

# WYCKWOOD HOUSE IN AURORA IS AN EXCEPTIONAL ARTISAN MARKET

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Wyckwood House, located in downtown Aurora on the Fox River at 16 W Downer Place (630/220-6841), is an exceptional market founded by curator Shannon Gutierrez. On July 13, the business celebrated its one year anniversary. In May of 2017, Shannon started her first shop with eight vendors out of her house on Wyckwood Drive. The following December, she participated in the Downtown Aurora Holiday Market and eventually opened in what was then the Metro CoWorking space.

Now home to fifty different local artisan vendors, the inventory includes many handmade items such as gifts, signage, jewelry, purses, candles, cards and journals, macramé, fragrances, hand woven baskets, clothing, incredibly unique shoes from Mod Stitch Co, and unusual things made of repurposed wood and furniture.

A signature Wyckwood House scent is available in candles, hand soap and cleaning spray. One of the things that Shannon sells a lot of is a towel that brags that her store is in Aurora, NOT Naperville (see the picture). Check out the merchandise that is branded with the name “Aurora,” such as the Flag Baseball Hat and various different mugs.

If customers come into the store carrying the reusable shopping bags adorned with the Wyckwood House logo, they receive five percent off any purchase each and every time.

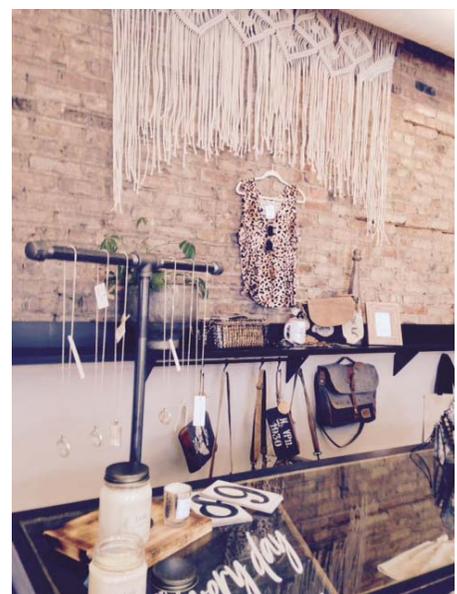
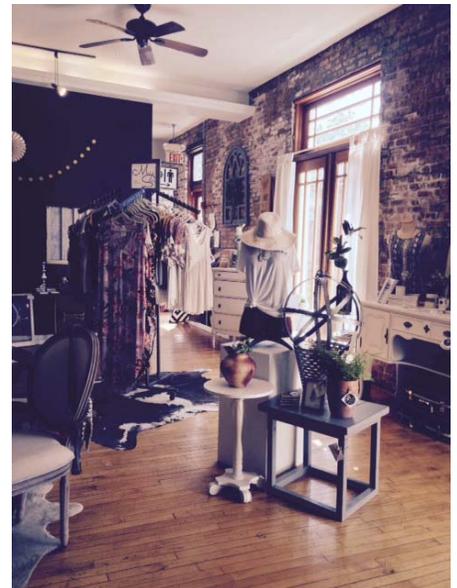
In addition to the wonderful treasures found at Wyckwood House, many special events are held there to which the public is always invited.

Sunday mornings at 10 AM, the Pie Project presents “Support Yoga for Kane” which benefits the Kane County Jail & Outreach Services for mind and body wellness in the areas of Mental Health, Recovery, Domestic Violence and Trauma. The session includes an optional 45 minutes of yoga flow, a social time with drink and hors d’oeuvres and an opportunity to learn more about the project.

Every Wednesday morning, a women’s networking event called “Boss Babes” is held at Wyckwood House.

The store participates in First Friday evening events held in downtown Aurora during the summer months. There is live music, one of the artisans is on hand to do calligraphy and cocktails are served.

There are also other special events held throughout the year; for instance, on Wednesday, August 7th, “Chic Wedding Planning 101, begins at 6:30 PM. “Thirsty Thursday” is from 6:30 to 8 PM August 8th, featuring try-ons and cocktails. A Tropical Floral Workshop takes place August 11th. Wednesday, August 21, “Raise Your Vibe & Your Glass,” a wine tasting event, begins a 6:30 PM. In other words, there is always something interesting happening at Wyckwood House. Check with Shannon from time to time to learn about all the things she offers for her customers.



On Sunday, August 18th from 2 – 4 PM, a program presented by Oberweis hosts Michelle Parker and Chris Cash, will discuss nutritious snacks, lunches and dinners which are great and easy food ideas for busy families. Guests are invited to sample some of the yummy things which will be available. The new Oberweis home delivery menu features much more than milk and ice cream.... amazing products made with all natural and premium ingredients delivered right to your door!

On Wednesday, August 21st from 9 AM to Noon, Michelle and Chris will offer a “break” for deserving moms of school age children titled MOMosas at Wyckwood. Stop in for some drinks (Mimosas) and enjoy shopping and mingling with other moms, not to mention the scrumptious snacks provided by Oberweis.

Both events are free but prior reservations are requested either by email (christinacash@kw.com) or text (630/234-1700) to ensure that enough goodies will be on hand.

Regular store hours are Tuesday through Friday, 10 AM to 5 PM (except for First Fridays, mentioned above, during which they remain open until 9 PM); Saturday from 10 AM to 4 PM; Sunday, 11 AM to 3 PM; Closed Monday.