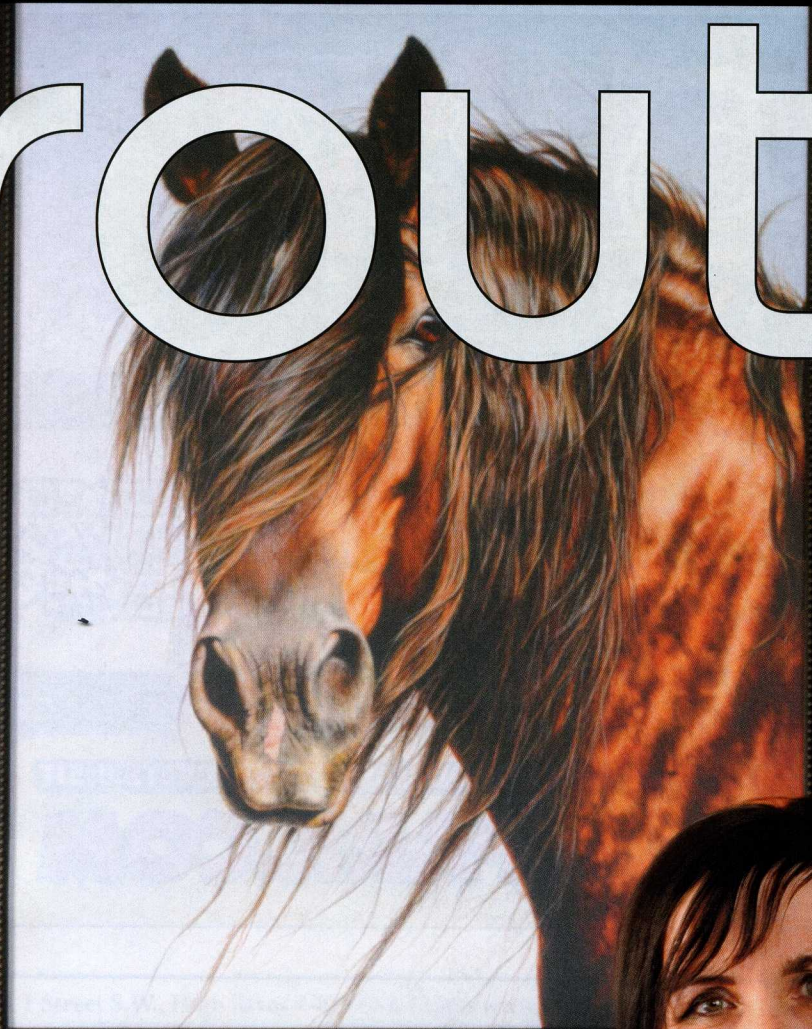


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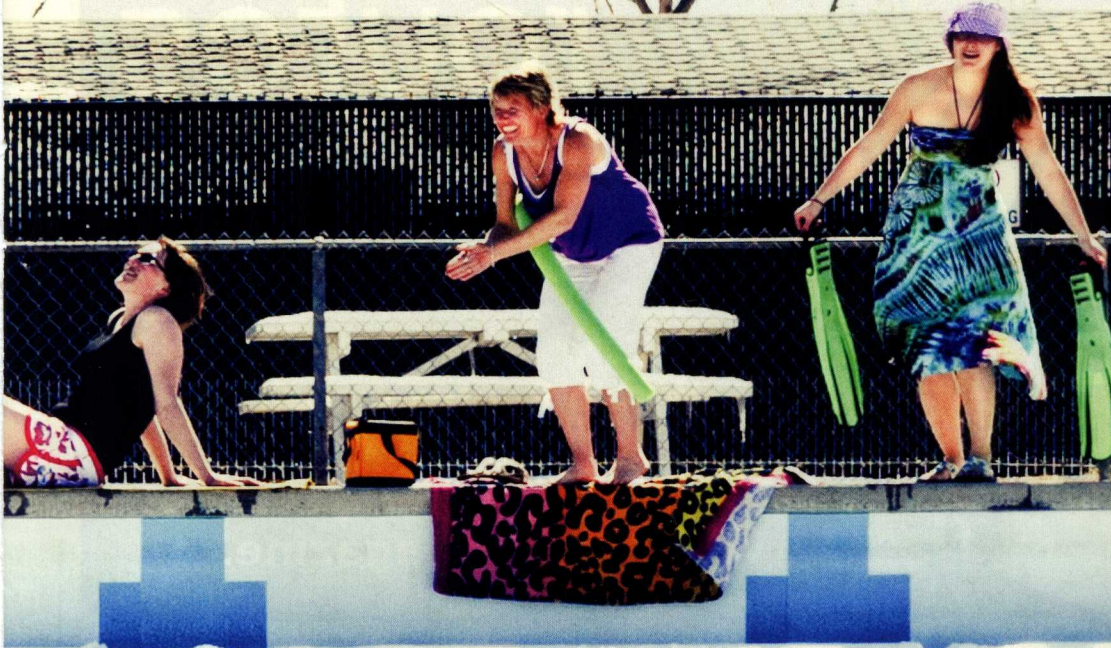
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In this photo, left to right, Sandra Wiebe, Sharon Syverson, Terry Middleditch, Veronica Kloiber, Pat Fream and Melissa Driver bid winter an urgent farewell, at the Dr. Lander Memorial Swimming Pool in Turner Valley. Photo by Neville Palmer.

