



HOT SHOP: HOLLIS

San Marino's HOLLIS offers one-of-a-kind antiques, handmade furniture, and home accessories.

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It's safe to say that an appreciation for good design runs in the family in the case of Mik Hollis, whose mom Susanne Hollis (of Susanne Hollis Antiques) has been a go-to source in the interior design community for over 30 years. The younger Hollis has taken the reigns, leading his family's business at a turning point for the beloved Hollis brand.

Although Hollis may have found his niche, he admits that his love of antiques came "rather begrudgingly," pointing out, "My childhood summers were filled with buying trips to Europe and Asia with my mother, which I hated at first. But over time the learning about decorative arts and how it connects to world history made me realize that this can be a lifelong pursuit. I've been in the family business all of my life [and] I feel

fortunate to be in a position to expand on my mother's legacy, and to be taking our family practice into a new generation."

Hollis is in the process of opening two new locations, including the HOLLIS Antiques flagship which recently moved to 1975 Lincoln Ave., Pasadena, as well as an entirely new shopping experience, aptly named HOLLIS, in San Marino this winter.

"It may seem counterintuitive to open a new shop [during the COVID-19 pandemic], but our business has always been based on our relationships," says Hollis, who notes that the pandemic has actually *increased* business. "As people are spending so much time inside, they are prioritizing all things that make their house a home. We feel privileged to be working with our almost 40-year history of clientele,

to bring more joy and happiness, and even a sense of security and stability during an unprecedented time."

For the design-savvy, San Marino's HOLLIS aims to create a new kind of shopping experience that offers an ever-evolving sense of discovery of fine antiques, traditional handmade furniture, unique home accessories, and access to a custom furniture workshop. "Add to that a very high level of customer service, and we hope to continue being

Pasadena's trusted design resource in the age of misrepresented online merchandise," says Hollis. "We are rethinking what brick-and-mortar needs to be so it can give you everything online can't." ■

To discover more, visit HOLLIS at 2650 Mission St., San Marino.

