



CHECK OUT THE WARES at Dig, an urban garden shop specializing in container gardening and outdoor furniture.

serious about its support of independent local businesses, which is why the artsy Pearl District thrives. Whether you favor vintage or modern, you'll find it in the Pearl.

The offerings of Portland provide a crash course in coolness—downtown bustles with the energy of an alternative crowd, yet miles of green parks and the winding Willamette River temper the city scene. After one weekend of walkable shopping in the Pearl (see our map, page 80), exploring urban Forest Park or pristine Mount Hood (also on page 80), and taking in the city's eclectic dining and nightlife, you'll leave with a new attitude of hip. You'll also probably leave with a heap of stuff for your home.

Fortunately, after my initial coffee gaffe, I was ushered to nearby **PEARL BAKERY** on the corner of Ninth Avenue and Couch (pronounced "Cooch"). I suggest that you, too, start your day of retail therapy here, and indulge in a fresh almond croissant or petite brioche and coffee to go.

Now officially initiated into Portland java rituals, head down Couch to visit a local landmark and one of the largest independent bookstores in the country, **POWELL'S BOOKS**. Notice the unorthodox display—new, used, hardcover, and paperback of the same title sit side by side on the shelves. After choosing a classic you've never read, turn up 11th Avenue toward **BERNADETTE BREU HIGH BOHEMIAN ANTIQUES**, an architectural and decorative

arts salvage shop that's packed with everything from old windows and doors to vintage clock faces and buttons. A few paces up from Bernadette is a fabulous store for foodies, **IN GOOD TASTE**. While the shop carries culinary supplies and also conducts cooking classes, I was most impressed with the array of Oregon wines. Known for Pinot Noirs, the nearby Willamette Valley has become a force in wine production and has many good labels to choose from.

Continuing up 11th, stop into **DIG**, an urban garden shop owned by landscape architect Thomas Adkisson. Peruse the funky garden art and Thomas' self-designed wares, great for planting herbs or starting a container garden. Just one block up from Dig, take a left on Glisan and stop at **CIRCA A.D.** This furniture and home accessories shop has a European feel and a mix of price points. Next door you'll find **BYWAYS CAFE**, where burgers are served with a side of kitsch. Grab a seat at the soda fountain counter, where you can look through 1950s Viewmasters while you wait for your food.

Once properly fed, duck into **KNIT KNOT STUDIO** inside an old warehouse on the corner of Glisan and 13th. With walls of yarn stacked to the ceiling, owner Elizabeth Prusiewicz will introduce first-timers to knitting, or you can buy some of the scarves, hats, and sweaters she's made herself. Across the street, step into a world of sweet dreams at **FRENCH QUARTER**

SATURDAY'S RETAIL ROUNDUP

EUROPEAN ANTIQUES:
Circa A.D., 1204 NW. Glisan St.; 503/221-1269.

STYLISH HOME ACCESSORIES AND APOTHECARY:
Cielo Home, 528 NW. 12th Ave.; 503/445-0111 or shoppielo.com.

LETTERPRESSED STATIONERY AND INVITATIONS:
Oblation Papers & Press, 516 NW. 12th Ave.; 503/223-1093 or oblationpapers.com.

VINTAGE FOUND OBJECTS:
Bernadette Breu High Bohemian Antiques, 1134 NW. Everett; 503/226-6565.

LUXE LINENS:
French Quarter Linens, 1313 NW. Glisan St.; 503/282-8200 or frenchquarterlinens.com.

GARDEN URNS GALORE:
Dig, 425 NW. 11th Ave.; 503/223-4443 or diggardenshop.com.

GREAT LOCAL WINES:
In Good Taste, 231 NW. 11th Ave.; 503/248-2015 or ingoodtastestore.com.

COLORFUL YARN:
Knit Knot Studio, 1238 NW. Glisan St.; 503/222-3818.

COOL INDEPENDENT BOOKSTORE:
Powell's Books, 1005 W. Burnside; 800/878-7323 or powells.com.

ALTERNATIVE PERIOD HARDWARE AND LIGHTING:
Rejuvenation, 1100 SE. Grand; 503/238-1900 or rejuvenation.com.

PEARL DISTRICT BUSINESS ASSOCIATION:
shopthepearl.com.

GREAT EATS (for pricing key, see page 80)

Byways Cafe (B, L \$), Old-school diner. 1212 NW. Glisan St.; 503/221-0111.

Paragon Restaurant & Bar (L, D \$\$), 1309 NW. Hoyt St.; 503/833-5060 or paragonrestaurant.com.