

Florist

If you didn't already know about Barb Wehking's gem of a floral shop, **BLOOMIN BUCKETS**, you'd never find it. How could you? It's tucked away on a side street off Manchester, in the back of Bella's, a wedding shop. But punch it into your GPS; you'll never regret it. First of all, there is the owner herself—down-to-earth, always pleasant, willing to please. Then there are the flowers—always the freshest. And finally, the arrangements—always spot on. The prices? Fair, very fair. 9844 Manchester, South Door; 314-961-4040, bloominbuckets.com



Furniture for Heirs

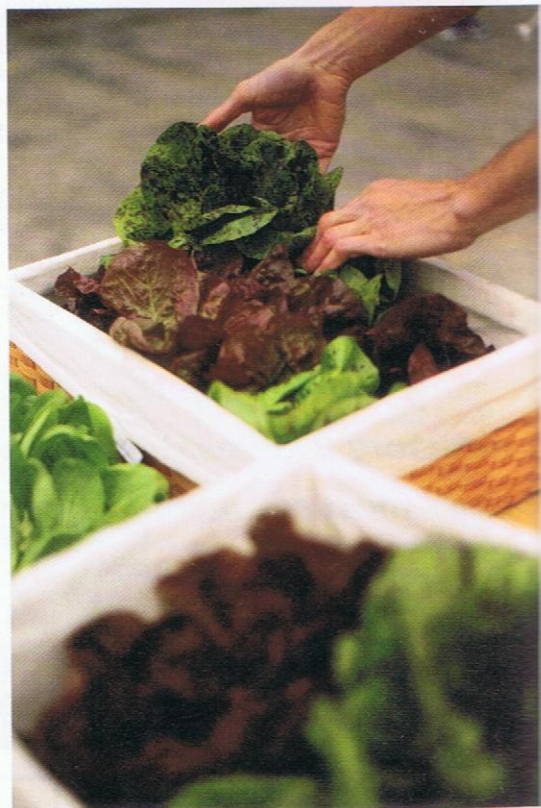
The New York-based interior designer sipped his sauvignon blanc and blithely announced, "This city could really use another **JULES PASS**." No doubt. Just consider the number of times the antique store is practically bereft of merchandise. Collectors know to zoom over the minute shipments arrive from abroad. The flawless furniture primarily dates from the 18th and 19th centuries, travels from England and continental Europe—and is well worthy of passing on to favored heirs. 9916 Clayton, 314-991-1522

Softest Sheets

Forget motivational speakers: It's fine sheets that make dreams possible. And forget thread count: What gives the fabric a beautiful hand is using long fibers in the weave; get the right stuff, and you only need a 350-thread count to reach heaven. Proof's in the superlong-staple cotton from Kafir S'Ad that's used in the Italian sheeting by Sferra Brothers—and in fine jacquard from Peacock Alley—and in Yves Delorme's batiste-soft, romantic prints, all at **SALLIE HOME**. 9821 Clayton, 314-567-7883, salliehome.com

★ Farmers' Market

A mere three years old, the **TOWER GROVE FARMERS' MARKET & BAZAAR** has blossomed into the best in the area. The selection of vendors—including Four Seasons baked goods, Sunflower Savannah, Norris Farms, Hinkebein Hills, Prairie Grass Farm, Three Rivers Farm and Kinker Hill Farm—is stellar. But the setting, in Tower Grove Park, constitutes a lovely step back in time that borders on serene. To further enhance your state of serenity, take a free Saturday morning yoga class. Tower Grove Park, west of the Pool Pavilion, 314-772-3899, tgmarket.org



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Place to Buy Original Crafts

Slick-smooth glazed ceramics, hammered gold, frosted glass—wandering around the Gallery Shop at **CRAFT ALLIANCE** is like browsing a museum, except you can buy your treasure. Walk out wearing those whimsical film-strip earrings; wrap up satiny wooden spoons for a housewarming; give your lover a clever, poetic vase. Craft Alliance showcases select local and national artists and uses the proceeds to craft a future for underserved youth. 6640 Delmar, 314-725-1177, craftalliance.org