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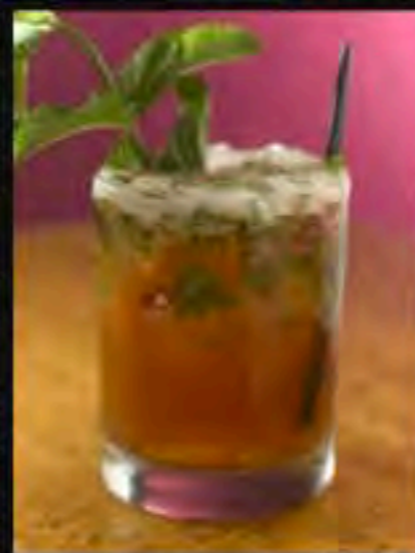


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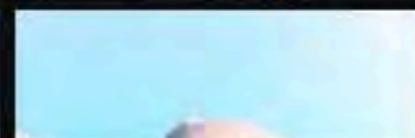
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This weekend's Randolph Street Market is but days away, and if you've been experiencing some pre-market anxiety—nightmares about olive green shag carpet and corduroy La-Z-Boys—relax. The folks at the market have enlisted the help of Shane Inman, the talented designer behind the Inman Company and the author of the ever-helpful blog, "The Interior Design Savant." He'll be on hand to assist the forlorn, picking "finds" and showing how best to display them.

I sat down Inman, who's been featured on HGTV, to discuss what inspires his design mind and what gives him a headache!

Jenny, Postbox: What are you most excited for this weekend?

The Inman Company: I am most excited to see great quality period pieces that are hard to find anymore. Accessories for me are very exciting!

JP: So, what will you be in search of this weekend? (I'm dying to find a mid-century dining table!)

TIC: Personally, I'm a sucker for anything in all white—my own personal color of choice—but, since I am a minimalist, I have to be very careful about what I put in my personal spaces.

JP: How often do you incorporate antique pieces into the rooms you design?

TIC: Almost always! I love pairing a \$25,000 custom-made Donghia sofa with a \$10 vintage lamp on the end table.

JP: What is your favorite thing about introducing vintage finds in a space?

TIC: I love to mix old with new. There is nothing better than being able to place a little piece of history within an interior. The story behind every purchase and every object is what is most important. Not where you bought it, or how much it cost. I had a client who bought one of Barbra Streisand's old dining room tables at a Sotheby's auction. When I ate at that table, I felt connected with her.

JP: So, do you have any tricks that help keep a space from looking like a garage sale waiting to happen?

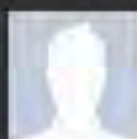
TIC: Yes! One who is interested in doing great interior design for themselves or others must learn how to edit an interior. Interior designers are masters at editing—it all can't happen in one single space! A professional has the self-control needed to remove pieces we love so that others can shine! I always subscribe to the great age-old advice of Mies van der Rohe, "Less is more."

JP: Amen.

Click the image to visit the incredible Shane Inman's blog and stop by Randolph Street Market to get tips in person from the dashing designer!

Randolph Street Market, June 25 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and June 26, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., 1340 West Washington, 312-666-1200 or randolphstreetmarket.com.

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