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I'm looking forward to another "Ladies Night" at the Walk In Closet . Last month over 400 people showed up for drinks & hors d'oeuvres and there was a markdown of 50% off the whole store!!!. Tarek, the Owner of The Walk In Closet, is opening a New Store in Copperfield where I recently consigned 168 pieces of clothing. Their new location is located at 529 & Hwy 6. They are looking for 45,000 more pieces of clothing so head over there to consign your clothes Today!!! They are taking almost everything. They are in need of wedding dresses, evening gowns, men's clothing, jewelry, shoes, handbags, accessories, women's clothing & junior apparel.

Other Exciting news is that Crayons Resale Shop had a Re-Grand Opening where 250 people showed up to. They have expanded their store another 1,000 square feet! At Crayons I bought 5 brand new items for a baby shower. The items still had the tags on them! Go check them out!



Good Luck with your Bargain Shopping. Email me at LINSEMEADOWS@GMAIL.COM and let me know what you find.

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Put Spring Cleaning at The Top of Your To Do List!

Spring. This is my favorite time of the year. I want to clean up the yard, wash the windows, go through the closets, and redecorate the house... Where do I start?

First I'll call my yard man to clean the flower beds; then I'll call a window cleaning service to do the windows. You thought I was going to spend my time doing manual labor? No, I want to do the fun stuff!

Let's start with the closets. By the way, there are resale shops that provide closet cleaning service. Resale/consignment shops are now looking for spring/summer clothing. Review last year's wardrobe. Don't forget the kid's closets and also your husbands. Decide what is wearable this spring and summer and sort the rest into three piles. The nicest stuff goes to a resale shop. The second nicest goes to the thrift shop. The third pile goes into the garbage. You are shocked? You think that thrift shops take anything and find some use for items that are soiled, faded or worn out with holes, missing buttons, etc.? This is not true. In fact, sorting and disposing of said items cost them time and money. Yeah, I know it's confusing, because they always smile and thank you for whatever you take to them, but you should hear them in the back room...

Some of you already have a resale shop of choice that you consign with. Even so, it is best to call first to make sure they are ready to take spring and summer items. If you have not consigned before, first visit the shop you think would be interested in your clothes. If you have high couture clothing, for example, look for a shop that specializes in selling them. Ask if they routinely list on eBay, to get a better price for your things.

Children's resale shops are under the gun not to sell items that might contain lead or have been recalled by the Consumer Product Safety Commission (www.cpsc.gov). Check their website to make sure toys, clothing, furniture and other child accessories are not on the recall lists.

Ready for the trip to a resale/consignment shop? First, find out their schedule for accepting consignments, and how they want the clothing brought in. Most ladies shops want clothing on hangers to "preserve their pressed look." Some children's shops prefer little tots clothing laid out flat with no hangers. The savvy shops accept consignments anytime they are open to



accommodate consignors, but many shops limit the days or hours or require an appointment.

Shops selling furniture and home décor are very popular. Want to get rid of your dining room set? Bedroom set? Tired of your lamps, coffee table? Resale furniture stores usually require you to show them a picture before they allow you to bring in consignment furniture and have strict forfeit rules about reclaiming items that did not sell.

Always read the contract before bringing merchandise to a resale shop. How and when will you be paid for items sold? Each shop has its own method of payment. Some shops pay cash or give credit on demand and others have a strict schedule for mailing checks or ask you to pick it up. What happens to items that do not sell? Some shops do not return them or charge a fee to return them. Others ask you to find your own stuff at the end of the consignment period. Which policies appeal to you?

Where can you find a list of resale shops to choose from? Visit www.resalehouston.com or www.starsresale.com. The South Texas Association of Resale Shops promotes professionalism in the resale industry and many of the stores listed on their site have been in business for 15 years or longer.

Pat Swartley is a founder and Past President of the South Texas Association of Resale Shops (S.T.A.R.S.). Visit their website for a list of resale shops in the Greater Houston area www.starsresale.com. Swartley is also a Life Member of the National Association of Resale and Thrift Shops (NARTS).

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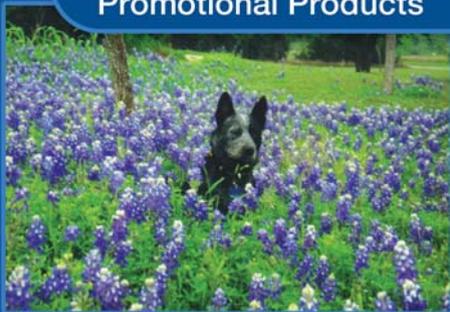
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