unique finds. The center even features a dedicated toy store and a separate clearance side where all clothing is priced at just 95 cents.

But what truly sets The Samaritan Center apart is what happens after a purchase is made.

Every donation and sale helps support local social service programs that provide emergency assistance to individuals and families facing difficult circumstances. A portion of proceeds directly funds services such as emergency food assistance, rent and utility support and school supplies for children in need. For many shoppers, that means every bargain discovered on the sales floor also becomes an opportunity to make a positive impact in the community.



The organization has served the Ooltewah area for decades and continues to expand its outreach as needs grow. This summer marks an exciting chapter for The Samaritan Center as it broadens its social services area to support even more neighbors. Beginning June 15, the expansion will allow the organization to increase its ability to serve local families and individuals seeking assistance.

For thrift shoppers, collectors and bargain hunters, The Samaritan Center offers

the thrill of discovery. Inventory changes daily as new donations arrive, creating opportunities to uncover vintage treasures, quality furniture, household essentials and unexpected finds. For families, the affordable pricing makes it possible to stretch household budgets further. For donors, it provides a meaningful way to give unwanted items a second life while supporting an important cause.

In a world where many people are looking for ways to shop with purpose, The Samaritan Center demonstrates how a thrift store can become a powerful force for good. Every donated item, every volunteer hour and every purchase helps strengthen the community it serves.

The next time you're exploring East Tennessee's thrift scene, consider making a stop in Ooltewah. You may leave with a great find, but you'll also leave knowing your purchase helped make a difference for someone in need.



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by Shannon Ingram, Cleveland, Tennessee

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VINTIQUES: 1201 Dellwood Lne NE, I-75 exit 27 turn east onto Paul Huff Pkwy. 3 miles, turn rt onto Old Tasso Rd., 1000 ft turn onto Dellwood Ln, 1000 ft on rt. RV Friendly. Antiques, furniture, home decor, farmhouse, china, toys, signs, man cave, something for everyone. 423-618-6311. Howard and Pixie Dust paint company retailer. Tues-Sat 10-6pm. Watch for outdoor mkt. sales. on and www.facebook.com/TNVintiques

CLINTON

ANTIQUÉ MARKET: 305 Market St. in the heart of Downtown Clinton. Large selection of furniture including American Primitives, turn of the century English, French and American furnishings. Quality collectibles, glassware, jewelry, clocks, & antique lamp restoration & re-imagination. Thurs-Sat 11-5, Sun 1-4. 865-463-8699. theantiquemarket.com.

CLINTON ANTIQUE MALL: 317 North Main St. in old hardware bldg. Clinton's oldest & largest antique mall. 3 floors of high quality antiques and primitives from 1800s to early 1900s. 865-457-3110. I-75 to Exit 112, west TN 158 (Charles Seivers Blvd) Rt on S. Main, turns into N. Main, store on rt.

CORNER ANTIQUES: Located at the intersection of Main, Market & Memorial Streets in an 1890's General Store Bldg. Country, primitive & American furniture, country collectibles & accessories such as: stoneware, yellow ware, red ware, wooden ware, tin ware, oil lamps, wooden decoys, baskets, quilts, etc. Locally handmade seasonal character figures and decor items. Find us on Google, FB Instagram & Yelp. Mon-Sat 10-5:30; Sun 1-5; Closed Wed

COLUMBIA

ACCENTS & ANTIQUES OF COLUMBIA: 37-38 Public Square, 38401. 2 Floors. New & Old, Books, Collectibles, Comic Books, Candles, Jewelry, Furniture, Lamp Parts. Mon-Sat 10-5, Sun 12-4 931-380-8975.

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COLUMBIA ANTIQUE MARKETPLACE: 101 N. James Campbell Blvd. Look for us in the Factory. Awesome vendors with great prices. 931-982-6400.

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FRANKLIN

FRANKLIN ANTIQUE MALL: 251 2nd Ave S., on the corner of 2nd and Margin. Franklin's Oldest & Largest Mall filled with quality antique furniture, accessories, smalls and good collectibles in the old "Ice House." Mon-Sat 10-5, Sun 1-5. 615-790-8593.

GOODLETTSVILLE

GOODLETTSVILLE ANTIQUE MALL: 213 N. Main Street. 37072. I-65, Exit 97. Go rt. on Main St, one block on rt. Over 23,000 sq. ft. of antiques, vintage, collectibles, furniture, primitives, glassware & more. Mon-Sat 10-5:30, Sun 11-5:30. 615-859-7002.

GREENEVILLE

BACK PORCH ANTIQUES: 750 W. Andrew Johnson Hwy. True antique shop with a wide selection of American primitives, quality antique furniture, glassware including Fenton, vintage collectibles, & Mid-Century Modern pieces. Ever-changing inventory with vendor-curated booths featuring everything from early country pieces to unique décor. Mon-Sat 10-5, Sun 1-5; Closed Wed. 423-609-7923. Find us on FB

KNOXVILLE/MARYVILLE

THE SHOPPES AT HOMESPUN: Farragut Shop - 11523 Kingston Pike, Knoxville Village Green Center; Hrs M-S, 10-6, Sun 1-6. 1-865-6713444. Maryville location - 1410 Sevierville Rd.(Old Cherokee Lumber Bldg) Hrs M-S, 10-6, Sun 1-6. 1-865-724-2018. Both shoppes offer Primitives, Antiques, Home Decor, Gifts & More.

LEBANON

HACKBERRY FARM ANTIQUES: 840 Lindsley Rd (From I-40, Exit 239, go southeast on Hwy 70 for 3 miles, right on Lindsley Rd, then 1 mile on left. Appx. 5 miles from Lebanon Square. Antique furniture, china, silver, art & Depression glass, lamps, pictures, original art by Orinda, TN artist Bruce Corban & more. Thurs-Sat or by appt. 615-444-1769.

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MEMPHIS

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NASHVILLE

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OOLETEWAH

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