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Antiquing: A fun way to recycle

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Two-piece hutch (top piece 18th century, bottom piece 20th century)

Photo Vera Kochan

When people hear the word recycle, they usually think of bottles, cans and paper – and what bin to toss them into (green or blue). It's rare that folks equate antiquing with recycling, unless you're the owner of Orinda Village Antiques, Susan Leech, who has been refurbishing furniture since 1982, when she first opened her shop at 107 Orinda Way.

Much more happens than recycling of wood through the reuse of furniture. The popular phrase comes to mind, "One man's junk is another man's treasure," but to those who love historical pieces, that phrase is never assigned to antiquing. For Leech, it's all treasure!

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