

**Caroling in the Cave**

Join us Saturday, Dec 13th, at 6pm for a special evening of beautiful Christmas carols inside Moaning Cavern's main chamber, with its incredible, natural acoustics. Call 866-762-2837 to reserve your spot. See Santa rappel 165-feet to the bottom of the main chamber, where you can meet him and get your picture taken!

Back by popular demand, our annual Caroling in the Cave Concert features talented local choir: Jazz@8 from Summer-ville High School. Beautifully arranged carols sung a cappella in multi-part-harmony come to life in this spectacular environment with its incredible natural acoustics.

Some carols will be designated "sing-along" so you can join in with the carolers. Towards the end of the evening, our intrepid Santa will rappel 165-feet to the bottom of Moaning Cavern's main chamber to distribute gifts. Bring 2 cans of food or other holiday themed non-perishable food item to donate to the Amador-Tuolumne Community Action Agency and receive \$2 off your ticket price.

Moaning Cavern is a natural, marble underground environment with a comfortable temperature of 61°F. To attend concert, dress in jeans, t-shirt or sweatshirt and tennis shoes. Bring a pillow to sit on (floor is cold and hard).

Please bear in mind that, as a living cave, Moaning Cavern does drip water occasionally. We call these droplets "cave kisses." In wetter weather the water droplets increase, and you may choose to bring a lightweight waterproof jacket with a hood to keep you completely dry.

Moaning Cavern, 5350 Moaning Cave Road, Vallecito, Reservations are highly recommended. These shows sell out fast. Call 209.736.2708 or toll free 866.762.2837. Visit online <http://cavernstours.com>

Don't forget Cave and Mine Adventures is offering 12% off all merchandise sales until December 24th, 2014! Receive your discount at any of our locations, Black Chasm Cavern, California Cavern & Moaning Cavern Park!

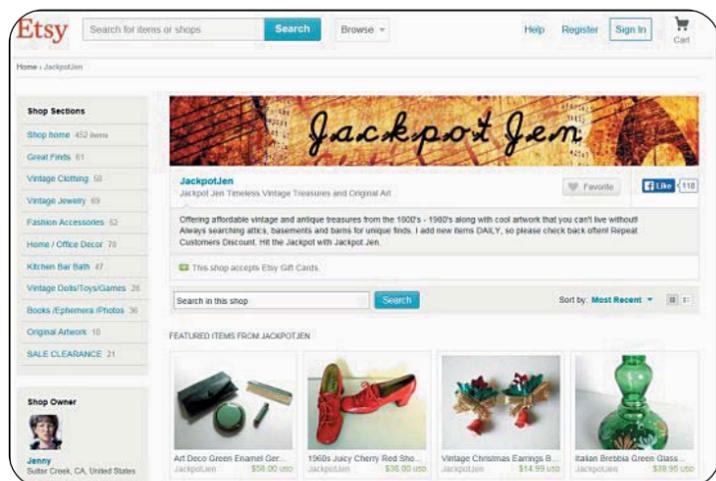
**Jackpot Jen - Timeless Vintage Treasures and Original Art**

A Profile by Eva Dunn

There is romance and mystery in items from the past... workmanship and materials were unique and generally handmade by craftsmen, not mass produced as most things are today. There is also a unique patina attributed to age and the handling of beloved items. One of America's favorite pasttimes is to search for that special, unique gift or treasure for our homes... vintage clothing, uncommon treasures, and glassware. We love tag sales, garage and yard sales... always looking for that perfect, singular item!

I first met Jenny Fritz at a yard sale she was holding at her home in Sutter Creek in 2005. My husband had discovered it and also found that she was moving out of state; as it turned out, we were looking for a home to rent. We called it a divine appointment! Jenny was a flamboyant personality with her large, floppy summer hat, her easy laugh and friendly personality as she stepped out from under a large yard umbrella to welcome us to her yard sale.

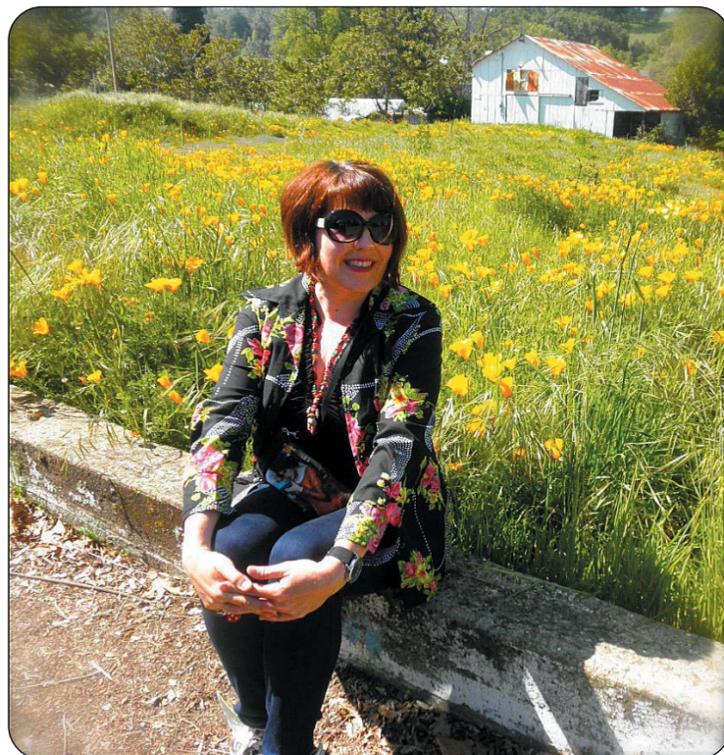
Jenny had wonderful items for sale, but I was mostly intrigued by the home, the gardens surrounding the home, and other small delightful personal touches I could see. She welcomed us inside to see the house. I loved the arched hallways, vintage glass door knobs, and the boot room with four doors; it was so charming! As it would happen, we ended up renting the home after she moved (we bought her wonderful canopy tent in the center courtyard), and after eight years, we still happily live on this half acre. The black stencil on the kitchen door of a steaming cup of coffee (designed by husband Scott) is so cheery. This same sense of style and decor, of fun and unusual things, is also evident in the items she sells in her unique store on Etsy, 'Jackpot Jen'. <https://www.etsy.com/shop/JackpotJen>



