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Plan your shopping excursions with this list of vintage and antiques markets held around the country.

By Devlin Smith

GOAT HILL FAIR | CALIFORNIA |

goathillfair.com

Upcoming Events:

May 14–15 and Nov. 12–13

Location:

Santa Cruz County Fairgrounds in Watsonville

Nearly 100 vendors pack this indoor market, offering vintage, antique, repurposed and handmade pieces. “The offerings at Goat Hill Fair are gathered, curated and styled vintage and antique items,” says Shari Delgado Nicsevic, assistant to show founder and producer Cyndi Garofalo. “Our guests will find everything from small trinkets to grandly large [items]. One can find personal effects and adornments, such as jewelry and clothes. Shoppers will always find home décor, show-stopping pieces and the very utilitarian ... mainstays.”



TIP:

“Come with an idea of what you are looking for. It can be overwhelming if you don’t know what you want, but having something in mind helps you focus.”
— Linda Radtke, Randolph Street Market

THE GREAT JUNK HUNT | WASHINGTON |

thegreatjunkhunt.com

Upcoming Events:

Upcoming Events: April 22–23 and Nov. 18–19

Location:

Washington State Fairgrounds in Puyallup

The Funky Junk Sisters produce markets held throughout the year in Washington, offering customers a mix of vintage, antique, retro, salvaged and handmade items, and plenty of design inspiration. “[Our customers] don’t mind a little dirt or rust; as a matter of fact, they prefer it,” says Linda Albers, one of The Funky Junk Sisters. “They love repurposed, upcycled and one-of-a-kind finds. Our customers want to be different and don’t want to fill their houses with products purchased at the mall.”



HOBNOB MARKET | ILLINOIS |

hobnobmarket.com

Upcoming Events:

May 6–7

Location:

at Kennekuk County Park in Danville

Sept. 9–10

Location:

Effingham County Fairgrounds in Altamont

Nov. 18–19 at the

Location:

Peoria Civic Center in Peoria

Jury-selected vendor booths fill the popular Hobnob Market events, selling items to vintage-loving customers. “[We sell] the most mouthwatering vintage finds plus wonderfully imaginative handmade goods,” says Holly Snelling, owner. “The Hobnob is filled with fabulous creative displays that make each booth feel like a stand-alone shop. Now imagine row after row of crazy-good shops all in one place? Heaven.”



JUNKNISTA VINTAGE MARKET | MISSISSIPPI |

junknista.com

Upcoming Events: April 30–May 1 and Oct. 8–9

Location: Forest County Multipurpose Center in Hattiesburg

Visitors to this indoor market can check out vintage, repurposed and handmade items being sold at vendor booths or bid on items at the onsite auction house. “Junknista brings to the Deep South a premier indoor shopping event with an infusion of Southern style and that famous Southern hospitality to boot,” says Kirsten Arms-Arbo, owner. “You’ll find a wonderful array of vendors of vintage goods, retro, antiques, industrial salvage, good old junk, collectibles, repurposed, painted furniture, midcentury, home décor, handmade artisan and boutique merchandise.”



TIP:

“Be ready to measure. Always carry a measuring tape; it’s helpful if you’re looking for a piece to fit a certain spot.”
— Linda Albers, The Great Junk Hunt

JUNKTOBERFEST | NEBRASKA |

junktoberfest.com

Upcoming Events: May 21–22 and Nov. 21–22

Location: Old Southroad’s Mall in Bellevue; October dates to be announced for the Red Willow County Fairgrounds in McCook

Head to Junktoberfest for a mix of vintage, antique and one-of-a-kind home décor and jewelry, plus a sampling of some farm-fresh junk. “Our vendors are artists and hunters,” says Courtney Pollmann, event coordinator. “We have artists who build and create custom furniture pieces, unique jewelry and accessories, artwork and décor, and we have hunters [who] search every sale, farmhouse and estate that they come in contact with to find those one-of-a-kind vintage and antique pieces that will blow you away and create a fantastic conversation piece for your home.”



