



ONE-OF-A-KIND FINDS

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THE PLACE: “Everything at **The Millionaire’s Daughter** has its own little story, gathered through the years,” says Maureen Barnes, owner of this mid-to-high-end furniture and décor consignment shop. In fact, they’re never-ending stories. The store sells the equivalent of seven homes of furniture weekly. As customers take items home, new items arrive and the stories evolve. Inventory is refreshed regularly, but not everything is a candidate for consignment. As any millionaire’s daughter knows, value counts – only the best pieces win a place on the store floor, selling at a third of what they’d cost in a regular retail store.

THE STYLE: Modern! Vintage! Antique! Brand new! It’s all here. “It constantly amazes me how our staff pull it all together to stage the most beautiful, eclectic store vignettes that incorporate china, glassware, furnishings and accessories to a theme,” says Jacky Bernier, the store’s Social Media Marketing Manager. She blogs about it all and showcases new items on the website the day they arrive.



Maureen Barnes

THE FINDS: Where do these glorious finds come from? They’re culled from private and model homes, estate sales, high-end design studios and retail close-outs. Maureen has an eye for style, a nose for value and a head for business. Her fourth store opened recently in Kitchener. She named the business in honour of her father, Albert Van Impe. He and his brother owned a popular chain of restaurants called The Millionaire’s Drive-In during the 1960s and ’70s.

WHAT’S HOT: Mid-century modern is big – bar carts, credenzas, tables and teak sofas, often already reupholstered on trend. Rich solid-wood harvest dining tables are sought after. Looking for unique? How about a vintage hot dog stand or Indonesian wedding bed? Chances are, you’ll find them here. Truth is, every item is hot because typically, it’s one-of-a-kind.



FAVOURITES: The store itself gets the honour – it’s a favourite with a loyal clientele. Clients drop in weekly to buy or browse. Who are the clients? Anyone who wants high quality without the high price.

CONSIGN: What can you consign? How do you consign? When do you get paid? It’s all spelled out on the website. The Millionaire’s Daughter also hosts workshops on how to refresh old pieces.

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