

Old-Time Shopping

RENO—Holiday shoppers searching for old-fashioned gifts will find unique shopping adventures in the antique stores and malls along South Virginia Street. Large shops often are divided into booths where

dealers sell antique wares, ranging from vintage train sets and dolls to old-fashioned Christmas ornaments and fine china.

Close to downtown Reno, about half a mile south of the Truckee River, shoppers will find the **Antique Pleasure Palace** (702-324-7731) at 765 South Virginia. The store's two large rooms are filled with books and furniture. **Katie Magoo's** (702-329-8553), two blocks south on the east side of Virginia Street, is packed with old-time hats, costume jewelry, and other ac-

cessories from the '20s through the '70s.

A quarter of a mile south on the corner of South Virginia and West Arroyo is a cluster of antique malls. Shoppers can park near Statewide Lighting to visit six stores in the area. The **Virginia Street Antique Mall II** (702-324-4141), next to Statewide Lighting, has extensive collections of cameras and Matchbox cars. Two doors down is the **Antique Market Place** (702-348-6444), a cozy store that features two floors of furniture, vintage clothing, and a collection of ethnic masks and wood carvings.

Formerly a furniture store, the **Virginia Street Antique Mall III** (702-324-1980) is a large mall with many items. The big windows showcase a Herschel-Spillman wooden carousel horse and a barber's chair straight out of Floyd's Barbershop in Mayberry. Shoppers also will find such items as a turn-of-the-century roll-top desk, Victorian chests of drawers, and stained-glass windows salvaged from a local building.

One door north is the **Virginia Street Antique Mall I** (702-324-1003). Two floors are filled with *Life* magazines, china, glassware, and other collectibles. While browsing downstairs, shoppers can listen to old-time Christmas music played on a phonograph.

Next door is **Heirloom Jewelers**, which



Tara Newman of Squaw Valley inspects the Christmas stockings at All "R" Yesterdays in Reno.

features glassware, antique jewelry, and vintage watches. Across the street at **Julie's Antiques & More** (702-329-2661), 1274 South Virginia, owner Julie Smith specializes in custom-made poodle skirts.

A mile-and-a-quarter down Virginia Street, just past the Peppermill, shoppers will find **All "R" Yesterdays** (702-827-2355) one block east at 125 Gentry Way. This mall has china and glassware sparkling in the big windows and a collec-

tion of primitive pioneer furniture. There also is a room devoted to new and antique Christmas decorations.—*Joan Atkinson*