



Hanna's House owner Jean Lloyd and Labrador puppy Lola welcome customers to the Elmore store. According to Lloyd, the store deals in antiques and uniques, with a variety of products from furniture to old board games.

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The retro kitchen at Hanna's House features a full set of dishes, old-fashioned linens and even a kitchen table set. Store owner Jean Lloyd said much of the stock at the store is from the 1940s, her favorite era, although antiques and unique products from virtually every time period adorn the shelves.

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What Was Old Is New Again At Hanna's House In Elmore

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If you're a shopper who loves regaling others with your tales of store sleuthing and great bargains, or if you want to become one, Hanna's House is the place for you.

Just a 20-minute drive east of Maumee in Elmore, Hanna's House is an antique and unique store

that proves the adage "everything old is new again."

Owner Jean Lloyd opened the store in 2003 after a friend took her to her first auction.

After that, she was hooked.

"That was it," Lloyd said. "I loved it; it was fun."

Today, Lloyd shares that passion with those who pass

through the doors at Hanna's House, greeting them with a smile and the sweet affection of the store's unofficial mascot, Lloyd's Labrador puppy, Lola.

Dealing in retro and vintage goods, the store offers an eclectic variety of furniture, housewares, art, clothing, lamps, floral arrangements and other antique and unique pieces.

The virtual maze of goods allows shoppers to peruse the different themed rooms to find the perfect buy.

The main room features furniture, a popular goal for many a bargain and antique shopper.

Lloyd said the furniture at her store is appealing in part because of the high quality and low price.

Those same words can be used to describe virtually all of Lloyd's collection.

For those who love the 1940s as much as Lloyd, Hanna's House offers a plethora of period clothing.

Old-fashioned bathing suits, linens and hats adorn the walls in one room.

According to Lloyd, many customers come in seeking the once- and again-popular attire.

Stepping into the kitchen-themed room feels like a dollhouse come to life, as 1940s-era dishes adorn a retro kitchen table set.

Recently, the old metal canisters have been hot sellers, Lloyd said.

Their clean look and low price has been attracting buyers, especially young people, faster than Lloyd can acquire the pieces.

One black and chrome breadbox was offered for just \$10.00.

"I don't want a museum," said Lloyd, who named the store after her 15-year-old daughter.

"I want people to come in and have fun and get a find," she said.

And if Lloyd makes getting a find easy, she's equally talented at helping customers have fun.

Hanna's House isn't just a store in Elmore; it's often a gathering place, as well.

The no-pressure, homey feel of the store has inspired many a customer to come simply to visit, and that's just fine with Lloyd.

"People seem to enjoy (the store) and have fun here," she said.

As evidenced by the repeat customers, Hanna's House is a popular destination.

Joanne Parks visits the store often, sometimes with a goal in mind, other times

just to wander.

Frequently, she's not alone.

"My two daughters live out of town, and they always have to come here," Parks said.

Chatting with customers and chasing after Lola seems like a perfect fit for Lloyd, who is thinking about taking the store one step further.

She said she's trying to organize classes at Hanna's House so customers can learn to repair and restore the pieces themselves.

"I want to teach people to work with the products," Lloyd said.

Currently, Lloyd does perform some repair and restoration work on her stock.

She also paints pieces in need of a new coat or a touch-up.

As hard as the store is to define, it's equally as easy to find something to buy.

Hanna's House offers gardening pieces, fishing equipment, tools, old board games, art, purses, handmade pillows and flower arrangements in addition to the furniture and kitchen ware.

Seasonal pieces are also available to add an old twist to holiday decorations.

"I try to carry a lot of different stuff to have a lot of appeal," Lloyd said.

The appeal of Hanna's House may be different for different shoppers, but odds are, among the maze of goods, there will be a prize worthy of a shopping tale.

Hanna's House is located at 332 Rice St. Store hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 5:00 p.m. The store is closed on Mondays. For more information call (419) 250-3048.

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