



Objects Found

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GIBSON STUDIO

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LOS ANGELES PAINTER and interior designer Gary Gibson shares his love for found objects and art at his studio on the corner of Beverly and Fuller. "It is a retail space based on my love of collecting," Gibson says. The vibrant and welcoming showroom looks like a European atelier and houses an eclectic mix of paintings, sculptures, glasswork and furniture. Reminiscent of childhood memories and stocked with purchases from Gibson's world travels, the studio boasts an assortment of vintage boxing gloves, antique porcelain and even a copper birdbath. "My true passion comes from found objects," Gibson says.

Gibson's vision was to create a showroom for emerging and established artists to sell their work. There are paintings by Gibson himself on the walls, along with heftier finds that include sculptures from Michael Koch and an impressive giant urn made of 3,500 wine corks by artist Steven Cox. It's Gibson's sixth year in a location that attracts Angelenos and visitors alike, all searching for unique and inspired pieces for their home. Gibson welcomes each client with a neighborly smile and first-rate personal service. "The cross-section of people who come in through our doors are fascinating," he says.

Aside from running the showroom, Gibson also designs and sells his own line of furniture. "It's based on woods, metals and textures of various materials," he says. "It's another part of who I am." It's apparent how much the studio's vintage found objects inspire the modern furniture. Gibson adds, "That juxtaposition of old and new is my favorite combination."

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