



Marie Decor 1888's bedfull of enchanting antique fabrics



Marilyn with chaise: Ms. Rose luxuriates on a sumptuous chaise lounge

Travels With Marilyn

Marilyn Rose explores a new California Gold Rush, a la 1998

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Locust Valley interior designer, Marilyn Rose, has shared her work/play adventures in Egypt and Italy through the pages of House Magazine. Recently, Marilyn left her dearest friend and favorite traveling companion, Sarah, behind and made a work/work pilgrimage to California - described here in further "Travels with Marilyn" . . .

California is known for beautiful weather, movie stars, earthquakes, Disneyland, oranges, and . . . antiques? It may difficult for New Yorkers to believe that the wealth of antiques and decorative pieces in their city could be challenged by those in Los Angeles. However, as in all things, it's important to keep an open mind.

To some "Melrose Place" is a steamy prime-time television soap opera. To those who know its splendors however Melrose Place is a Los Angeles treasure trove filled with wonderful shops and galleries offering singular decorative pieces. Along with La Cienega Boulevard and its environs, Melrose Place provides furniture, art and accessories to fill the homes of the wealthy and glamorous entertainment community of California - as well as the homes of other people who want to live in houses that are unique, as well as beautiful and functional.

This combination of beauty, function, and uniqueness are the essence of fine interior design. To create a beautiful and functional home is challenging. Most challenging, perhaps, is to create a home that is unique to its inhabitant(s). The more stressful our lives, the more our technological society makes us feel like just another "number", the more we need to feel that our home truly is our