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A room vignette by My Sister's Garage in Windham, Maine, offers ideas to borrow and treasures to buy.

Home Decor Wonderlands

Blending old and new, these style-packed shops furnish endless inspiration.

BY KIM KNOX BECKIUS

There's a quiet rebellion under way against fast furniture, one being waged with images that show how pretty antiques can be when they're spiffed up and surrounded by contemporary accessories. Among those leading the charge are these New England home decor stores, whose vintage-meets-new aesthetic is so inviting, you'll want to

plan a redecorating road trip and give upcycled finds the chance at a new life in your home.

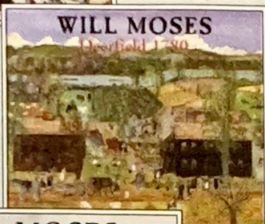
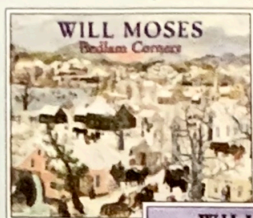
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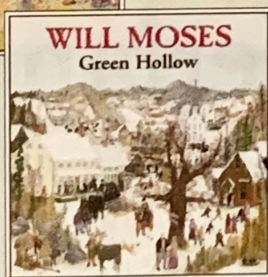
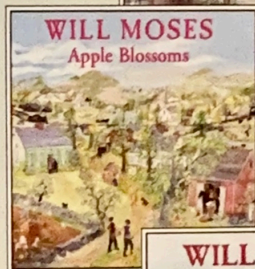
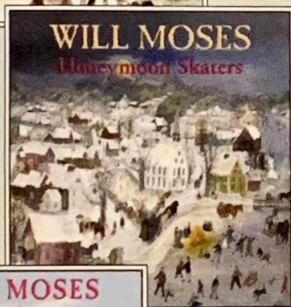
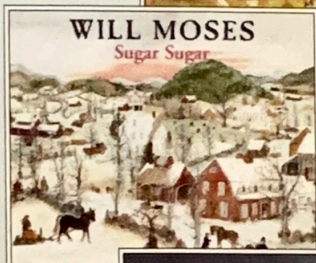
Multidealer antiques malls can feel chaotically cluttered, but here, it's as if elves have rearranged heavy furniture and nostalgic bric-a-brac, added hand-

crafted touches, and then hidden in the shadows to observe shoppers' glee. No elves, though: just the 70 select vendors inside this 9,000-square-foot store that moves roughly 10,000 vintage and artisan-made items each month, before they can gather any hint of dust. Located on the lower level of a revitalized 1860 mill in Worcester's thriving Canal District, Crompton Collective

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reflects owner Amy Lynn Chase's passion for supporting local creatives and elevating antiques dealing to an art form. Every old object styled to look newly on-trend is a reminder to think twice before landfilling relics from our well-made past. cromptoncollective.com

My Sister's Garage

Windham, ME

Sisters and business partners Sarah and Jenn Tringali unleash a frenzy on Facebook every Thursday. It isn't just a few cutthroat regulars madly refreshing the page at 8:30 p.m. so they can put items on hold before in-person shoppers get a look on Friday and Saturday. Some followers click through photos for the therapeutic joy of imagining life in the cozy-chic, Maine-flavored room vignettes—each a soothing blend of hand-painted, restored vintage pieces and brand-new accents—that the sisters create. From \$5 tiny treasures to beds, dressers, and sofas that rarely cost more than \$500, all stock is typically cleaned out by the time the Tringalis lock up their uncle's antique farmhouse at 5 p.m. Saturday. Then, the cycle begins anew: rescuing furnishings from Maine homes, reimaging their look and their use, and resetting the entire store

in a way that's so enticing, customers sometimes purchase complete rooms. mysistersgarage.com

Revived Furniture & Home Decor

Londonderry, NH

Come spring, Carolyn Leiter fills her heartwarming store with silk tulips and daffodils and cute-as-a-bunny accessories, but they're not the reason you'll wish you'd pulled up in a truck (if you didn't). In an on-site workshop, Leiter's husband, Richard, turns salvaged furniture and industrial castoffs into statement pieces that are colorful, fresh, and perfectly suited for your cottage or farmhouse, or even a contemporary space that's crying out for a conversation piece. Weathered doors become coffee tables; china and curio cabinets are made over as eye-catching shelving units; dining tables are one-of-a-kind inventions destined to appear in generations of family photos. You'll want to shop for pottery, New Hampshire-made soaps, and wall hangings, too. Pick up anything that captivates you immediately, because if you hesitate, you may find the item has found another home. revivedfurnitureandhomedecor.com