



INSIDE GUIDE

BHG stylist Annette Joseph



"One of my favorite stores in Atlanta's Buckhead district is **Pollen** (432 E. Paces Ferry Road; pollenatlanta.com),

a unique floral store with handcrafted gifts, art pieces, table linens, and just plain great ideas. **ShopSCAD** (3096 Roswell Road; shopscadonline.com), run by the Savannah College of Art and Design, offers quirky and fun jewelry, clothing, and artworks for your walls. If your thing is antiques, spend your morning at **Miami Circle** off Piedmont Road. All the designers go here to poke about the shops. Lunch at the **Buckhead Diner** completes the perfect hunt.

"Spend an afternoon in the charming Virginia-Highland neighborhood area near Piedmont Park. Owner Kay Douglass stocks her **South of Market store** (1044 N. Highland Ave.; southofmarket.biz) with distinctive furniture finds from Europe. And you won't know how good a biscuit can be unless you stop in **The Flying Biscuit Café** (1655 McLendon Ave.; flyingbiscuit.com), served with their own homemade apple butter. Yum!"

Shopping Around

Suburban megamalls offer super shopping. But it's in those out-of-the-way places where you'll find one-of-a-kind gifts and experiences.

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THE DESTINATION Buckhead and Lenox Square Mall are perfect symbols of the New South's energetic economy. This cluster of Atlanta neighborhoods offers upscale shopping, exciting nightlife, and picturesque private homes.

THE DETOUR Minutes east of Atlanta, Decatur hosts a pedestrian shopping precinct with more than 200 storefront boutiques, cafes, and galleries along its tree-lined streets.

Check the fun and funky fashions at **Boogaloos** (404/373-3237; boogaloosboutique.com) and the distinctive shoes at **Eviva** (404/370-7606; evivastyle.com).

Squash Blossom Boutique provides a place for kids to play while Mom shops (404/373-1864; squashblossomboutique.com).

Explore Decatur's art galleries for one-a-of-kind collectible pieces.

Boswell Gallery displays photography, contemporary painting, and sculpture from regional and international artists with an emphasis on large-scale works (404/377-4778; boswellgallery.com). **By Hand South** (404/378-0118; byhandsouth.com) presents

handcrafted pottery, art glass, and woodwork. **Alexia Gallery** combines handmade designs with a full-service jewelry store, including an on-staff gemologist, and custom-designed pieces (404/373-1969; alexiagallery.com).