

60 Miles from Dallas: First Monday Trade Days

Our five picks—chosen from thousands—will make this monthly shopping event in Canton a little more manageable. Happy hunting!



Smart shoppers get an early start browsing through the thousands of vendors at First Monday Trade Days.

First things first: First Monday Trade Days is not on Monday. (It runs from Thursday through Sunday before the first Monday of the month.) If you think *that's* confusing, wait till you find yourself alongside 300,000 other shoppers, wandering through a maze of vendors selling everything from bedazzled can cozies to cast-iron skillets. Fortunately, we did the navigating for you, strolling through 15 indoor pavilions and nearly 100 outdoor rows to narrow down our five favorite booths. Now all you have to do is get there early (say, an hour before booths open at 8 a.m.) and get a "Canton Guide" map that will show where to find our top picks.

Girls Gone Junkin' ROW 46, BOOTHS 19-20

This stall overflows with flea market-chic furniture, jewelry, and furnishings, but the artfully emblazoned windows and doors are what caught our eye. Pam Cannon from Hurst, Texas, designs the graphics herself, prints them at home



on a 30-inch plotter, and then slaps them on weathered doors and windows she purchases in Canton. Her finished products (\$45-\$170) take on a decidedly feminine air—silhouettes of chandeliers and crowns, rhinestone-embellished frames, the words “vintage queen” spelled out in curvaceous lettering on old windows and doors. Since Pam’s daughter visited Paris, she’s been inspired by all things French. Her antique doors stamped “Paris Flea Market” already hang in several Texas homes—one used as a kitchen pantry door. girlsgonejunkin.com

LaurieAnna’s Vintage Home

CANTON MARKETPLACE, BOOTHS 104-107

Every month, this covered booth is transformed into a dreamy tableau that resembles an Anthropologie store window. It’s dreamt up by Canton-based vendor LaurieAnna Sigler, who traded her career as a corporate trainer teaching employees at a bank for a full-time flea market gig. (She also has a 5,000-square-foot store in downtown Canton.) The space is epitomized by graceful pairings of old and new, such

as a table setting with antique silverware stuck in a metal garden shoe, a bird figurine encased in a clear glass bell, and a weathered wood bottle drying rack holding spools of wide, fringe-edged burlap ribbon. laurieannas.com

Lakehouse Outfitters

ROW 46, BOOTH 3

It was on Memorial Day weekend three years ago when mother-daughter duo Cindy Jones-Batten and Jodi McCauley first shopped at Canton, driving from their lake house in East Texas. Three

ABOVE LEFT: Girls Gone Junkin’ features artfully designed windows and doors. TOP AND ABOVE: In addition to their Lakehouse Outfitters stall, Cindy Jones-Batten and Jodi McCauley also run a Dallas store.



Gabe and Dawn Rubio have sold inventive furniture and home accessories at their Lone Cedar stall for 20 years.



months later they had their own booth and have tirelessly attended every market since. Their well-edited selection of eclectic decor has since grown into a full-scale retail operation, with a permanent store in Dallas that supplements their Canton spread. The pair has an eye for good-looking rustic and refurbished furniture (painted iron beds, small armoires, metal yard chairs), and they bring a handful of pieces to their booth every time around. But their best-selling items are personalized signs with the names of various regional lakes. Digitally printed on metal or wooden boards, the made-to-order signs conjure up a bygone era of easy, breezy lakeside living. lakehouseoutfitters.com or 214/748-4500 (store)

