

Traverse

NORTHERN MICHIGAN

FALL COLOR ROAD TRIP

CRUISE THE COAST ON M-22

- + SLEEP IN A TREEHOUSE
- KICK BACK IN A BEER GARDEN
- PICNIC AT PICTURED ROCKS
- DELIGHTFULLY OFF-THE-RADAR HIKES

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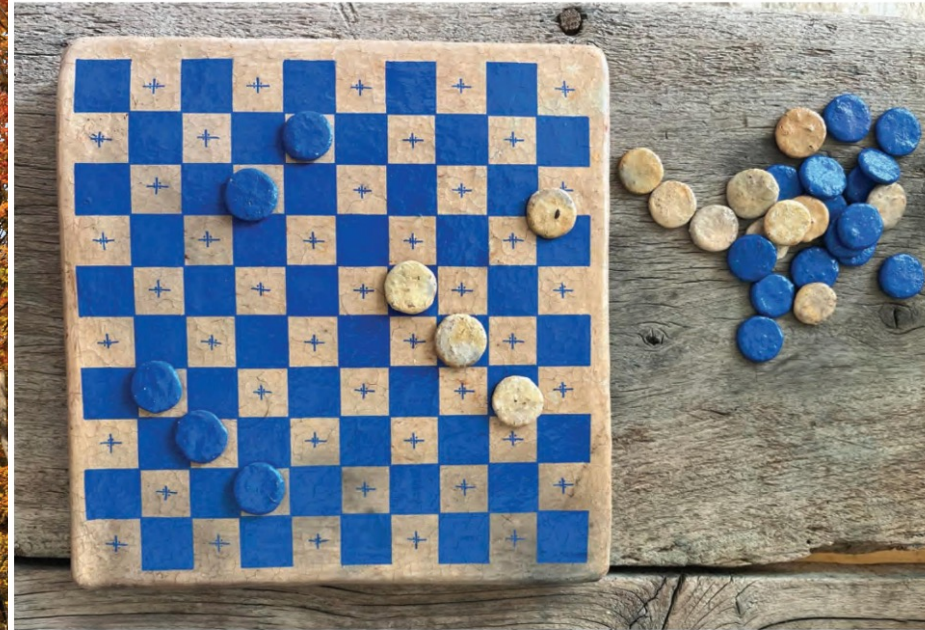
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BEAUTIFULLY CHECKERED HISTORY

By EMILY TYRA

SPYING this patinaed, cheeky checker set at the antiques and décor shop August in Petoskey, we instantly imagined it at home on a cozy porch, beckoning a pair of players to unplug and kick back for a moment.

That's the spirit in which August's owner, Jenna Zerbo, curates her store at auction, online, or on the side of the road: filtered through her buoyant personality—and that of her grandfather August Zerbo, who emigrated from Italy to Detroit in 1927. She shares his name—August is her middle one—and a passion for family and togeth-

erness. "My grandfather deeply influenced my affinity for collecting pieces that enhance our lives together at home," she says. "I like to imagine it sitting on a table surrounded by half-sipped glasses of wine and the bellowing laughter of its players."

We're smitten, too, with what Zerbo calls the "wabi-sabi" nature of the terracotta board and pieces, handcrafted by the design studio Flayou. The aesthetic embraces imperfection and the beauty that comes with age. "Each piece is perfectly imperfect," says Zerbo. \$200. 📌

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