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LONG BEACH ANTIQUE MARKET

CALIFORNIA | longbeachantiquemarket.com

Upcoming Events: Shows held the third Sunday of every month at Veterans Stadium in Long Beach, with special sales on fifth Sundays

This monthly event has been attracting a wide variety of designers, collectors and bargain hunters for more than 30 years. "The market has over 800 sellers featuring a wide variety of vintage, antique and collectibles including china, glassware, linens, furniture, lighting, garden décor, kitchen collectibles, primitives, pottery, art, rugs, sterling, porcelain and much more," report co-promoters Donald and Lynn Moger. "Styles range from cottage, Victorian, salvaged architectural, shabby chic and country French, to name just a few."



TIP: "Come early for the best selection. Wear comfortable shoes. Bring cash and a shopping cart." — Donald and Lynn Moger, Long Beach Antique Market



MILE HIGH FLEA MARKET | COLORADO |

milehighfleamarket.com
Upcoming Events: Open Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, April through October
Location: Mile High Flea Market in Henderson

Families in the Denver metro area know this market is the place to spend spring, summer and fall weekends hunting for amazing pieces, shopping the farmers' market and enjoying live entertainment. "The flea market has sold a wide variety of goods and services since opening day under the same premise, 'Everything new and used at incredible prices,'" says Ashley Baronfeld, marketing, sales and talent-booking manager. "While the flea market has its everyday bargains, you never know what you might stumble across, treasures like a crystal vase or an artistic lamp, or a first-edition book ..."



REMNANTS OF THE PAST | CALIFORNIA |

remnantsofthepast.com
Upcoming Events: April 15–16
Location: Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton

Nov. 11–12 Location: Earl Warren Fairgrounds in Santa Barbara

This market offers a variety of farmhouse-chic, European, cottage-style, industrial and handmade pieces. "I hand-select each of my vendors," says Judy Watkins, founder. "I look for vendors that have an eye for their niche of what they love; they think outside of the box with their displays, and it shows. Some of the vendors love linen, for example, [and] they will bring a linen chair but then put their own take on this style, whether it be a bright pillow, mix it with mid-century or make it completely romantic."



RANDOLPH STREET MARKET CHICAGO | ILLINOIS |

randolphstreetmarket.com
Upcoming Events: Shows held monthly, with dates including April 23–24, May 28–29, June 25–26, and two weekends in November
Location: Plumbers Hall in Chicago

This monthly indoor/outdoor event offers shoppers a mix of vintage and antique finds, artisan pieces and international goods. "... it's a beautifully curated European-style market inside and outside of a gorgeous 1920s auditorium in the heart of the historic West Loop/Fulton Market of Chicago," says Laura Radtke, marketing and sponsorship manager. "In the May through September months, RSM takes on a festival feel complete with live band lineups, a DJ shade cabana, activities for kids, market bars a plenty and 300 vendors, who come from near and across the country."



STORMVILLE AIRPORT FLEA MARKET | NEW YORK |

stormvilleairportfleamarket.com
Upcoming Events: May 28–29, July 2–3, Sept. 3–4, Oct. 8–9 and Nov. 5–6
Location: Stormville Airport

Shoppers seeking a mix of antiques, collectibles, vintage pieces, arts and crafts, and new items should check out this market. "We offer something for everyone, from activities for kids, such as bounce houses, to a wide range of merchandise ... for the adults," says Sheila Carnahan, manager. "Stormville Flea Market has been a tradition for many that live in the Hudson Valley. We enjoy providing an event that the community and surrounding areas can enjoy."



THIEVES MARKET VINTAGE FLEA | ARIZONA |

thievesmarketvintageflea.com
Upcoming Events: Shows held the first Saturday of the month
Location: Big Surf Waterpark in Tempe

This market offers aisles stocked with vintage and upcycled furniture, ephemera, architectural salvage, signage, vintage clothing and accessories, collectibles, home accessories, and odds and ends. "Besides the vintage goods, we also have a good number of artists selling their custom furniture, jewelry, etc.," says Lori Cowherd, cofounder. "Thieves Market always has a gourmet food truck on site and the best Spotify [play]list around."



