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The Romantic Charms of Highclere Castle



Jewel of the **BAYOU**

Anchored by the warm waters of Louisiana's Tchefuncte River, the maritime town of Madisonville is outfitted in beautifully blended historic charm. Under the shade of draping Spanish moss, St. Romain Interiors offers the most exceptional European curios.

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There is an undeniable elegance in the patina of a gilded mirror, and the marks of a human hand on a walnut buffet only further qualify its irreplaceable worth. After spending her childhood as an expat in Italy, Cindy St. Romain understands the intrinsic value of beautiful artifacts, especially those with ties to beloved destinations such as Florence or Paris.

St. Romain Interiors could easily be confused for a Parisian brocante, but the studio nestled just north of New Orleans greets visitors with the most hospitable welcome. Upon entering, shelves of porcelain plates and sumptuous velvet settees command adoration.





"IF YOU LOVE
SOMETHING,
IT WILL WORK.
THAT'S THE ONLY
REAL RULE."

—Bunny Williams

Now, the interior designer and aficionado of bygone treasures provides her clients superior custom services, often taking several overseas trips each year to search for the most authentic items on their wish lists at European markets. When her troves of unique Old-World furnishings, art, and collectibles could no longer be contained in the confines of her home, Cindy opened a light-filled showroom in Louisiana's Northshore community of Madisonville.

St. Romain Interiors is a mélange of eighteenth- and nineteenth-century buffets and distressed Italian armoires, but patrons aren't required to sift through crowded rows and toppling stacks. Instead, Cindy arranges the shop to resemble a home's interior, allowing customers to envision how the exquisite goods will appear in their own spaces.

Owner Cindy St. Romain not only offers patrons a curated collection of relics from around the world, but she also provides a full scope of interior design services to interested clients. Her sophisticated style and esteemed reputation mark her studio as a noteworthy stop for any antiquarian.





In addition to scores of larger furnishings, a range of luxurious damask pillows, petite accessories, and bespoke tableware is presented in stunning vignettes. Believing that well-designed modern items can always find a home among heirlooms, Cindy stocks the shop with a few of her favorite contemporary touches, too. After spotting a sparkling crystal chandelier or a pair of Louis XVI armchairs, shoppers also find plenty of giftable trinkets, like fragrant candles and an intriguing assortment of coffee table books.

Just an hour's drive south, the Crescent City calls to antiques enthusiasts—and those who enjoy a sugary sweet beignet. But perhaps a stroll through St. Romain Interiors is all the treat one needs.

Most furnishings inside the boutique date back to the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries and are prudently selected by Cindy on her scouting trips overseas. However elegant the items she handpicks, Cindy prefers when rustic pottery and linen hand towels mingle alongside the gilded and glittery finishes. Because Cindy's passion for antiques is never-ending, the beauty of St. Romain Interiors continues to flourish.

