Vintage Mall Crawl

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No costume required. Come as you are, or pick a look below and let it steer what you hunt for. Dressing in a style tells your crew what to watch for, and it makes for better photos of your finds.

Pick a look

Desert Western

Wear: Pearl-snap shirts, bolo ties, boots you can walk in, a little turquoise.

Why: It's the Valley's own vintage, and antique malls here are full of it.

Spot: Squash-blossom necklaces, conchos, and silver stamped “sterling.” A maker's mark on the back is worth asking about.

Mid-Century Mod

Wear: Clean lines, A-line skirts, slim trousers, cat-eye frames.

Why: 1950s–60s homewares are a big share of what dealer booths carry, so you'll blend into the shelves.

Spot: Atomic starbursts, boomerang shapes, and patterned Pyrex. Look at the bottom of a dish before the front.

’70s Folk

Wear: Fringe, peasant blouses, wide collars, corduroy, macramé.

Why: Easy to layer for a cool morning and a warm afternoon.

Spot: Suns, mushrooms, and hand-embroidered flowers. Hand-stitching on a hem often means someone made it at home.

Golden-Age Glam

Wear: A ’30s–’40s silhouette: a bias-cut dress or high-waisted trousers, a brooch, a good coat.

Why: For anyone who came to dress up and treat the day like an occasion.

Spot: Art Deco fans and sunbursts, rhinestone brooches, and old metal zippers. A brand name stamped on the zipper pull can help date a piece.

Workwear & Denim

Wear: A chore coat, a heavy flannel, faded jeans, a canvas tote.

Why: Durable, pocketed, and it doesn't mind six hours of digging.

Spot: Union labels and woven brand tags inside the collar, plus the selvedge edge (the tidy band) on an old denim seam.

’80s–’90s Thrift

Wear: A windbreaker, a band tee, high-waisted jeans, chunky sneakers.

Why: The newest “vintage” and the easiest to start with.

Spot: Single-stitch hems on old T-shirts, tour dates printed on the back, and a souvenir from somewhere you've never been.

What you'll find

- **Big antique malls.** Dozens of dealer booths under one roof: furniture, glassware, jewelry cases, records, toys, paper ephemera. Give yourself time; the best booth is often in the back.
- **Vintage clothing shops.** Smaller and curated, with racks sorted by decade or style. Ask what just came in.

- **Downtown strips.** Park once and walk a block of small shops: books, records, oddities.

Pack for the day

- **Shoes you can stand in for six hours.** Concrete floors, lots of walking.
- **Layers.** November mornings start cool and afternoons warm up.
- **Cash in small bills, and a card.** Many malls ring everything up at one front register; a few booths prefer cash.
- **A tote bag** for small finds. Big finds can usually be held at the front while you keep looking.
- **Your measurements on your phone** (and a tape measure if you're hunting furniture or frames).
- **Your Ask Box card:** write down what you're hunting at the meet-up so your crew can watch for it too.
- It's fine to ask whether a price has any give, especially when you're buying more than one thing.

Meet-up time and place are on the event page. Your crew plan arrives by text and email before the day. Questions: reply to any RoseCourt email.