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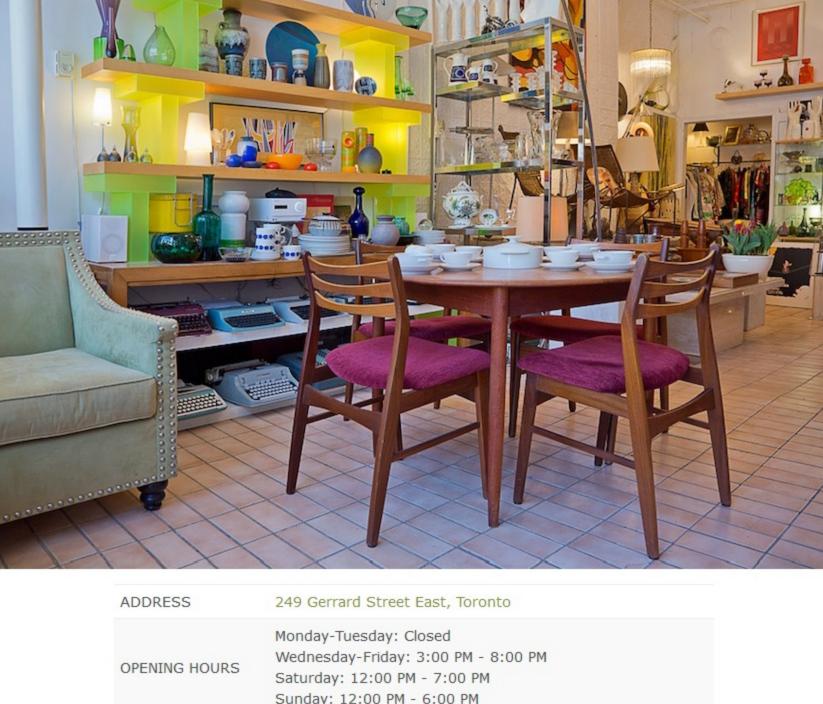
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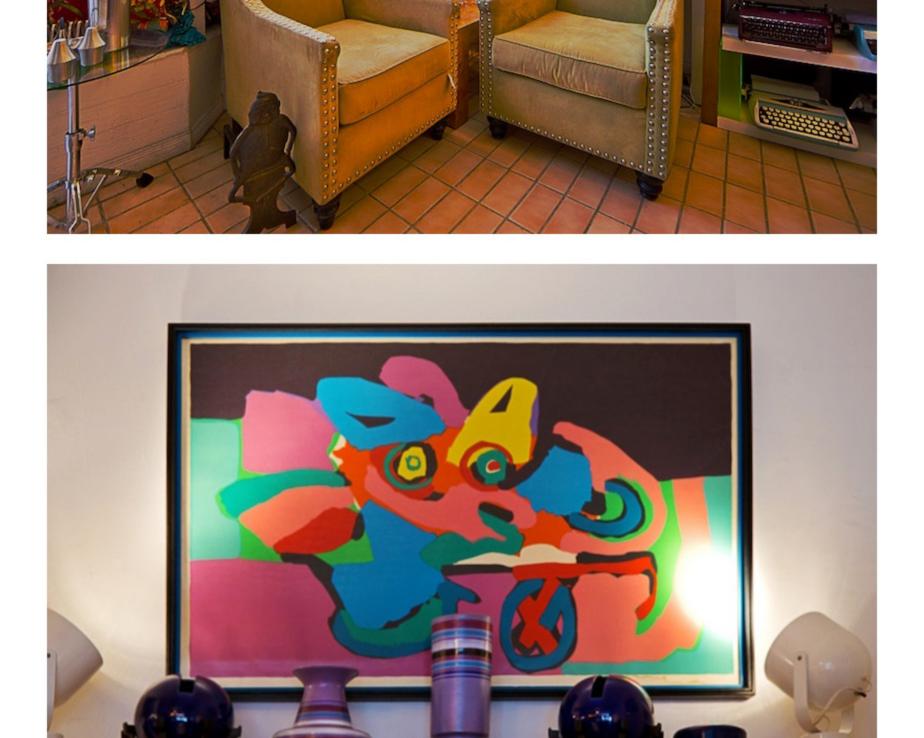
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Sunday: 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM PHONE 416 934 9009 leslie@eclectisaurus.com **EMAIL** Website | Facebook | Twitter | Instagram | Google+ CONNECT Owner Leslie Zysman has been familiar with Cabbagetown for years, with a few of her relatives arriving fresh off the boat and living in this east end neighbourhood of Toronto. While running her previous business, an online vintage store, Zysman sold to a retailer based in this small stretch and kept an eye on this Victorian building, hoping that one day she could get the opportunity to transform the dilapidated space into her own store.

Eclectisaurus was opened in 2005, reflecting the passion of the owner for great design. Whether its vintage clothing, accessories and jewellery or teak furniture, glass sculpture or typewriters, Zysman focuses on well-made and distinct items. She avoids the trends, focusing on what she knows are welldesigned creations, such as mid-century Canadian and Scandinavian design, and eye-catching décor pieces not easily found in any big box retailer.



neighbours and friends I've been amused, and surprised, but I've never been bored. I love my customers - they share the same visual aesthetic for items.

For example, a Thelma Moss Lucite lamp wasn't a hot seller, but last year when a stylish Italian couple purchased the mid-century modern gem, Zysman knew it was worth the wait for the lamp to find the

appreciates the direct interaction with people, and now counts a barbershop and a coffee shop as

The shop's bright yellow front stands out in this strip of Gerrard Street, a combination of independent

local businesses and residential homes. After working in the impersonal world of online, she

right home.

Eclectisaurus offers a curated collection of paintings, photography, glass, sculpture, kitchen items, tabletop accessories, ceramics, lighting, office accessories, linens, barware and ephemera of the 20th century design world—items that are a reminder of a favourite aunt or your parent's stylish friends.

I buy what I like for the store. Many of these items are what I would have in my own house.





Zysman loves the constant challenge of discovering rare and unique items of the past, before they disappear. As a 15-year-old, she fell in love with vintage clothing, and offers many stylish pieces in the back of the store's wardrobe room, such as cocktail and evening ensembles that could easily have been seen on Mad Men. Teak furniture and 1960s art glass have always been favourites of Zysman, and are hot sellers right now, but she keeps an eye out for those overlooked items that may be

ignored now, but, thanks to their design, will soon get 15 minutes of fame.



This location may not be in the heart of a busy shopping district, but for those who appreciate the stylish past, Eclectisaurus offers many vintage lures for those in the know. To make your search through the Toronto's vintage and second-hand furniture stores a bit easier, we created a guide consisting our most favourites - with every single one store being a unique experience for different styles. Read The Best Vintage and Second Hand Furniture Stores in Toronto guide here!

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The brightly lit space is a perfect spot to find a unique accessory or piece of art for a contemporary home, or for those who adore the past to find another mid-century object to add to the collection. And for those online addicts, Eclectisaurus offers several images of in-store items on its website and

new acquisitions via Instagram, and it shows off its style mantra on Pinterest.

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June 8, 2015 at 11:21 am This is a wonderful little store. I've discovered it accidentally and been visiting since. A lot of hidden gems there! Jane

June Krazy Kontest

Nice post about this wonderful store! I love discovering unknown gems in Toronto neighbourhoods and will definitely pop in to Eclectisaurus sometime.

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