

# More Details

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In this store David and the Marshes will be the base, and then they will have consigners. A consigned item would not necessarily have to be antique, but it would have to fit into the shop and be something they think would sell. Anderson laughed when he said, "I have some stuff that I bought in 1982." Tiera's mother has been a dealer and will have a big footprint in the store as well.

They are also willing to look at, and buy outright, items from sellers. Tiera also works with a picker who has developed quite a good eye for merchandise. Anderson admits that there was a time when he went looking for merchandise almost every day, yet says he never gets sick of it. He still has a six-bedroom house in Minneapolis that is full of items he will eventually need to sell, so he does not need any new merchandise right now.

Jim praised the city as being great to work with in terms of the renovation. The retail floor space will be approximately 1800 square feet. The color scheme is fresh; a retro mint green and black with the space exuding a nostalgic charm.

The way they plan to stage the store will be unique as well. They will not be like other antique stores where vendors have



Photos by Kathy Clemence and submitted.

Above, is a picture of the three Vintage Patina owners standing in front of an old freezer door. At left, are Jim and Tiera Marsh with business partner, David Anderson. At top right, is the outside of the newly refurbished building.

shoved everything they have into one little booth. Their merchandise is going to be thoughtfully placed. The sign on the store reflects the ambience inside: Antiques, Collectibles, Furniture and Fun.

In the 90's Anderson recalls dealers saying they couldn't buy merchandise fast enough. That generation liked having things that their parents or grandparents had. Now, china for example, is something nobody wants anymore. They are looking for statement pieces or things that can be repurposed. He ac-

knowledges that there aren't as many collectors as there used to be. Someone might say, "Oh, I could use this for, or this would look really great here." Tiera continued saying "It is one piece versus I want a whole bookshelf."

"The virus has definitely caused a big delay for us" says Tiera. Their contractor, who's wife is an essential worker, took on the role of a stay-at-home dad for their four children. "Our contractor is a great guy.



He's coming at night after teaching his children" and is putting in as many hours as he can. They had originally hoped to open in March, but after getting into the building and seeing what needed to be done, dealing with COVID restrictions and other delays, July became more realistic.

Jim's full-time job is with Progressive Insurance and his role will be the light bulb changer, maintenance man, and heavy lifter. Tiera will concentrate on the new business. Anderson is now retired and just bought a house in Annandale to be close to the new store.

Vintage Patina is located at 131 Cedar St. W, on the corner of Cedar and Excelsior Ave. They will be open Wednesday through Saturday from 10-5. They are on Facebook and intend to start selling online.

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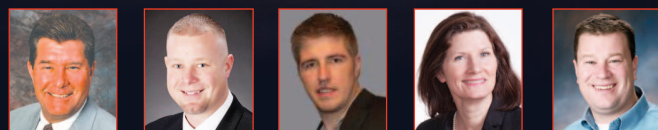


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