

HOME DECOR

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Keep It Clean, Keep It Chic

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Summertime and the livin' is easy and breezy! Seasonal redecorating means that your home will be ready for summer soirees and pool parties. A minimalist look is the hot ticket for cool compliments!



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EQ3 HOME FURNISHINGS, BURBANK



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So many possibilities! Perhaps a beach theme with seashells and netting on the walls, or maybe a mountain motif with natural plants and wood. Wherever your summer passions take you, bring your home along!

The new location of **Urban Colony** in Sherman Oaks has just been open six weeks, having moved from the old Helms Bakery Building. If you haven't had the chance to stop by and see what you can find to update your seasonal décor. From custom upholstery and furniture to rugs, lighting and beautiful accessories, you can choose from in store items or browse their extensive catalogs. First time clients get a free home visit and interior design consultation to help you firm up your vision for your home improvement project AND you'll receive 10% off your opening order! A few of their popular products include custom TV/entertainment cabinets which are personalized to fit into your overall look. They can also be fitted with fabric panels on the doors which allow two important features - your remote control works while the doors are closed and speakers can be hidden away. At Urban Colony, you can achieve a high-end, sophisticated look at reasonable prices. Bask in the personal attention and customer service you get while you shop. Owner, Robert Wylie, is a talented and experienced interior and furniture designer who will help turn your home into a showplace of style and beauty at a surprisingly affordable rate. Interior designers are always welcome when they need assistance on projects. Robert offers a generous trade discount to designers.

Keystone Cabinetry in Burbank – the wood artisans – have one goal: to produce the best cabinetry on the market today and to meet and exceed your expectations every time you call. With more than 27 years of experience, Keystone Cabinetry Inc. captures a sincere and intimate reflection of owners' style, refinement and inspiration. Through elevating a commitment to old

world craftsmanship and high-end custom woodwork, Keystone defines its reputation as accomplished wood artisans of kitchen and bath cabinetry. Beyond its role as cabinetmakers, Keystone Cabinetry Inc offers thoughtful kitchen design to preserve style, enhanced by modern day functionality and ergonomics. Nevertheless, cabinetry and customized furniture create solutions which extend life, beauty and utility throughout any well-designed environment. From the kitchen to the bath and from the great room to the home office, the wine cellar to the bar and the library to the home theater and every room in between, Keystone Cabinetry Inc designs, hand-crafts, and finishes custom cabinetry with exceptional quality to suit your personal style and serve your individual needs. To sustain their commitment and experience as craftsmen, they strive to create subtle grandeur from traditional to contemporary tastes in proportions that embrace varying lifestyles from grand entertaining and opulent luxury to exceed our clients' expectations through providing the finest high-end custom cabinetry in Los Angeles.

Summer has settled in and we'll be spending more time in our back yards relaxing, dining, enjoying time with friends and just playing. Our outdoor living spaces are becoming equally as comfortable and beautiful as our living rooms. **Outside in Home** in Los Angeles is a one stop shop for both. Open now for a year, Outside in Home offers a plethora of indoor and outdoor furnishings and accessories. Their unique selection of outdoor sofas, chaises, umbrellas, fountains and statuary can transform your back yard into a comfortable, chic place to gather with friends on a warm summer day. And when the party moves indoors, Outside in Home's got you covered there too with dining, living room and bedroom furniture and home accessories from around the world. Custom design is available – just tell them what you need and they will create it for you. Their unfailing customer service makes

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The right accessories can really pull the look of a room together and details count! From crystal to lamps to sculpture - use as much care choosing your accents as you do the furniture.

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shopping at Outside in Home a pleasant experience. Bring your outdoor friends! They love dogs at Outside in Home!

Rooted in imagination, **EQ3** is a concept inspiring the transformation of rooms within the intimate and emotional place we all call home. EQ3 is about innovative rooms of affordable furnishings for simply living, alone or with others. The designs of EQ3 are globally inspired, and centered in the growing interest by many across all generations for a lifestyle expression reflecting modern living. Since 2001, EQ3 showrooms have become inspiring destinations. This is where design and wonder meet. New ideas are welcomed, individuality finds personal expression, and the value and ideals of "home" are celebrated. At EQ3, they aim to create multiple choices for their customers. From customizing a furniture purchase right through to delivery options, their goal is to facilitate each purchasing experience. EQ3 has stores all over the world, with the closest one here in Burbank on San Fernando. Summerize your home at EQ3! For more info, visit www.eq3.com.

Eclectic Avenue Furniture is located on the Westside, just a hop away from WeHo, they have been in business for over 14 years, offering exquisite home furnishings and accessories from Bali, Indonesia, China and the USA at 30%-60% below retail. These are hot and stylish pieces that you might find at Z Gallerie, Crate and Barrel and Pottery Barn but at much higher prices. Sofas and loves seats, bookcases, accent tables, armoires, overstuffed armchairs and mirrors are packed into this tiny store. The showroom changes on a weekly basis. Mix and match from exotic rustic to today's contemporary, making your home feel inviting and comfortable for everyone. Add a touch of serenity to your outdoor space with fabulous fountains, or dramatize a dining room with a large mirror. Get a custom look without the custom prices! Interior design and staging available.

