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2001 Wine Country Odyssey

Best Furniture/ Home Accessories Store

by Julie Bussard

A new category for our "Best of" this year has made **ACCENTS OF NAPA** the winner. Stop in Napa Town Center (across from Piccolino's) and see how **ACCENTS OF NAPA** invites you to experience their wonderful selection of unique furnishings, accessories and gifts, including a fabulous collection of scented candles, lamps, mirrors, artwork and fountains. Looking for a gift for the person who has everything? Try **ACCENTS OF NAPA**! They call it a "feast for the senses," which makes it an exceptional place to shop!

Readers voted **R.S. BASSO HOME** as the best shop Upvalley for furniture and accessories. Ron and Mary Basso began making custom sofas and chairs in the early 1980's in Sebastopol, where they still manufacture their frames. **R.S. BASSO** is packed with a lot more than couches. They also carry fine art, floor and table lamps, figurines, magnificent mirror, wrought-iron chandeliers and framed sketches and photos from era and past. Stop by **R.S. BASSO HOME** today at 1219 Main Street in St. Helena.

Looking for Spanish Colonial or Native American or even Mexican style furniture for your living room? Well, **SALSA TRADING COMPANY**, the Sonoma favorite, has this and much more. They can custom make any piece of furniture by special request, but they are best known for their recycled wood furniture. The husband and wife team of Edna and Bruce travel all over the U.S. and Mexico in search of antique wood to construct unique pieces of furniture to satisfy your tastes. **SALSA TRADING COMPANY** also has such treasures as Native American jewelry, pottery, rugs, wall art, hand-tooled luggage and authentic bows and arrows.

Best Gallery

by Virginia Yee

THOMAS KINKADE GALLERIES are favorites in 3 locations this year: Sonoma (on the Plaza), Calistoga (1409 Lincoln Avenue) and at our Upvalley winner, **GALLERY 1870**, on the first floor of Vintage 1870 in Yountville. Each displays rooms full of **KINKADE**, everything set against forest green walls, from collector-edition graphic prints of **KINKADE'S** trademark large-format "light" landscapes in your choice of frames ... to books, calendars, framed plaques, tapestries, puzzles, and night lights.

The Napa winner, **JESSEL GALLERY** on Atlas Peak Road, near Silverado Country Club, is a big artistic enterprise: 10,000 square feet of original art by hundreds of artists, beautifully displayed in room after comfortable, music-filled room. Yes, there's a roomful of **JESSEL'S** own marvelously colorful work (Remember the Mustard Festival posters, the children's books, the painted furniture?). Diversity reigns in other rooms: jewelry, painted tiles, collages, original oils and water-colors, pottery, neckties, basketry, photography, china dolls, vests, greeting cards, wood working, and more. If the diversity leaves you dizzy with artistic delight, relax a bit on the terrace out front, or try the related shop of garden ornaments and holiday accessories next door.