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43 REASONS TO RAID YOUR ATTIC NOW!

In With the Old!
How to Decorate with Antiques, Collectibles, and More

Bring on Fall
SWEET & SAVORY APPLE RECIPES, COZY EAT-IN KITCHENS, AND SMALL-TOWN ANTIQUING GETAWAYS
Small Town Saturday

Los Alamos, California

Calling all antiques lovers! In the northern gateway to the Golden State's Santa Ynez Valley, remnants of the Old West now shine as repurposed spaces—many of which house a host of delightful discoveries.

Town Stats

POPULATION
1,634

NAMED FOR
The Spanish word for cottonwood trees

CLAIM TO FAME
The nearby hills once served as a hideout for Salomón Pico, the outlaw who inspired Zorro.
“Sift through vintage treasures in a former rail depot...”
...and 15 more immersed-in-the-old ways to welcome the arrival of fall.

Make It Grain: Early risers head to Bob's Well Bread Bakery for a hearty pre-antiquing breakfast of perfectly flaky pastries and inventive egg dishes served up in a converted gas station.

Scour the Shelves: Junkers will want to devote an entire morning to wandering the aisles of the 28,000-square-foot Los Alamos Depot Mall, a former rail depot where the occasional movie prop may be found amongst the ephemera. Then, it's off to Sisters Gifts and Home to explore even more antiques artfully arranged in the rooms of an old cottage.

Kick Up Your Feet: Pause your search for a bit at Bodega, an open-air wine and beer garden where guests can also shop the greenhouse or play bocce.

Relive the Olden Days: Held the last weekend of September, the Los Alamos Old Days festival celebrates the town's Western heritage with a chili cook-off, vintage car show, paddler's mart, and plenty more.

Set Off for More Shops: For a second bout of scouring, drive to Santa Ynez, where former Flea Market to Fabulous host Valerie Medeiros curates a beautiful collection of vintage finds at Valerie's Vintage & Supply Co. The California-made Mi Cocina denim placemats (pg. 64) sold at nearby Santa Ynez General will pair wonderfully with your new pieces, and KJ Murphy's stocks Western-style Resistol hats (far right) to shield the sun while you're on the hunt.

Stop for a Refuel: Celebrate your scores by booking a table at Bell's, where Per Se alum Daisy Ryan (pictured) and husband Gregory serve unfussy French fare (frites!) in an old refurbished bank, or enjoy upscale comfort food and an award-winning wine list at Pico (left).

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