

The Grove's Vintage Market offers unique shopping experience



Chalk paint demonstrations were given by Michelle Green of Di Lucca Design as Cheri Johnson of Lombard takes note at the Vintage Market at The Grove on May 12, 2018.

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Mother's Day weekend shoppers took a step back in time to peruse treasures from bygone days at the third annual Vintage Market at The Grove Saturday.

The event was organized by The Grove and Vintage Nest boutique.

Lorin Ottlinger, director of the Grove National Historic Landmark, said the event's timing coincided this year with Mother's Day, making it the perfect opportunity to find a unique gift.

More than 60 vendors displayed an array of vintage-inspired furniture, jewelry and re-purposed objects. The market also featured food trucks and musical entertainment.

"The Vintage Market is really becoming a tradition for mothers who attend with family or girlfriends, or as a day away from the kids and daily responsibilities," said Carol DiLorenzo, The Grove's Redfield Estate rental

coordinator. "The market provides shopping for unique finds that you cannot find at the mall."

New this year was a series of creative workshops and demonstrations on topics like furniture and decorative painting.

Diane Naumann of Naperville attended with her daughter and granddaughter.

"We all love old things, and in past years I have shopped the market on my own, but this year it seemed like a better idea to make it a family outing," she said.

Alisa Augello of Chicago said the trip to the Vintage Market was part of a special Mother's Day experience gift she created for her own mother, mother-in-law and sister-in-law.

"Our Mom's Day experience included an invitation describing a fun-filled day shopping at the Vintage Market, with each of our mom's free to select a gift during our shopping spree," Augello said. "Then, we topped it off with lunch at Elly's Pancake House in Glenview."

Organizers said attendance last year was close to 1,500 and that this year they hoped to surpass that total with attendance reaching 2,000.

Karen Tiedmann and her daughter Rachel Tiedmann, both from Glenview, purchased a set of candle sconces made from Civil War-era barnwood for their family room.

"The setting at the Grove is so relaxing and the beautiful grounds make us reminisce about why we don't come here more often," Tiedmann said.

Gina Selzer of Northbrook said the market is a chance to see things that may remind you of what your mother had in her home.

"Vintage glassware used for every day, or re-purposed farm objects that offer an authentic feel of rustic decor," Selzer said. "Much of these items have been around for over a hundred years and nothing new can compare with the real vintage."

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