



## ECO CHIC *Verde Home*

Who says eco-friendly furnishings have to be bland or rustic? Owners Laura Walker Baird, Paul Baird, and Kent Schneider combined decades of experience in European antiques and handwoven carpets to create a store of exotic and refined treasures that also respect the earth. Furniture, accessories, and handwoven carpets and rugs run the gamut from ethnic to modern. 1000 Marietta Street, Suite 244, 678-927-9113, [verdehomeinc.com](http://verdehomeinc.com)

location to a pine tree-shaded lot behind Hill Street Warehouse, it meant one of the largest selections of Italian terra-cotta became accessible to a nursery that carries intriguing plant material such as olive trees and espaliered pear trees. *Hill Street*: 404-352-5001, 1357 Collier Road, [hillstreetwarehouse.com](http://hillstreetwarehouse.com); *Forrester's*: 2050 Hills Avenue, 404-636-2402, [forrestersgreenhouse.com](http://forrestersgreenhouse.com)

### DECORATIVE CONCRETE

*Four Seasons Pottery*

The best testament to the variety at Four Seasons is found

at the front of the store, where hundreds of pieces sit out in the sloping yard. For sixteen years, Four Seasons has sold fountains (the biggest seller), cherubs, stone dogs, columns, containers, birdbaths, garden tables, and benches. With more than twenty custom finishes—including faux bronze, ultramodern black, and an aged stone patina—there is nothing standard about these garden accents. The popular flax finish works particularly well with stone and shake. 336 Hammond Drive, 404-252-3411, [4seasonspottery.com](http://4seasonspottery.com)

### BEST FINISHING TOUCH

*The Matthew Quinn Collection*

Matthew Quinn, co-owner of ADAC's Design Galleria, is known for creating show-stopping kitchens in designer show-houses and Buckhead mansions. But with his new showroom of kitchen and bath hardware and fixtures, the master of opulence proves he is really a minimalist at heart. His slick ADAC West boutique carries exclusive lines by Marjorie Skouras, Carl Martinez, Sun Valley Bronze, Fersa, AHI, and Quinn himself. Each artistic piece is displayed in fabric-lined drawers like fine jewelry. 349 Peachtree Hills Avenue, Suite B5A, 404-974-3560, [matthewquinncollection.com](http://matthewquinncollection.com)

### VINTAGE GARDEN FURNITURE

*So Rare*

This Decatur shop packs its outdoor display of funky conignment goods with gliders in eye-popping colors. The artfully rusted metal yard and porch furniture is as irresistible as a Day-Glo Popsicle in August—and just as refreshing. Perfect to put on a porch and glide into the cool of the evening. 407 West Ponce de Leon Avenue, Decatur, 404-377-0102

### CONTAINER GARDENS

*Lush Life Garden & Flowers*

Forget the here-today-trash-tomorrow shelf life of cut flowers. Lush Life has earned a rep for planted arrangements that are smart alternatives to snipped florals. These couture containers—created by the inventive mind of Bill Hudgins—are horticulturally

lavish and can be customized to your taste and budget. Embrace winter combinations such as orchids and star-of-Bethlehem. 146 East Andrews Drive, 404-841-9661, [lushlifehomegarden.com](http://lushlifehomegarden.com)

### BEST EDIBLE YARD

*Sustenance Design*

The "Edible Landscaping Service" can turn your withered lawn into a thriving, yard-to-table source of flavorful herbs, juicy berries, and crisp lettuces. The low-maintenance garden designs add tasty plants to your landscape without turning your lawn into a truck garden. Expect cilantro amid the coneflowers and raspberries sharing border space with roses. Pass the parsley, please. 404-377-2843, [sustenancedesign.net](http://sustenancedesign.net)

### INTERNATIONAL FLAVOR

*Artefacto*

Natural textures of leather, fur, cork, and exotic woods warm up the contemporary lines of this Brazilian company's styl-

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ish furniture, and the devotion to environmentally conscious manufacturing is heartwarming as well. The inspiring lifestyle vignettes in this light-filled Buckhead showroom could convert the most die-hard traditionalist. Two Buckhead Plaza, 3050 Peachtree Road, Suite 150, 404-926-0004, [artefacto.com](http://artefacto.com) ■