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TRADING POST 1908 | CALIFORNIA, NEVADA | tradingpost1908.com

Upcoming Events:
June 26
Location:
Summerfest in Fountain Valley

July 31–Aug. 3
Location:
World Market Center in Las Vegas

This juried market features a range of antique, vintage and hand-made items, from home décor to jewelry and collectibles. "... all vendors are hand-selected based on the products they will be selling," report co-owners Kelly Rogers and Jennifer Kerstner. "We take into careful consideration vendors based on product variety, originality and quality of goods that best represent the intended feel of Trading Post 1908 Antique, Vintage and Handmade Market."



TIP:
"Take a backpack, large tote or cart so that you can easily carry around your purchases."
— Kelly Rogers and Jennifer Kerstner, Trading Post 1908

TRENTON PUNK ROCK FLEA MARKET

NEW JERSEY | trentonprfm.com
Upcoming Events:
Shows planned for August and October
Location:
Roebing Wire Works in Trenton

December
Location:
Starland Ballroom in Sayerville

Looking to add something unique and maybe even a little unusual to your home? Make tracks to Trenton to purchase one-of-a-kind artwork and jewelry, artisanal bath and body products, and vintage clothing and accessories, get a legendary "Black Swag Bag," and support local causes. "One of my favorite things to come out of doing the TPRFM is how much we give back to our community," says Joseph Francis Kuzemka, owner and founder. "We've raised thousands of dollars for local nonprofits, including the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen, the Trenton Animal Shelter, as well as Eden Autism Services."



THE VINTAGE WHITES MARKET

COLORADO, MISSOURI, MONTANA, UTAH | thevintagewhitesmarket.com
Upcoming Events:
July 2 Location: Somers, Montana

Aug. 27 Location: Kansas City, Missouri

Nov. 12 Location: Kalispell, Montana

This market caters to shoppers looking for the latest vintage trends, and offers live music, food, a fashion show, activities for kids, classes and demonstrations, fresh-cut flowers and a photo booth. "We source vendors from in-state and out-of-state," says Jana Roach, co-owner. "They are carefully handpicked to create a unique, budget-friendly shopping experience that you won't find anywhere else."



TIP:
"Bring cash (small bills are always a great relief). Not all shows have an ATM available. Not all vendors take credit or debit."
— Courtney Pollmann, Junktoberfest

ZURKO'S MIDWEST PROMOTIONS

ILLINOIS, MICHIGAN, WISCONSIN | zurkopromotions.com
Upcoming Events:
Sundays, April through October
Location:
Shawano County Fairgrounds in Shawano, Wisconsin

Second Sundays and preceding Saturdays
Location:
Lake County Fairgrounds in Grayslake, Illinois

All-Niter Flea Market Aug. 20
Location:
DuPage County Fairgrounds in Wheaton, Illinois

Zurko's has been promoting a wide range of events in the Midwest for the past 46 years, including vintage and antiques markets, flea markets, specialty markets for music and post-cards, car shows, Civil War shows and auctions. "Customers should come to our shows to find treasures and have fun," says Robert Zurko, president and CEO. "The true fun is in the hunt."



BEST IN Show

Fill your shopping cart with these hot flea-market finds.

Written and photographed by Devlin Smith

FLEA MARKETS ARE A GREAT PLACE TO FIND UNIQUE AND INTERESTING PIECES FOR YOUR HOME. You can also discover the latest design and styling trends by seeing what pieces are filling booths and being carted through the aisles. We spoke with flea-market insiders to discover this year's biggest trends. Take note and be prepared to score some hot deals.

Bakeware

These vibrantly colored and patterned pieces can easily transport you back to childhood times spent helping out in the kitchen. Flea-market shoppers are using vintage bakeware for décor and to cook and serve food. "The quality of the vintage pieces is so much better than what you see in today's retail stores," says Patricia Galavan, a flea-market vendor.



Chalkboards

This charming DIY style is still a hit with flea-market shoppers. "[T]hey are interactive, easy to change and fun to have in your home. What's not to love?" says Pattye Duffner, owner of Foo Foo La La (foofoolala.com), which just began selling at flea markets. Foo Foo La La's chalkboards are framed in reclaimed materials, and customers use the pieces throughout their homes, including in their kitchens and children's rooms.



