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Eclectisaurus Inc.

From retro typewriters to novelty coffee tins, Eclectisaurus is the place to go for things from years gone by. It is truly an eclectic bazaar.

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PROFILE

The Spunky Aesthetic of Eclectisaurus

This unique store is personified as art, antiques and Brocante?from the ridiculous to the sublime. That eclectic word, ?brocante,? is French for second-hand goods, just as ?un brocante? means ?flea market? in France. Such worldly intelligence is typical of the spunky aesthetic at Eclectisaurus.

A Retro Retailer with a Far-Flung Reputation

Eclectisaurus is a leading retailer of vintage radios from A to Z (Astra to Zenith), and there is also an Internet museum of photographs of all the priceless radios sold through Eclectisaurus. There?s also an online typewriter museum, with photos of vintage typewriters once again from A to Z: the sleek and svelte white Adler to the classic black Underwood, beloved by ink-stained wretches around the world. Through ongoing sales on eBay, Eclectisaurus has built a far-flung reputation for a retro retailer of refined sensibility.

Vintage Curios Both Ridiculous and Sublime

In the window of Eclectisaurus, a vintage 1920s wool bathing suit is featured on a department store model balanced on her head. Inside, Rotpunkt thermal carafes, fourpiece samovar coffee urns and an impressive collection of swanky cocktail shakers elegantly alight tables and dining room sets. Bakelite and blown glass is reflected in Florentine mirrors. Top hats, trilbys and bowlers tip jauntily, both ridiculous and sublime.

A Wacky Packrat of Ephemera and Miscellany

Eclectisaurus is an embarrassment of retro riches. It?s a rare emporium with refined tastes for such aesthetic pleasures as vintage textiles, linen and drapery made of barkcloth. It?s also a wacky packrat of ephemera and miscellany such as tobacco tins and humidors, artful ashtrays, piggy banks, teak candelabras and pin-up girly calendars from your granddaddy?s age. Forget the brocante. It?s a boffo bazaar at Eclectisaurus.

INFO

Payment: Visa, Interac, M/C **Directions:** College streetcar **Cross Street:** Gerrard and Parliament **Hours:** Wed-Sat 12pm-7pm

Type: Antiques, Vintage



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