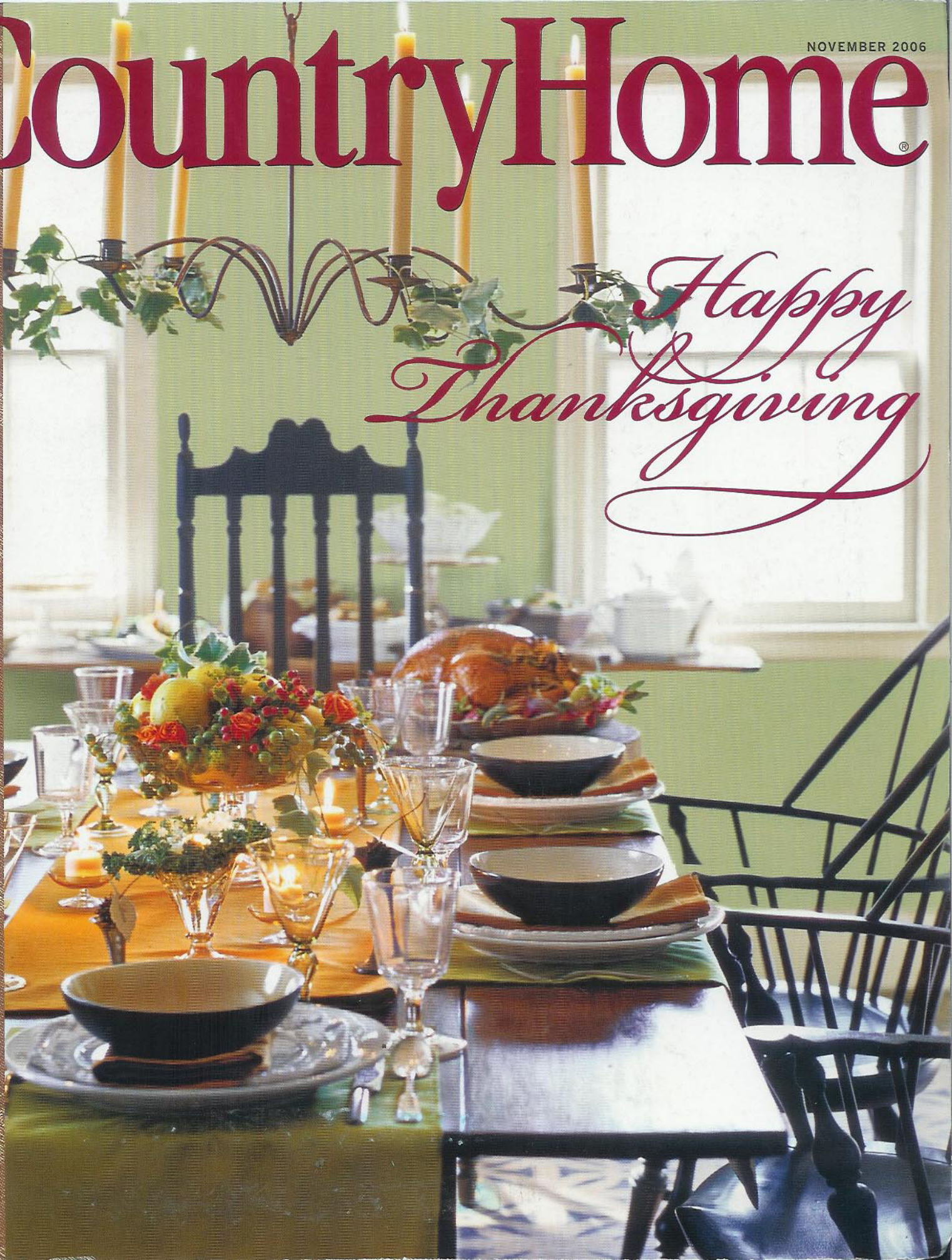


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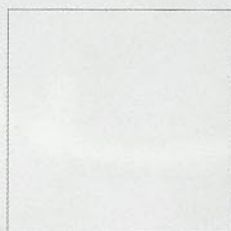
## Thrill of the hunt.

Yasmine McGrane, owner of Maison Rêve in Mill Valley, California, gets up with the sun to tackle the Alameda Point Antiques and Collectibles Faire.



