

Lost Pines Art Bazaar

At the crossroads of many cultures: art, rugs and furnishings.

“It’s interesting how many different cultures incorporate similar motifs across their designs in woven goods and rugs,” notes Naseem Khonsari while showing a visitor a intricately detailed carpet in her family’s store, Lost Pines Art Bazaar. Bazaar is the perfect definition for this shopping destination where artisan creations from myriad countries exist in dazzling harmony. Just off Main Street in downtown Bastrop, Lost Pines Art Bazaar is a wonderland of riches. The store’s inside space is a light-filled grand hall filled with heirloom rugs in every size and color, charming weavings (make sure to see the antique tasseled blankets used with camel saddles), bronze sculptures large and small, and ornately carved wardrobes and credenzas.

Lost Pines Art Bazaar is a labor of love for Naseem, her sister Saba, and their father, Kazem. “The starting point for this store is my father’s collection—he has been a connoisseur of fine Persian rugs all his life. But we’ve brought in many things from other sources—for example, bronze sculptures celebrating traditional Western images,” says Khonsari. Mixing elements from different countries is a theme that mirrors the family’s history. Kazem Khonsari, an Iranian native, settled in Texas thirty years ago and proudly claims three of his four children and a granddaughter as Texans. Blending cultures at home and in their store comes naturally to the family.

Among the remarkable offerings in the store are Tabriz tapestries that use a detailed weaving effect that is almost photographic in its fine detail and sculptural in its three-dimensionality. Intricately hand-knotted and usually made of silk, these works often depict historic scenes, battles and palaces and are considered works of art. French, Belgian and German

furniture from late 17th century to early 1900s include benches, chests and dining suites. Added to the mix are striking accent pieces such as a richly enameled hookah.

Next door to Lost Pines Art Bazaar is the family’s Abri Gallery, a setting where the most treasured rugs are shown by appointment. While these wares may be museum-quality rarities, Naseem points out that most Persian rugs are easy to maintain and highly durable—performing spectacularly in the average household with pets and children. “There is a rug for almost every taste or interior,” assures Naseem. “We have clients who favor contemporary spaces as well as those with more traditional interiors. The great thing about our large inventory is that we can accommodate any taste.”

Visit this Bastrop store and you will step into a space of calm and beauty—and perhaps take a cup of jasmine tea while shopping. It’s a bazaar after all and that is the custom. Lost Pines Art Bazaar welcomes you to their world of cultural celebration. ■



Kazem Khonsari



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