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My Object of Affection

Photographed by
Andrew Sea James

Michelle DiMauro and Heather Soto
Interior designers and co-owners of Inhabit Design; ages 38 and 33.

Our most prized possession is this bar we bought from Retro Vegas. It's the first piece we purchased for our new downtown studio when we moved in last year. It's where we brainstorm design concepts, celebrate when we get a fantastic new project and have drinks with clients, friends and neighbors. We love the mix of gold vinyl, rhinestone tufting and the antique mirror on top. Plus, owning a small business can be stressful and challenging. Having a cocktail helps to alleviate some of that pain. This piece inspired us to set up a whole new facet to our business—we rescue pieces, rehabilitate them and sell them on First Friday and on our website, *InHabitLV.com*. It's called +Rehab. All of the pieces are named after celebrities that have been in rehab.

THE MOOD BOARD

A little piece of home

BY RANDY WELLS



AMONG THE SIGNS

that we are adjusting lifestyle choices as a result of the Great Recession is a shift from conspicuous

purchases to "family lifestyle enhancement." In other words, we're spending our money on things that make a meaningful contribution to the time we spend with family and friends—namely travel, and home-related expenditures. Interestingly, the two are actually more closely connected than you might think.

Besides being a sanctuary, your home is a direct reflection of you, your family and the places and things you love. Beyond the most basic influences (lifestyle, color and architecture), travel offers a terrific opportunity to inform your home's design aesthetic.

That's not to say you need to go furniture shopping every time you travel. The keys to weaving the influences of travel into your home lie in the pursuit of authenticity and simplicity. Look for the things that make your favorite destinations unique, and take time to learn about their cultural and architectural history. Most importantly, pay attention to the individual experiences that make a vacation special.

Some things will fit in your suitcase, some you'll have to ship, and many you'll find while shopping right here at home. I've lugged Murano glass home from Italy, a conch from Jamaica, shutter back teak chairs from Thailand, steamer trunks from England and France, embroidered textiles from Mexico, and paintings from Charleston, S.C., by my favorite artist, Jennifer Smith Rogers.

In short, our home is filled with reminders of the places we love. And that includes Las Vegas. My artificial lawn? It was inspired by the beautiful grounds at the Wynn Las Vegas. 🍷

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Randy's conch shell from Jamaica.