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AROUND TOWN

Global Bazaar

A treasure trove of decorative items from around the world is the specialty at **Mediterranee**, which owner Carolina Pierpont (pictured at left) opened a year ago in a charming Summerland bungalow. An inviting front yard is stocked with outdoor items: French limestone fountains (\$1,000-\$18,500) and Turkish urns (\$69-\$900) are scattered next to salvaged pillars (\$14,000/each), wrought-iron love seats (\$350) and an 18th-century English sundial (\$5,500). Cobblestone steps leading to the shop are lined with shell-encrusted turtles (\$15-\$200).

Once inside, the mix of antiques, artwork and objects transports you to another world. "I grew up surrounded by Spanish colonial antiques and my relatives were collectors of textiles and art deco," says Pierpont, who is the descendant of a land-owning coffee family from El Salvador and whose selections reflect her heritage. Peruvian carved-cedar trunks (\$6,800), 18th-century Spanish ceramic plates (\$400-\$580) and antique Argentinean



yerba maté cups with silver straws (\$725/each) fill the shop, all lit by a pair of contemporary Italian crystal pagoda-shaped chandeliers (\$9,800). Be sure to check out the two small annex buildings for fine hardware and reclaimed Italian marble tiles. And talk to Pierpont about her custom items and reproductions from Paris-Pierpont, the shop's namesake collection of gilded walnut furniture handcrafted in traditional European styles. -L.R.

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ENTIRELY TILE

Mike Burchiere, co-owner of **Tileco**, the family-owned source for all things tile, spent last October in Italy and, among his finds, is a selection of beautifully pitted Scabos travertine, imported directly from the quarry. "Some Scabos is more pink," says Mike's wife, Margaret. "Ours really shows reds and golds, the true colors of Tuscany."

Recently, the company celebrated its 25th anniversary, but the Burchiere family is focused on the present. Tileco's Olive Street location is the exclusive area retailer for Acque Forti (travertine with laser-cut designs) and Jeffrey Court's rustic Old California line. In 2004, Tileco opened a second store on Haley Street. The

spacious, warehouse-style spot includes scores of pre-cut slabs, making it easy to match tiles to countertops. (One attractive offering is a sleek Belgian limestone that looks like polished concrete.) "Having two locations allows us to stock so much more," says manager Gina Burchiere, the couple's daughter. "And that makes ordering easy." -D.R.

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