

OPPOSITE: Inside the two-story barn, the charmingly crowded antiques store is filled with country cabinets, English and American ironstone, vintage and authentic reproduction lighting, and whimsical bits of salvage. **RIGHT:** Mary Dacquino welcomes guests from the back porch of the old house. **BELOW:** Clocks and treasures of the mid-20th century are displayed on an old rack. Utilitarian textiles like these vintage European grain sacks make homespun table runners and pillow covers.



WHEN THEY CAME ACROSS this property seven years ago, Mary and David Dacquino knew it fit the bill. First there was the house, a classic built in 1812. It offered eight bedrooms to accommodate visits by both of their extended families. Nearly three acres would keep Mary's green thumb busy. And there was room for Mary's antiques and interior design business, besides. (See related story, p. 44.)

The old house in Dunstable, Massachusetts, was built by a Jonathan Proctor as a wedding gift to his daughter Rebekkah, who had married the local postmaster. In 1812 it was a traditional brick-end Federal. In the early 20th century, Boston businessman Calvin Austin bought it for his country place, and the Proctor house became Calmore, a more Brahmin appellation. Austin enlarged the house, adding a gabled ell to the east end, along with several screened porches. The house changed hands several more times; it was a country inn during the 1940s.



Live What You Love

Behind the Federal-era home this couple restored, surrounded by well-tended gardens, there's a big barn that houses their antiques business.

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SEASONS AT CALMORE is the name of the antiques store (it's behind the old house long known as Calmore). "I want it to be a destination," says Mary about the store and the historic hamlet of Dunstable, which is on the Massachusetts/New Hampshire border. Beautiful, meticulously kept gardens surround the shop. A brick patio and English greenhouse display gardening antiques and specialty plants. Mary Dacquino is also a design consultant (New England only). **SEASONS AT CALMORE**, 519 Main Street, Dunstable, MA: (978) 649-8882, seasonsatcalmore.com



LEFT: The displays are as alluring as the goods; here, gleaming ironstone sits in a rustic, 19th-century Welsh cupboard. **ABOVE:** Whisk brooms made in Thailand are popular country-kitchen items. **BELOW:** Swaths of perennials line the path to the antiques barn. An old barn is used as the garage. **BOTTOM:** Mary stops on the garden path that leads from house to shop.



The shop's allure comes from Mary Dacquino's design sense: Her exquisite displays show off antiques to best advantage.

For two decades, Mary Dacquino has been an antiques dealer, exhibiting at shows around the country. When she and David moved to Dunstable in 2003, they put up a two-story barn for her shop. With its attached English greenhouse, it's the perfect complement to the Federal house. Thus Seasons at Calmore opened in 2004, becoming a popular rural destination for traveling "antiquers" and collectors. Mary carries

a mix of American and British furniture, kitchen items, white ironstone, vintage lighting, architectural salvage, and homespun textiles, all arranged in attractive, homey vignettes that make the shop an aesthetic experience. An upstairs loft holds large pieces, including trundle beds and chairs. Blessed with that green thumb, Mary also offers ferns, topiaries, and other specialty plants and garden ornaments. *

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