Find treasures at Gerrard St. antiques store

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I have recently been dealing with a great client who has very eclectic tastes. The two of us have been combing the city of Toronto for months searching for the right pieces of vintage furniture and lighting. Several weeks ago he spotted a great little retro store while driving through Cabbagetown and he was insistent on me meeting him there, "... ASAP!"

I burst with excitement the minute I saw the front window. Chrome and glass top tables, lamps from the '60s, a grouping of Poole pottery, ceramics from the '50s, topped off with three Danish plates in orange, green and yellow. The inside definitely lived up to the store's window. This tiny little boutique was filled to the rafters with great vintage pieces.

Eclectisaurus — "Art, Antiques and Brocante ... From the ridiculous to the sublime." It's an interesting slogan for the business, but I don't think there was a single "ridiculous" item to be found.

Instead, this was a place that had both my client and myself in a whirl — we wanted to buy everything.

What made this boutique exciting was the great talented eye of its owner, Leslie. She has a great passion for furniture, ceramics, glass and even vintage clothing

The storefront of Eclectisaurus, on Gerrard Street East. Below: Some of the store's wares.

and jewelry. Her range of goods come from all over the world and all of it is in good if not excellent condition.

In speaking with Leslie further, she told us that she originally started her business on EBay selling her wares and then decided to open the boutique. She has a great website itemizing many of her prized items like vintage Pucci silk dresses and Eames era bullet clocks.

She cleverly has linked her website to EBay where you can bid on any items presently up for sale.

Stop by or check out her website. You might be surprised at what you find at Eclectisaurus (249 Gerrard St. E.).

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