



Thrift Witch

TIESHA KING OFFERS OLD TOWN UNIQUE COLLECTIBLES AND ARTWORKS AT THRIFT WITCH

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“My thrift and consignment store, Thrift Witch, burst from a show series I do here in Lansing called The Dark Art of Michigan. It’s a big event we have five times a year with vendors, bands, drag, and burlesque. People kept asking me about the vendors in between the events, so I started a little kiosk inside an antique mall. That’s how Thrift Witch began.

Inside Thrift Witch is an assortment of my collections of thrift and vintage, from clothing to antiques and collectibles to things created by local artists. Some of those local artists have even gotten to the point where they’ve opened their own businesses within Thrift Witch,

located in my space next door called the Dark Art Market.

The Dark Art Market is important because I wanted to create a space for local artists. I have a hard time being in the spotlight and doing things for myself, but it’s a little easier when you’re doing it with a lot of people. I like to share the spotlight with people and provide a space that can help them be successful.



One of my mentors is Ted Stewart at Metro Retro, also located here in Old Town Lansing. When I first thought about opening a store, he pressed me to open my first location. When I needed a new location, he pressed me to come to Old Town.

I said, 'Are you sure? We're kind of similar.' And he was like, 'Girl, come down here! We're going to own it!' That's why I moved to Old Town."

—Tiesha King, owner of Thrift Witch, Old Town Lansing



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