

Cleveland's Magnolia Clubhouse adding art gallery to Bloomin'

Magnolia Clubhouse is in full bloom.

The University Circle community house for adults who have mental illness is in the process of greatly expanding its building.

The clubhouse is also expanding its 5-year-old Bloomin' resale shop, adding an art gallery and embarking on a grass-roots marketing campaign for this lovely hidden treasure.



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Located on leafy Magnolia Drive in a stately 1915 Federal-style mansion, Bloomin' is one of Cleveland's most elegant, if little-known, resale shops. It features small and large furniture, paintings, wall hangings, books, ceramics, flatware, dishes and cups, fine china, other home decor and items ideal for entertaining (no clothing). Everything is organized in chic vignettes in rooms throughout the home's first floor. All items are donated, and the store is staffed by clubhouse members.

In addition to raising money for Magnolia Clubhouse, Bloomin' is "a good way to interface with the community," says executive director Lori D'Angelo. "Residents are involved in all of the work of the club."

New stock is added weekly. On Shop Talk's recent visit, favorites included an adorable Victorian-style antique child's tea table with four miniature chairs (\$125), assorted china plates for \$3, and some kitschy big-eye kitten oil paintings for \$5.

Also of interest is the Members' Art Gallery, which is being set up in a back room on the first floor. It features paintings and photographs by members including Frank Zingale and Johnell Tucker, whose stark black-and-white Iraq photographs are stunners. All works are for sale. Plans included regular, rotating shows in the space to allow members to show their skills.



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IN FULL BLOOM: Inside elegant resale shop Bloomin'.

MORE INFO

Bloomin'

Hours: 11 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
Tuesday-Friday.

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