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LOCATION: Chicago
DATES: Events held throughout the year

For the past 12 years, designers, collectors and treasure-seekers have flocked to the Randolph Street Market in Chicago looking for antiques, home décor, artwork, fashion and more. From May through September, the market features more than 250 vendors in its indoor/outdoor space, while from October through April it features more than 100 vendors indoors.

"Big for 2015 is the boudoir for both men and women—tortoise-shell hair combs, sterling-silver grooming kits (hair brushes, combs, moustache combs, shoeshine kits), shaving accessories for men, perfume bottles for women. Personal style is always in fashion," says Sally Schwartz, market founder. "People love vintage signs with amazing typography, sturdy and well made vintage furniture and special home accessories to add a pop of vintage to any room."

Take your time to investigate any finds before making a purchase, Sally recommends.

"People need to look carefully, if it's pottery or porcelain, you need to hold it up to the light to see any hairline fractures," she says. "If it's jewelry, make sure all the stones are there; make sure the clasps work. On furniture, check the hardware and open the drawers to see whether it's been glued or the really fine and desirable technique of tongue-and-groove [has been used]. [On] handbags, look at the clasps, the handle, the lining and the bottom."

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