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ITALIAN

Adesso Eclectic Imports

Run by architect Selma Csic, this two-year-old shop in Old Pasadena is a treasury of the sophisticated items that Csic collects on her travels abroad. The inventory, primarily from Europe, is unpretentiously displayed in a brick-lined, light-filled space. Among the gems from Italy are an elegant 18th-century mirror, a 19th-century ebony and inlaid-bone secretary with matching chair, and dozens of chandeliers sparkling with everything from Lucite to Murano glass. » 38 E. Holly St., Pasadena, 626-683-3511 or adessoimports.com.

Eccola

Two years ago, husband and wife Maurizio Almanza and Kathleen White doubled the space they have to display remarkable midcentury Italian furnishings. The selection includes a rare screen signed by Piero Fornasetti and a pair of white leather and green suede armchairs

designed by Gio Ponti for the Parco dei Principi Hotel in Rome. Pieces by noteworthy architect-designers Paolo Buffa, Carlo de Carli, and Ico Parisi are also featured, as are a few of the owners' own designs. Watch for Eccola Due to open in the Pacific Design Center this fall. » 326 N. La Brea Ave., L.A., 323-932-9922 or eccolaimports.com.

Icon Interiors

It's smaller than some walk-in closets in Bel-Air, but owner Stacey Dunaux's compact showroom is worth seeking out if you're a fan of contemporary Italian design. Dunaux is the Los Angeles dealer for Georgetti, a family-run company outside Milan that dates to 1898. The home and office pieces, whether they're from the latest collection or seasons past, share sensuous forms meticulously crafted from beautiful woods and teamed with understated fabrics and leathers. » 8899 Beverly Blvd., West Hollywood, 310-246-1495 or icon-interiors.com.

ARTS AND CRAFTS

Munro's Fine Furniture

This third-generation home furnishings store carries midpriced mission-style furniture from three com-

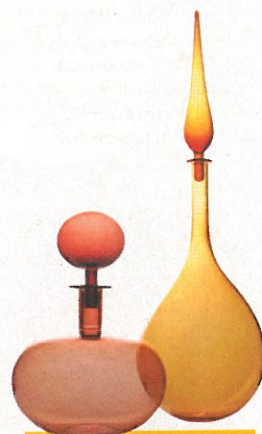
panies: Trend Manor of City of Industry and Borkholder and Amish Farms of Indiana. The selection includes dining, living, and bedroom collections, so chances are good that devotees of the bungalow look will find whatever they're hunting for, whether it's an old-fashioned hall tree and glider or a newfangled computer desk and CD cabinet. » 2189 N. Lakewood Blvd., Long Beach, 562-986-5305; 1703 E. 17th St., Santa Ana, 714-210-3800; 3309 Hyland Ave., Ste. E, Costa Mesa, 714-475-7070; or munrosfurniture.com.

Rituals

Though lodge furniture predominates on his crowded showroom floor, owner Marty Frenkel still manages to make space for antique and reproduction Craftsman-style furnishings. Along with a century-old Arts and Crafts grandfather clock whose original Seth Thomas movement is still functional, you might stumble across a refined Greene and Greene-inspired mahogany chair or table or catch sight of the rustic Arts and Crafts lanterns and sconces. Architectural details can also be found here. They include prestressed hardwood flooring and hand-forged wrought-iron towel bars, curtain rods, knobs, pulls, and hinges. » 756 N. La Cienega Blvd., L.A., 310-854-0848 or ritualsdecor.com.

Voorhees Craftsman

In the Arts and Crafts enclave otherwise known as Pasadena, this is a no-frills storefront that regentrification has skipped or not yet discovered. When owners Steve and Mary Ann Voorhees aren't dealing



GOTTA HAVE IT

Master Glass

Los Angeles designer Joe Cariati's vases and stoppered bottles are all about seductive shapes and luscious colors. Created using off-hand glassblowing, the one-of-a-kind vessels come in transparent jewel and opaque earth tones. » At Denizen Design Gallery.

Maison Midi

Ever longed for Paris or Provence while stuck in the Valley or the South Bay? If nothing else, you can pretend you're getting away by furnishing your pad with affordable French imports. For the sidewalk café look, try the bistro tables topped with ads for Orangina and Pasticis Olive. If the Riviera is more your style, go for the folding beach chairs with bold striped slings. Other choices include vintage metal garden seats and weather-resistant bentwood chairs with nylon caning. Give your table a makeover with some Limoges dinnerware. » 148 S. La Brea Ave., L.A., 323-935-3157 or maison-midi.com.

ASK THE EXPERT

David Desmond



New color trend? Using colors you really like. Farrow & Ball has paints that are practically foolproof. Current must-have for the home? An organic vegetable garden. Like Marie Antoinette, these days we all seem to want a farm of our own. Future design Hall of Famer? Paris-based designer Mattia Bonetti. He did furniture for the late art collector David Whitney's house in Big Sur—appropriate to the surroundings but full of surprises. Secret source? Singh Imports in Culver City for white marble fountains. Form or function? Form. Donald Judd minimalist chairs at the breakfast table. Why not? » David Desmond, 1360 N. Crescent Heights Blvd., L.A., 323-650-0492 or daviddesmond.com.



» ADESSO



Ted Muehling porcelain candlesticks pop against the sharkskin limestone. Lobmeyr spheres and a Nymphenburg porcelain monkey provide more eye candy. All are TableArt.

Blue and gray throws from Shelter pick up nuanced color in the fireplace wall and artwork.

While a KOSE ceramic vase anchors the hearth, Formia colored art glass catches the sun through an open window and Kundalini acrylic floor lamps make striking night-lights. All are from Unici.

An acrylic painting on Mylar by Seattle artist Katy Stone suggests the color and movement of the ocean.

Idea Space Design furnished the room with its own sleek pieces: Maya sofas in a poly-cotton herringbone, an Exos coffee table in stainless steel and glass, and—for a hint of whimsy—Exos stools in tinted cowhide.

CASE STUDY NO. 3

Neutral Territory

For Geoff and Marilee Dolan's living room in Manhattan Beach, Idea Space Design kept the decor simple. No trends, shapes. No jarring color. Just pared-down silhouettes, subtle textures, and hues that mirror the natural world.

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