Brittany Hill Ltd. in Woodland Hills is an established furniture company, reflecting comfort, class and quality. This charming

custom furniture and home accessory showroom specializes in hand crafted reproductions of fine English, French country, and Tuscan furniture with distressed, hand painted and crackled finishes. Couldn't you just envision adding a marble Buddha to these pieces to embody the best of the East with the best of the West. The craftsman of Brittany Hill Ltd. are third generation artists whose hand carvings and hand crafted furniture adorn some of this country's most exquisite resorts and estates. Choose from showroom ensembles or work with their friendly staff to create that unique piece you've always wanted. Every piece of furniture is handcrafted and finished to perfection. They also offer the most elegant accessories from glorious floral arrangements, to original oil paintings, crystal vases, beautiful pillows, exquisite lighting and some Asian-esque accents. Everything you could possibly want to accessorize your home. The possibilities at Brittany Hill are endless. Brittany Hill, Ltd also has a showroom in Castle Rock, Colorado.

So the last time your sister came to visit and brought her bratty son, he broke your treasured china plate given to you by your mother when you got married. Instead of throwing it away, take it to **Rattay's Crystal, China & Collectibles Restoration** in Encino. Everyone gets a second chance - even bratty nephews - and that goes for your delicate décor, too! Crystal heirlooms are precious - but often easily chipped. No need to break up the set, Rattay's knows what to do. They are experts in working with crystal, china, glass, jade, ivory, wood, ceramic, stone and more! They are a recommended restorer for "Lladro" porcelain. The most common repair they make is simply grinding down and polishing the rims of crystal or glass stemware, vases or bowls below unsightly chips. If an item is truly beyond repair, the creative craftsmen at Rattay can often turn it into something else - decanters become vases or wine glasses become ashtrays. "There's always something we can do," say owner, Joseph. Right next door and in the same family, so to speak, is Tarzana Glass where they specialize in glass cutting, beveling, drilling, shower enclosures, mirrors - almost anything you can see through! Custom work is their specialty!

Open for 10 years, the **Tomato** showroom in Pasadena offers a unique and very special selection of modern and oriental flair furniture, lighting fixtures and interior materials. Specializing in wood and metal furniture with clean lines and a sharp vibe, Tomato is less a store than it is a beautiful showroom where you can consult with an interior designer before making a purchase! They handle projects from residential and commercial to hospitality and renovation. You can discuss your space requirements, color scheme and lifestyle so that when you take your piece home, you know it will fit your home like a hand in a glove. Tomato has no need of special sales because their prices are already unbelievably reasonable for the high quality they offer. Stop by the showroom for great ideas and the expert assistance to bring your home redecorating vision to reality.

Summer is often a time for visiting out of town relatives and friends. When guests visit, you want your home to stand out. Every room needs a focal point and at **Padua Home Furnishings** in San Marino, they offer stunning pieces that will make your rooms the center of attention. Owner Dolores Kroop is an icon in the interior design business, known for her creative sense of style and use of materials and all the pieces in her shop are hand selected. She is always on the lookout for new and unusual home décor items like Asian accent pieces, silver pieces, Moroccan items and more. Dolores' impeccable taste in interior design is reflected in the glorious selection of items to be found at Padua where you can find things not to be found elsewhere in the Southland. Give her a call and explore the possibilities together. You'll find her to be knowledgeable and creative.

Hideaway House in Pasadena is like a treasure trove of delightful antiques that reflect the sensibilities of charming British owner, Brian Proper. Although moving recently to this location, Brian has been in the antique business for over 35 years. Every item in his shop has been personally selected by Brian - if he doesn't love it, it doesn't make it into Hideaway House. He was brought up in woodworking, learning the

craft from an 80 year old man who rode to Brian's boarding school in England on a bicycle every day. As a result of his tutelage, Brian developed the concept that antique pieces should be kept as close to original as possible, allowing for the wear and tear of age. New merchandise comes in every day as the store continues to evolve. Brian's knowledge and expertise draw discerning clients from all over the world. English, French and Country style classic furniture for every room in your home - if you're going to do it, it might as well be the best!

Tiling is still the hottest trend on the home décor front. You want a new look, but don't have the time or money for a major redecorating project. Tiling is a creative way to add interest to many areas of your home from the kitchen backsplash to wet bars, fireplaces and outdoor living. It's easy to install and easy to care for and can really enhance the look of your home! There are so many incredibly beautiful hand crafted tile lines and all it takes is a visit to **Mission Tile West** in South Pasadena to get inspired. Mission Tile West creates their own exclusive tile designs in their own factories, inspired by collections from all over the country. Also, the new **Mission West Kitchen and Bath**, conveniently located right next door, is an extraordinary Kitchen and Bath shop designed as a valuable resource for historically accurate pieces to fit a variety of styles within any home, whether it be Traditional, Contemporary, Spanish revival, Mid-century modern or a Craftsman bungalow. Check out their exquisite showroom in Santa Monica and their new Palm Desert location!

If you're thinking of buying a home or selling the one you've got, it's best to have an expert by your side. **Katherine Yaghoubi** in Tarzana is knowledgeable, friendly and really knows her stuff. According to Katherine, this is a great time to buy your dream home and she can help you do it. As a real estate agent and a mortgage broker all rolled into one, she can not only find the right new home for you, but help you get the loan that will put you in it!

Photos (left to right): Bust & Bronze Sculpture, Eclectic Avenue Furniture on the Westside; Rattay's Crystal in Encino