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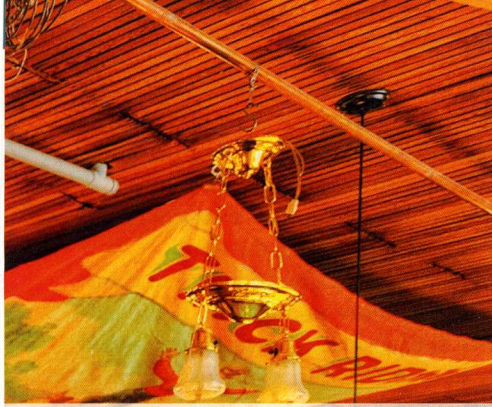
Sentimental Journey Antiques, Nanton

Hitting the road for a day of antiquing is no longer just about scouting out a fine collectible. Artists and collectors alike are repurposing everything from ephemera to printers lead typeface. Everyone, from scrapbookers to home decorators, is on the hunt for their next must-have vintage treasure.

Even vintage weddings are topping the charts and have brides-to-be scurrying for the next best vintage idea. In this retro multi-fashion world of anything goes, home and personal style has taken

on a whole new iconic look, and there is no denying that what was once tacky beyond the sentimental is the new hot kitsch.

The southern Alberta circuit of treasure hunting would not be complete without a stroll through Nanton, known for its famous art and antique walk. The historic pioneer setting is reason enough to visit the town, but for any vintage-lover this is the mecca of great finds. From the fine antiques and collectibles stuffed to the attic and cellar at Sentimental Journey Antiques in the century-old



Keeley Building, to the little but mighty Nostalgia Antiques and Collectibles around the corner, this town is a vintage-lover's paradise.

Antiques N' Things, Nanton's newest antique shop, owned by Karen and Jerry Richert and their daughter Amberly, is located on the south end of town and has grown into a happening spot. The shop, known for its endless selection of antiques including a stunning inventory of fully functioning wall and tall case clocks, grew from Jerry's passion for tinkering.

"When I first met Jerry his old restored house had 15 ticking chiming clocks," said Karen, adding that she got used to the oddity and now the couple has even more clocks in their home.

Moving from a previous location in Drayton Valley, the Richerts are now settled in Nanton and ready to expand. Look for new construction on one side of their large space where they are busy with the opening of Kay's Coffee Kettle, featuring an old treasured family recipe for vintage donuts.

Nanton is home to many unique shops, such as Iron Horse Gallery and Mosaic Art Gift Gallery, offering antiques alongside artisan glass, forged iron and unique hand-crafted wares reflective of the love of vintage and an era gone by.

Half the fun of the hunt is the conversations along the way. In Longview, stop in at Wow and Then and visit with shopkeepers Pam Mikolayenko and her handy husband Gord. They share many interesting tales, along with their talents in creating unique treasures from cast-offs displayed alongside the antiques and collectibles.

"I don't consider myself an expert at anything specific but I do consider myself hospitable to my guests," says Pam. Her greatest keepsake is her shop guestbook with names from as far away as New York. But Pam knows her stuff; she is also the sole organizer of the upcoming Vintage with Flair sale held this June in Priddis.

When in High River, stop and enjoy the old downtown with its colourful murals and historic buildings, including the must see Vespucci consignment with its adjacent High River Antiques. Owner Dianne Rawlinson says her love of collecting vintage art glass, chalet and chalkware was a natural fit for the store, which features 50s and 60s era items, the hot trend in retro mid-century modern.

Rawlinson's second retro-antique store in Nanton is open weekends only for now and waiting to be named. "We get a lot of tourists who buy from us and we ship their items home to them worldwide."



Mosaic Art Gift Gallery, Nanton



Mosquito Creek Trading Post, Nanton



Rawlinson also clears estates and she notes that many of the great finds on her shop shelves come directly from customers walking in the door looking to sell, a good reminder that your own collection can be traded up along the road.

The love of a great vintage find has never been more popular. Be it the collective shift to greener living, to re-using instead of mass consuming, to repurposing by up-cycling a great funky find, or to truly discover a treasure, a day spent on the open road discovering quaint little rural towns bustling with vintage and antique shops has fast become a favourite pastime.

And don't forget to check out the many thrift stores and garage sales along the way. ■

Top 5 VINTAGE TRENDS

1. **Mid-Century Modern** – retro hot ceramics, glass, furniture and lighting in the decorating craze to marry modern household items with mid-century great finds.
2. **Cowboy Chic** – native and pioneering collectibles, saddles, furs, fashions and tack.
3. **Garden Uniquities** – bringing repurposed and re-imagined furnishings out into your garden, everything from chippy doors to rusty bedframes.
4. **Kitschy Kitsch** – cultural, iconic, sentimental, “grandma’s kitchen” - from clothing to kitchenalia, ephemera and more.
5. **Industrial Functional** – fascinating manual workings, pre techno-age from clocks to cameras and typewriters.