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Oldie goodies (clockwise from far left): fashions at House of Style, furniture at Modify and entertainment at Main Street Antiques.

Vintage Vegas

Whether you are a serious antique shopper or a Sunday curio browser, Downtown has a variety of shopping ops for you

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When I first moved to Las Vegas, with my wardrobe of vintage clothing and a truck full of Mid-Century Modern, I spent countless Saturdays searching for those things that would complete the décor of my new old house. I had been living in Ohio, the land of plenty for Russel Wright and Heywood-Wakefield fans. But here in the late '90s, my excursions were often fruitless. There was the Red Rooster, some estate sales and, eventually and unexpectedly, I bumped into the Funk House. But that was about it. Of course now that I really don't need any more furniture, Downtown is brimming with antique stores and vintage boutiques. Not that I don't continue to shop. With so many options for clothes, furniture, collectibles and amusing curiosities, it's impossible not to at least look.

The Attic (1018 Main St.) Mayra and Victor Politis (our spring-issue Vurbanites) have been the face of Downtown vintage clothing shopping for more than 15 years. But if you haven't been in a while, you might be surprised to know that it's not just the '70s garb warehouse that tourists remember from that old Visa commercial. Yes, the second floor still features decades of apparel, but the first floor is home to original Attic brand fashions, accessories, vintage furniture and in-house alteration services. 388-4088, theatticlasvegas.com. Hours: 10-5 Mon-Thu, 10-6 Fri, 11-6 Sat

Charleston Antique Mall (307 W. Charleston Blvd.) This multi-shop treasure in the old 7-Up Bottling Company building has been restocked and renovated—replete with central air. On a recent Sunday, after passing through the tiki-themed room, I found a bar that reportedly belonged to Sammy Davis Jr., and just around the corner there was a Tiffany dragonfly

table lamp in stunning condition. With 35 vendors and 15,000 square feet, this is once again a shopping haven for repeat visitors looking for a frequent turnover in stock. 228-4783. Hours: 10-6 Mon-Sat, 11-5 Sun

The Funk House (1228 S. Casino Center Blvd.) Cindy Funkhouser (of First Friday fame) has made her shop an anchor in the Arts District. It even includes a small gallery with rotating works by local artists. But mostly this colorful locale is a hub for mid-century furniture, décor and collectibles. And while you might stop by to check out the striking Danish furniture, Eames chairs and light fixtures, it's also easy to spend hours examining the art glass, ceramics and jewelry that fill the shelves and display cases. 678-6278, thefunkhouselasvegas.com. Hours: 10-5 Mon-Sat

Gypsy Caravan Antique Village (1302 S. Third St.) Don't let the address fool you. Veronika Holmes' village vision has all but taken over the 200 block of Commerce Street. Gypsy Caravan itself is two buildings of memorable pieces in antique display cases, including more than 400 dolls, marionettes and hand puppets. Other stores in the Village include: JJC Clocks & Antiques, an impressive collection of chiming timepieces; Trudi's Fur & Leather, where you can find vintage fur wraps complete with animal heads; Teacup Quilts, featuring vintage quilts among quilting supplies and tea service; and an architectural storage yard selling aged porticos, gazebos and statuary. 868-3302. Hours: 10-5 Tue-Sat (by appointment Sun-Mon)

House of Style Then and Now (220 E. Charleston Blvd.) Ringing the doorbell for entrance to the bright pink vintage clothing store gives House of Style an air of exclusivity, but this beautifully appointed, well-stocked jewel is actually quite accessible. Owned by a costume designer for Cirque du Soleil, the quality and condition of the inventory has been carefully inspected. And while vintage clothing may often be thought of as a woman's domain, there is no shortage of well-chosen menswear, including silk ties and smoking jackets. Although you may not find any bargains, the opportunity to even browse this fine selection of clothing and accessories from the 1930s through the 1970s is well worth a visit. 382-5688, houseofstylethenandnow.com. Hours: noon-6 Tue-Sat

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Main Street Antiques (500 S. Main St.)

The mural outside exclaims, "It's Antique Time," and by the glass-encased showgirl costumes just inside, shoppers know this means Vegas-style antiques. But the best thing about shopping at Main Street Antiques is not Sin City time-traveling nor the two stories of vendors with various merchandise; it is the old-fashioned bottled sodas for sale. For \$2 each, brands such as Cheerwine, Faygo and Bubble Up make for welcome refreshments while perusing the shelves. 382-1882, mainstreetantiqueslv.com. Hours: 9-6 daily

Modify (8 E. Charleston Blvd.)

The orange-and-white bulbous logo and ever-changing window displays might evoke a scene from Tommy, but inside, owners Maria Willman and David Soto stock their store with such eye-catching designs that Modify has become a popular stop for trendy retailers (such as Urban Outfitters and Diesel) looking to outfit new stores. Whether you have a remodeled Huntridge home or a brand-new SoHo loft, you will easily find the Mid-Mod piece you're looking for. And it's definitely the place to go if you're ready to commit to unique centerpiece furniture or even just a few modish touches such as barware, lighting and rugs. Suite 8A, 384-6555, modifylv.com. Hours: 1-7 Wed-Sun

Not Just Antiques Mart

(1422 Western Ave.) A clean and uncluttered browsing experience, the 12,000 square feet of vendor space and showrooms feature good quality and reasonably priced stock. Many of the pieces are culled from nearby estate liquidations and include some especially nice furniture, art and collectibles. The staff is extra friendly and helpful without being pushy. They also offer free appraisal events as well as a tea-room on the second floor that can host parties for children or adults. 384-4922, notjustantiquesmart.com. Hours: 10-6 Mon-Sat, noon-6 Sun