

COOKING STORE

In Los Gatos for more than 30 years, **Domus** defines "specialty" store with an awe-inspiring, emporium-style selection of goods and gifts. From seasonal decorations to odd gadgets for the kitchen (bean Frencher-slicer, anyone?), you'll certainly walk away with something you never knew you needed. 40 N. Santa Cruz Ave., Los Gatos, 408-354-6630; domusonline.com.

Footcandy



DESIGNER SHOES

With outposts in St. Helena and a new locale in Brentwood, **Footcandy** is the ultimate haven for shoe fiends. Designers range from Christian Louboutin to Anya Hindmarch. 1239 Main St., St. Helena, 707-963-2040; 11934 San Vicente Blvd., Brentwood, 310-820-4800; footcandyshoes.com.

PET STORE

A refreshing kitsch-free zone tucked away in a cozy Venice bungalow, **The Modern Dog** appeals to pet owners who yearn for animal extras—beds, coats, treats or toys—that are both high quality and attractive. 1611 Abbot Kinney, Venice, 310-450-2275.

ANTIQUARIAN BOOKSTORE

Nestled in a Bel-Air shopping center, **Dragon Books** is a wood-paneled temple of literary history, complete with well-worn leather club chairs and an 18th century

fireplace. Owner Jay Penske, heir to the Penske automotive fortune, hand-picks the shop's rare editions. 2954 Beverly Glen Circle, Bel-Air, 310-441-8545; dragonbooks.com.

ALL-AROUND BOOKSTORE

For more than 110 years, **Vroman's** in Pasadena has offered the San Gabriel Valley a booklover's perfect pairing: comprehensive selection and a personal point of

Gallery, San Francisco. Home to a definitive collection of fine 20th and 21st century American and European furniture. 48 Gold St., 415-433-2233; hedgegallery.com.

Blackman Cruz, Los Angeles.

Owners Adam Blackman and David Cruz wrote the book on "macabre chic." 800 N. La Cienega Blvd., 310-657-9228; blackmancruz.com.

Benjamin Storck, San Francisco. Interior designers admire Storck's trend-spotting selections of Michael Taylor-designed furniture, rare Poillerat screens, and alluring 1930s-era French chairs. 295 Kansas St., 415-863-1777; benjaminstorckltd.com.

Downtown, Los Angeles. A truly original—and widely influential—assemblage of stylishly significant designs from the last century. 719 N. La Cienega Blvd., 310-652-7461.

March, San Francisco. The source for eclectic vintage mirrors, ceramics, tables, upholstered furniture (often covered with glazed linen), and treasures from all over Europe and the United States. 3075 Sacramento St., 415-931-7455.

view. The largest independent bookseller in the state, Vroman's is the archetypal community bookstore. 695 E. Colorado Blvd., Pasadena; vromansbookstore.com.

TOP 5 20TH CENTURY STYLE
Modern design hits a high note at these cutting edge stores, all of which routinely set trends rather than follow them. Hedge

BEAUTY

SIGNATURE PEDICURE

Ask Cheryl A. Scruggs (she has tickled the toes of pop culture princesses, Donatella Versace and Jessica Simpson included, for some 30 years) at West Hollywood's **L.A. Vie L'Orange** for an hour-long Walk on the Beach. She'll do the walking as she soaks, exfoliates, wraps and polishes. 638½ N.

Robertson Blvd., WeHo, 310-289-2501; lavielorange.com.

HEAD-TO-TOE WAXING

Instead of the antiseptic stations to which you're accustomed, Wax is a design- and quality-driven salon with male- and female-oriented services. This West Hollywood gem also offers a separate VIP entrance and house calls

Looking for pedigreed furniture pieces? Each of these five resources is likely to delight with its authoritative assortment of old-school splendor. **J.F. Chen**, Los Angeles. There is not a decorator in L.A. who goes a week without a visit to the ever-changing space. *To the trade*, 8414 Melrose Ave., 323-655-6310; jfchen.com.

Therien & Co., L.A. and San Francisco. Virtuoso pieces in Therien's galleries range from Russian chandeliers to Portuguese gilded benches. 716 N. La Cienega Blvd., L.A., 310-657-4615; 411 Vermont St., S.F., 415-956-8850; therien.com. **Europa Antiques & Fine Art**, Summerland. This 11-year-old antiques haven run by Patrick Aumont specializes in Medieval, Renaissance and Baroque furniture and art. 2345 Lillie Ave., 805-969-4989; antiqueseuropa.com.

Quatrain, Los Angeles. Quatrain is admired in the design world for the quality of its antiques and the panache of its collection. *To the trade*, 700 N. La Cienega Blvd., 310-652-0243; quatrain.net. **Ed Hardy**, San Francisco. Antiquaire Ed Hardy has decades of knowledge of fine antiques under his belt—and his taste ranges from fine Chinese screens to gilded Venetian console tables. 188 Henry Adams St., 415-626-6300; edhardysf.com.

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