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THE FRONT PORCH
OF Vinings



There are so many celebrated feelings that awoken as shoppers approach **The Front Porch** on Paces Ferry Road in Vinings. The quote above is artfully scrolled on the entryway's green and white steps, and suddenly memories

begin to unfold of a yesteryear that you haven't thought of in a good long while. The screen door swings open and instantaneously you are greeted by owner/proprietor, Lisa Rieves, who has put her heart, soul and true grit into her latest entrepreneurial creation. Lisa opened **The Front Porch** in the Fall of 2015 and has created the perfect niche for the most discriminating of shoppers who appreciate her love of all things exceptional, including vintage, distinctive and contemporary.

When asked where she came up with this unique concept, Lisa replies with a glint in her eye, "**The Front Porch** began with the availability of this house that has truly become a home. I really wasn't ready to start something new just yet, but a friend mentioned to me in passing that this house was available. The pull of the community that I live in, and the enthusiasm of the owner to see the house come to life with the right business, led me here without looking back." **The Front Porch** dwells in The Vest House, a historic residence next door to the Old Vinings Inn.



Vintage objects and furniture masterfully adorn **The Front Porch**. Before opening, Lisa packed up her gear and made a trip to Round Top, Texas where twice a year in the spring and the fall this town with an official population that hovers somewhere around 90 people and consists of 640 acres, opens up to the world to display and sell antiques, vintage items and uniques. She returned with age worn, beautiful crystal chandeliers and lamps with distinguished silhouettes. Her bounty also included treasured furniture and accessories with "chippy finishes" that show the marks of time, vintage scales used by folks in another lifetime, and a col-

"Every so often..... go where you can hear a screen door slam shut."



lection of items that are full of memories from a time gone by. Lisa has visited Round Top twice since her initial visit, and has already planned a trip this fall to take clients with her to help them "pick" items that will come to life in their homes. Future plans also include trips to Tennessee, North Carolina and the back roads of Georgia where Lisa currently has "pickers" combing the South for beloved treasures.

The Front Porch has quickly become a destination for homeowners that want to bring a new spark or twist to their interiors in either a small or large way. By selecting classic time-worn pieces or unique, contemporary statement makers (complete with the perfect amount of southern grace) clients find themselves delighted with these one of a kind game changers.

Lisa explained, "Customers frequently come in looking to make some changes in their homes. Often adding a piece that has been "picked" with love in Texas, North Carolina, Georgia or Tennessee is the perfect slice of "different" that breathes new energy and style into their homes. I love that my clients get to continue and enjoy that story."

While vintage remains a staple at **The Front Porch**, Lisa's experience with clothing, jewelry, foot ware and distinctive gifts carry an artful presence at **The Front Porch**. Proudly representing local artisans, **The Front Porch** displays an eclectic bounty of jewelry for clients to choose from. With this venture, Lisa has taken a different approach to clothing offering easy to wear pieces in basic sizes that can be dressed up or down as the wearer sees fit. Comfortable sandals, cowboy boots crafted in Mexico, and everyday shoes made of soft and supple leather are displayed in an attractive section of the shop ready for the instant try-on.

It's not been quite a year since **The Front Porch of Vinings** has opened, and they've already laid their signature down with the best that Vinings has to offer. Lisa illuminates with that same glint in her eyes, "I really do buy what I love. Everything that comes into The Front Porch is something that I would love to own, wear or give as a gift. I am so thankful for this opportunity. It's truly been a gift from God!"

Be sure to **SAVE THIS DATE, October 22nd** on your calendars for a fun filled day where **The Front Porch** will host its **2nd Open Air Farmers' Market.**

Special guest, James Farmer, author and lifestyle expert, will be on hand at The Front Porch to share in the celebration. In addition, various vendors and artists will also be on-site to roll out the red carpet to the community. This, you will not want to miss!

One of the greatest blessings that Lisa feels that she's been given with the birth of **The Front Porch** is being able to wake up every day and do what she loves in a community that she adores.