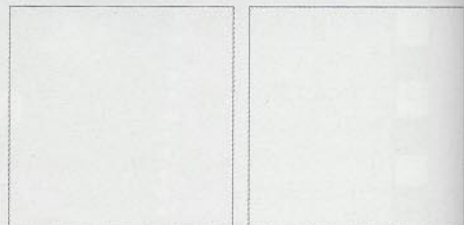
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With husband David by her side and a U-Haul in tow, Yasmine lines up at 5:30 a.m. to hit the early-bird buying. "I have about 10 dealers I buy from every time," Yasmine says. "I go to them first, then leisurely walk up and down every row." Her first find: a medicine cabinet made of old farmhouse shutters (\$48, left).



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David put together these letters, spelling "yes" in French (\$33, left). "He's very creative, and it's nice to let him have some fun," Yasmine says.



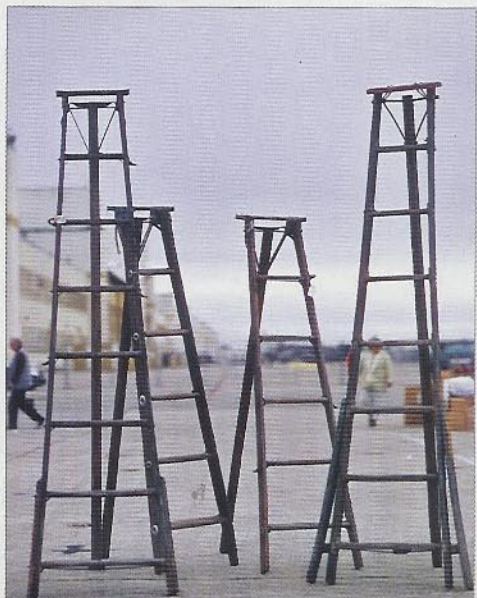
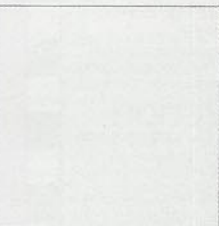
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Two milk-glass bottles (\$25, right) "remind me of my husband and me—one taller than the other," Yasmine says. She'll put one simple bloom in each.



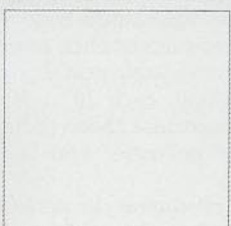
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Yasmine collects bottles of all kinds: milk glass, lavender glass, and especially sea glass. So she can't turn down a collection of sea-glass ink bottles (\$28, left). "I love water, and the beauty of the sea is in these bottles," Yasmine says. She'll cluster them around her home, preferring to mix clear bottles with cloudier ones. "There's drama in not being perfect."



12:30 P.M.

"I picture someone on a farm picking apples on orchard ladders," Yasmine says. She'll use these to hang magazines or towels (\$90 for two, right).



2:00 P.M.

It's David's idea to hang vintage fishing baskets like these from Maine (\$26, right) by the bed or in the mudroom for creative and easy storage.



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## THRILL OF THE HUNT

### YASMINE'S FINDS

TWO MILK-GLASS BOTTLES	\$25
"OUI" METAL LETTERS	\$33
SEA-GLASS INK BOTTLES	\$28
OLIVE OIL JUG	\$85
TWO ORCHARD LADDERS	\$90
SILVER CAKE STAND	\$30
FISHING BASKET	\$26
FARMHOUSE PRINTS	\$130
SHUTTER DOOR	
MEDICINE CABINET	\$48
TOTAL:	\$495

**THE SCOOP:** Yasmine has attended this Bay Area show (Northern California's largest) every month for the past five years. The only time she's missed? Her wedding day. "Even then I was trying to figure out how to make it," she says, laughing.

Yasmine uses the treasures she finds to stock her shop, Maison Rêve, and to sate the urban farmhouse style in her home. "The show is airy and spacious, with vintage accessories next to a weathered-furniture dealer. "If you want a leisurely Sunday to walk the beautiful San Francisco scene and shop with girlfriends, this is a great place," Yasmine says. But to cover the whole thing, "wear tennis shoes and walk fast."

The 9-year-old outdoor show hosts more than 800 dealers. Everything must be at least 20 years old; no reproductions are allowed. Dealers set up at 4 a.m. If you're ambitious, early buying starts at 6 a.m.

*Alameda Point Antiques and Collectibles Faire at the former Alameda Point Naval Air Station in Alameda, California; first Sunday of every month, 6 a.m. until 3 p.m. Admission is \$5; earliest admission \$15; [www.antiquesbythebay.net](http://www.antiquesbythebay.net); 510/522-7500.*

*For more of Yasmine's favorite finds, go to [www.maisonreve.com](http://www.maisonreve.com); 415/383-9700. Country Home featured Yasmine's home in the April 2006 issue.*