Aged Pieces

Metal, leather and wood pieces clearly showing their age are catching the attention of flea-market shoppers. "There is something comforting about a well-worn rusty shovel—not fancy—but it reminds us that there was a lot of life and memories attached to it," says Gaye Penny of Vintage Rhodes (on Instagram @vintagerhodesshoppe), who sells at flea markets in Southern California and at Country Roads Antiques & Gardens in Orange, California. "We like to be reminded of those things."

Matt Devaul of mmd antiques (on Facebook as mmd antiques) in Orange, California, agrees that it's the feeling that draws customers to these items. "It's like an old pair of denim jeans and a leather belt, boots or T-shirt you have had for years," he says. "[It] just feels good to be surrounded by old, comfortable, used stuff."



Repurposed Furnishings

Vintage furnishings are finding new life thanks to the ingenuity of flea-market vendors, who are making updates ranging from sanding and stripping, to reupholstering, repainting and decoupage. "We turned an old radio into a storage unit," says Melissa Pineda of Artisan Antique Alley (on Facebook as Artisan Antique Alley), who's been selling at flea markets for six years. "We have painted a dresser and decoupaged an Eiffel Tower. Some pieces just call out for something fresh, and customers are savvy and can appreciate an inventive repurpose."



TIP:

"... the time to buy is when you see it. If you wait to find one cheaper, you may miss out. So it's always good to have done some research before you go shopping to know exactly what you should expect to pay."

— Patricia Galvan

Ladders

Vintage wooden ladders are finding new life as home décor. "I can't find enough of these," says Julie Perez of The Warped Table (on Facebook and Instagram as The Warped Table), who sells at The Rose Bowl Flea Market. "Customers use them to hang blankets on or towels in the bathroom. They are fun to hang buckets or baskets or even dried flowers."

Signs

Vintage wooden and metal signs, and signs made from vintage materials, are being used to add rustic charm to homes. Kelly and Cameron Early make vintage-style wooden signs from new and reclaimed materials that they sell at flea markets through their company EarlyHouse Mercantile (on Facebook as EarlyHouse Mercantile). Kelly suggests, "Older wood, hand-painted lettering, nail holes and other scars make signs imperfectly perfect."

TIP:

"Don't be afraid to ask the vendors for help in your decisions. Many of the vendors help their customers create the look they want for their homes."
— Judy Watkins, Remnants of the Past



EDITOR'S Picks

Find room in your cart for these fun finds.

Spending time at flea markets is a major perk of helping to put together this issue. Walking the aisles, talking to vendors and watching what items are being packed into cars at the end of the day, I'm constantly looking for emerging trends, classic pieces and unusual finds. Here are a few items that caught my attention that could find a place in your home.

- 1. BENCHES** These small wooden benches are a must-get with rustic charm and a variety of uses.
- 2. PICTURE FRAMES** Chippy and repurposed wood frames provide great décor options, dressing up chalkboards, mirrors, signs and pictures, or freshening up walls.
- 3. LETTER TRAYS** A fun display option for jewelry collections, these trays definitely attract shoppers.
- 4. VINTAGE PHOTOGRAPHS** Black-and-white photography continues to draw collectors eager to purchase everything from vacation shots to candid to family portraits.
- 5. SCALES** Kitchen scales have amassed a dedicated following, but aren't the only design worth investigating. A piece like this

- vintage baby scale will make any collection stand apart.
- 6. TRAYS** Vintage serving trays are a flea-market mainstay, with midcentury TV trays becoming the latest hot find.
- 7. CONTAINERS** Skip the plastic bins, and turn to these vintage baskets, cans, pails and carts to stylishly meet your storage needs.
- 8. WINDOWS** These rustic salvage pieces add charm to homes and gardens, updated with painted sayings, incorporated with chalkboards or collected into artful wall hangings.
- 9. METAL PIECES** With farmhouse, industrial and midcentury styles growing in popularity, metal décor and accessories are in demand.

