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Alterna Designs

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Antiques/Not

With three storied nineteenth-century and French treasures Bird is the crown Montclair's antique scene.

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Outfitters. Its product line includes shirts for men, women, and kids. Many items have a distinctly Jersey flair, with sayings such as, "New Jersey Charm School," and "The House That Bruce Built" (365 First St, 201-484-0529, sojthreads.com).

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specialty soaps, and kids' toys. You'll also find local gifts, like horseshoe crab-inspired items and books about Cape May and its surroundings. Unlike many a Shore store, Whale's Tale is open year-round (312 Washington Mall, 609-884-4808, whal-estalecapemay.com).

High-End Consignment/ North