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**Downtown Miami Ranked Among the 50 Coolest Neighborhoods in the World**

Downtown Miami is ranked among the 50 coolest neighborhoods in the world, according to a new ranking by TimeOut.com. This is just the latest accolade for an urban hub that boasts the highest concentration of cultural institutions in the Southeast.

A growing population of young professionals are living, working, and playing in downtown, which today has more than 400 restaurants and bars. Downtown Miami's stunning amount of recent commercial real estate development and world-class cultural additions have helped alter South Florida's image. South Florida is no longer a resort town known only for its beaches.

The breathtaking Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts and the internationally acclaimed Perez Art Museum opened in downtown in 2006 and 2013, respectively. South Florida's new science wonderland — the \$300 million Patricia and Phillip Frost Museum of Science — opened in 2016. Downtown Miami now features three of America's top cultural facilities, all within proximity.

Downtown, which had few stand-alone restaurants 20 years ago, now features almost 400 restaurants and bars.

Downtown's growing population — 80,000 live in Greater Miami — will have plenty of shopping opportunities as more than 2 million square feet of retail is planned. About half of that retail space belongs to the Miami Worldcenter, which will comprise 27 acres of retail, residential and hospitality uses in the heart of downtown Miami.

The Downtown Miami Virgin MiamiCentral Station is the hub for all things transportation and mobility for the tri-county South Florida region. Virgin Trains USA MiamiCentral is the only destination that connects Miami-Dade County through its various transit systems, and with the combination of Brightline and Tri-Rail, connects the entire southeast region. Virgin Trains USA runs trains from Miami to West Palm Beach and has plans to expand to Orlando and Tampa.

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**Porcelain dinnerware decorated with violets was made in the 1960s**

BY ANNE MCCOLLAM  
Creators Syndicate

This is a picture of one of the plates in a service-for-eight dinnerware set we purchased when we lived in California. Each piece is decorated with purple violets in the center and smaller violets on the scalloped borders against a white background, trimmed with silver. The dishes are marked on the back with a crown above a shield and the words "Bavaria - Schumann Arzberg - Germany." Below the mark is a crown and the letters "E & R - Violette."

We tried researching the maker online but only found a violet pattern trimmed in gold. We hope you can help us determine the approximate time frame in which the set was made and any other information you may be able to find.

Carl Schumann Porcelain Factory made your porcelain dinnerware around 1960. The company was founded in Bavaria in 1881. The letters "E & R" represent distributors and importers Ebeling & Reuss. They were located in Devon and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in the United States from 1866 to 2002 and imported fine china and giftware from multiple factories in Europe. "Violette" is the name of the pattern.

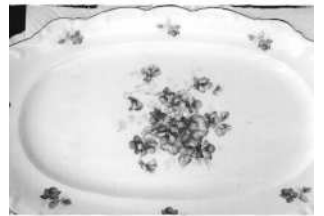
There are several sets of your dinnerware offered online, ranging from \$300 to \$400. Just because they are priced at that value doesn't mean they are actually selling. It can be difficult to find interested buyers. People prefer dishes that can be microwaved or put in the dishwasher. Dishes trimmed in silver are not compatible with microwaves.

Replacement or insurance value would be in the range of \$300 to \$500 for the service-for-eight dinnerware set.

This mark is on an oak bookcase I bought at an estate sale around 1964. It is 60 inches tall, 15 inches deep and 36 inches wide. There is a single door with a copper latch; it has four stationary shelves, and glass panes with mullions and glass sides. The mark appears to be burned into the wood. It has the original finish and is in excellent condition.

Anything you can tell me about my bookcase will be appreciated.

You have an Arts and Crafts bookcase made by Gustav Stickley Craftsman Furniture. His guild-like shop existed from 1890 to 1916. The Arts and Crafts movement began in Europe and quickly spread to the United States. Stickley



'Violette' pattern was made by Carl Schumann.

grew up with a strong work ethic that influenced his principles and was based in honesty and simplicity. He rebelled against the ornate, overly decorated designs of the Victorian era. His goal was to eliminate all decoration and return to sturdy, simple construction. The mark, with a joiner's compass and the Flemish words "Als Ik Kan," was used from 1902 to 1916. The words mean "as well as I can."

Your circa 1913 bookcase might be worth \$7,000 to \$8,000.

Address your questions to Anne McCollam, P. O. Box 247, Notre Dame, IN 46556. Items of a general interest will be answered in this column. Due to the volume of inquiries, she cannot answer individual letters.

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STYLES

Do something unexpected: "In a breakfast area where I wanted to break up the look of the heavy traditional cabinetry, I used office chairs with a glass table," Samole said.

"Add warmth with color and texture" Kriz said. "Start with a modern base color like gray and add classic colors like brown and beige. Use textured upholstery. In a white and metal modern kitchen, add a classic chandelier."

"If you want a modern wall unit for the TV and

books, pair it with traditional floor lamps and lounge chairs, either in light wood or with painted frames," Landau said.

"Use a statement piece like a classic chaise with a modern décor," Kriz said. "In a ballroom, I kept the traditional crystal chandelier, but changed the carpet to one with color and design that looked modern."

In a foyer that faced a very traditional dining room with heavy, dark woods, Samole added a touch of modern elegance and whimsy by suspending an abstract Chihuly sculpture from the ceiling.

In the bedroom: "There should be carpet, because

it's easy on the feet," Landau said. "A traditional rug usually has a border and a design in the center. You can use modern night tables made with mirror, or a more traditional style with a wood finish. A modern bed can have a straight-lined headboard, but it can be upholstered in leather or vinyl."

LIGHTING

One area where it makes sense to go completely modern: Switching incandescent lighting to LEDs, which last far longer and use a fraction of the electricity. Using LEDs with fixtures that have a traditional look is fine, but it

may not be easy. "Manufacturers have not put out many traditional fixtures," Samole said, adding that some fixtures made for incandescent bulbs will work with LEDs, but others will not.

GO AHEAD: MIX IT UP

Mixing styles can be a good idea for several reasons. "The combination can be more appealing to different tastes," Kriz said.

"Mixing is more fun and less boring," Samole said. "It also lets you get better value and things that are more functional. It's okay to be eclectic."

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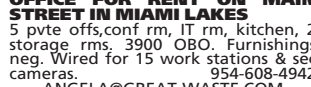
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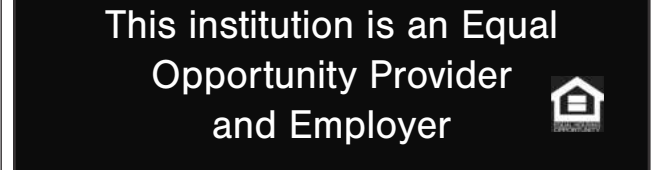
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