

4132 Howard Ave., Kensington; 301-530-9600; acanthusantiques.com.

Carling Nichols. The three owners of this store, which specializes in 18th- and 19th-century Chinese furniture and decoration, regularly travel to China to find one-of-a-kind pieces. Designer Thomas Pheasant says that the Asian antiques—perhaps a hand-painted Tibetan cabinet or elmwood drum stools—mix well with both modern and traditional decor. 1655 Wisconsin Ave., NW; 202-338-5600; carlingnichols.com.

Chartreuse & Co. For three days once a month, 22 vendors set up spaces in three barns and sell antique and vintage furniture, art, and accessories from estate sales and auctions. Kelly Tyree of Madison & Mabel—who also sells her own line of locally made industrial furniture—says customers often clear out the barns during monthly tag sales, but they can also set up appointments. The next sale is May 11 through 13. 4007 Buckeystown Pike, Frederick; 301-874-1882; chartreuseandco.com.

Comer & Co. Antiques and Interiors. This newcomer to DC, which got its start in Kilmarnock, Virginia, stocks a mix of traditional and midcentury furniture and accessories. “A lot of things that they have are painted and mirrored and have a beautiful, decorative quality,” says interior designer Robert Shields. 1659 Wisconsin Ave., NW; 202-525-2767; comerandco.com.

Côté Jardin Antiques. At this charming store, visitors are welcomed by a small courtyard with a garden and fountain. The shop offers antique French and Gustavian furniture, lighting, and accessories plus a great selection of garden pieces. The owners are inspired by the time they spend in their home in Provence. 3218 O St., NW; 202-333-3067; cotejardinantiques.com.

Darrell Dean Antiques & Decorative Arts. If you’re looking for furniture with a “wow” factor, come to this antiques store, says interior designer Zoe Feldman. It’s her favorite place to hunt for unusual pieces to finish a room. A recent find: a blue-painted apothecary cabinet (\$4,800) with 24 drawers. 1524 Wisconsin Ave., NW; 202-333-6330; darrelldeanantiques.com.

David Bell Antiques. Among the many antiques stores along Wisconsin Avenue, this is one of designer Frank Babb Randolph’s favorites. He loves its selection of high-end 20th- and 21st-century furniture. 1655 Wisconsin Ave., NW; 202-965-2355.

Hope Pendant

Like the Hope Diamond, this modern chandelier casts a glittery glow. At Room & Board [1840 14th St., NW; 202-729-8300].

\$2,205



Nelson Pendant

George Nelson’s Pear Pendant is such an icon of midcentury design that it’s in the Museum of Modern Art’s collection. At Room & Board.

\$375



LZF Nut Pendant

This light adds an airy, bold twist to any room. At Aidan Design [4701 Sangamore Rd., Suite L3, Bethesda; 301-320-8735].

\$422

LET THERE BE LIGHT

Lamps and light fixtures are becoming works of art. Here are eight stylish ways to brighten a room. BY KATE PARHAM

The Armature

This bronze floor lamp by Solis Betancourt & Sherrill is both classic and modern. At Holly Hunt, Washington Design Center [300 D St., SW; 202-554-2910].

\$5,400



Teal Juju Lamp

Named “best of the best” by the American Society of Interior Designers, Vivify’s lamps come in a rainbow of colors. At Skyneer Designs Gallery [2122 18th St., NW; 202-797-7160].

\$795



Perfume Bottle Lamp

Porta Romana, known for gorgeous glass-blown creations, makes this in a variety of colors. At Michael-Cleary, Washington Design Center [202-488-9787].

\$2,750



The Riley

A handcrafted buffet lamp by Arteriors has leather wrapping and polished-nickel spider feet. By request at Dalton Pratt [1742 Wisconsin Ave., NW; 202-333-3256].

\$510



Batik Table Lamp

A porcelain lamp by Arteriors with a refreshing spin on the always charming blue-and-white motif. By request at Dalton Pratt.

\$480



East & Beyond. This three-floor gallery is a designer favorite for Asian furniture, accessories, and antiques. Owners Mary and Joe Arnold—whose love of Asian pieces grew after living in Japan—have items shipped from China and Japan. 6727 Curran St., McLean; 703-448-8200; eandbeyond.com.

Eclectic Elegance Home Décor and Staging. A distinctive pink building in Falls Church houses one-of-a-kind accessories, antiques, and vintage furnishings. High-end furniture companies also have a home here, including Baker and Christopher Guy. 817 W. Broad St., Falls Church; 703-536-4663; eclecticelegancedecor.blogspot.com.

German Favorite Antiques. Designer Lauren Liess likes this store for its “beautiful, old German pieces on the more rustic side.” Containers of items—from vintage artwork to grandfather clocks to painted armoires—are shipped monthly from Germany. 120 E. Market St., Leesburg; 703-777-5775; germanfavoriteantiques.com.

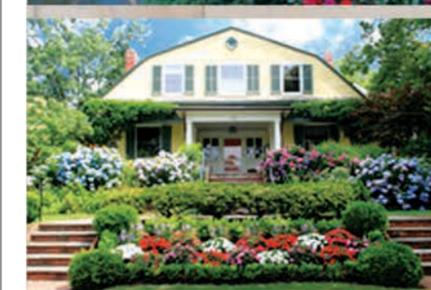
GoodWood. This newly expanded vintage shop is known for its affordable one-of-a-kind furniture. Inventory changes frequently; recent items have included antique ice-cream-parlor stools. 1428 U St., NW; 202-986-3640; goodwooddc.com.

Great Stuff by Paul. Two Frederick locations are stuffed to the brim with thousands of imported antiques. Every few months, owner Paul Berkowitz gets a shipment of furniture and accessories from China, England, Germany, Holland, or France. Recent items include storage trunks made of willow from China (\$95) and Himalayan pottery (\$19). 257 E. Sixth St., Frederick, 301-631-5340; 10 N. Carroll St., Frederick, 301-631-0004; greatstuffbypaul.com.

John Rosselli Antiques. The quality at this antiques store is superb, says designer Annette Hannon. The shop is recommended for everything from well-crafted accessories to lighting, cabinetry, and seating covered in hand-printed fabrics. 1515 Wisconsin Ave., NW; 202-337-7676; johnrosselliantiques.com.

Marston Luce Antiques. The owner spends more than half the year in France searching for furniture and accessories for his 30-year-old shop. You’ll find 18th- and 19th-century French and Swedish furniture, garden accessories, and a wide variety of lamps. “They have a great eye for interesting and decorative objects,” says designer Thomas Pheasant. 1651 Wisconsin Ave., NW;

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