Affordable vintage and antique treasures from the 1800's - 1980's are offered, along with cool artwork that you can't live without, she says. Always searching attics, basements and barns for unique finds, she adds new items daily, so advises visitors to 'check back often'. Repeat customers are thanked with afforded discounts. Jen's way of thinking is that everyone deserves to treat themselves now and then. Here is Jenny Fox Fritz' personal story:

Ever since I could crawl I've been scouring estate sales and thrift shops with my Mom. Once I flew the coop, I began treasure hunting on my own in the 1980's, when you could still find a sterling silver fork for 25 cents. Ah, the good old days before *The Antique Roadshow*, *American Pickers*, etc. Now the jig is up and we, as purveyors of antiquities, have to be on our toes. I love the thrill of the hunt and sharing my finds with Etsy.

My Grandma was a huge inspiration for me. From poultry farmer, musician, to hat maker and seamstress, to wearer of sparkly and colorful jewelry. She really had flair and knew how to shine. I'll never forget an old B&W photo of her and my dad, dressed head to toe in handmade singing-cowboy-attire, circa late 1930's,



Jenny Fox Fritz of Jackpot Jen, a unique vintage and antique treasures shop online. Courtesy Photo to the Gold Country Times

la Gene Autry. I graduated Magna Cum Laude from Humboldt State University in 1997 with a Bachelor of Art degree in Art, my MRS. title and a B-A-B-Y, all in the same year. I love living with my family, including our 100-pound mutt on our ranch, raising children, chickens, fruit and veggies, haunting yard sales/rummage sales/thrift shops (which makes my heart race) and creating art. All of the above makes me incredibly giddy! My work is represented nationally in many collections including Graceland in Memphis, Tennessee and Kingsley/Kondos Gallery at Sacramento City College. I have exhibited my paintings, digital images and ceramic pieces in galleries throughout California, including solo shows in Sacramento, Arcata, Volcano and Sutter Creek, CA.

I love Etsy! My shop has given me a place to learn, grow and nurture my creativity. I don't really consider 'Jackpot Jen' work, since I'm doing something that engages my mind, creativity and entrepreneurial spirit. And did I mention that I LOVE Etsy? I am a major collector of odd and unusual pieces. I love hunting in attics, basements, barns and back roads in Northern California for that amazing find. (I'm not allergic to dust.)

I have a deep love for history, and I find that living with vintage pieces connects me to the past, and the people who were here before me. I hope you enjoy some of the treasures I have discovered and created. I am a purveyor for vintage lovers and hipsters, both young and old. Enjoy! E-mail [jackpotjen9@gmail.com](mailto:jackpotjen9@gmail.com) for more information. Please check out my other shop: Five Dollar Vintage Gal, Where everything is just \$5.00: <https://www.etsy.com/shop/FiveDollarVintageGal> Go online to [www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wqs8ihgCXQA&list=UUVmfILsMmyjYoOzfB2Ft2Qg](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wqs8ihgCXQA&list=UUVmfILsMmyjYoOzfB2Ft2Qg) for the link to a past TV interview.

Some of my favorite materials to create from are unique vintage finds, acrylic paint, found art objects, canvas, glass, metal, and clay. I love finding jewelry, vintage pottery, antique books, leather, paper ephemera, and vintage clothes. Visit my store often; you will love the variety of items offered. [www.etsy.com/shop/JackpotJen](http://www.etsy.com/shop/JackpotJen) Also check out my Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/JackpotJenTimelessVintageTreasures/>

*Editor's Note:* Find a wonderful, affordable assortment of vintage items at Jenny's website on Etsy. A blue suede jacket, a black silk art deco purse, and Victorian hand-carved wooden drawer pulls were some things that caught my eye! What an amazing Etsy store!

**San Jose Museum of Quilts & Textiles - Amish: The Modern Muse**

Part I: November 15, 2014 through January 4, 2015

Part II: January 10, 2015 through March 1, 2015

Three Bay Area Modern Quilt Guilds--East Bay Modern, Bay Area Modern and South Bay Area Modern--present a juried exhibition of quilts made by guild members who were inspired by Amish quilt makers.

*Two Color Wonders:* November 15, 2014 through March 1, 2015 Two Color Wonders is a selection from the museum's permanent collection of 19th and early 20th century quilts and woven coverlets that graphically illustrate how powerful a limited color palette is. San Jose Museum of Quilts & Textiles, 520 South First Street San Jose, 408-971-0323. [www.sjqmilmuseum.org](http://www.sjqmilmuseum.org) Open Wed-Fri 12pm-5pm, Sat-Sun 11am-5pm, and 7pm-9pm on the first Friday of every month.

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December 6, Holiday Wreath Making  
All materials are provided, 10am-3pm  
\$50/day guests | \$75/day non-guests

December 24, Christmas Eve Dinner  
Relaxing next to the fire. Reservations

Jan 10, Winter Wilderness Survival Workshop  
Tahoe Nordic Search & Rescue Team  
10am-12pm, \$25 guests, \$50 non-guests