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## Rusty Haggles Antiques in NOTO downsizes, makes space for new bookstore

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Jean Gardner believes Rusty Haggles Antiques, the antique store she and her husband, Hal, own, was the fourth business to move to the NOTO Arts District, and the second antique store, following Two Days Market in 2011.

It wasn't an easy decision, but after years of debate, Gardner said, she finally convinced her husband to downsize — but not by much.

This week, the two worked on clearing the final treasures from their old home at 826 N. Kansas Ave. before they begin filling up their three smaller spaces: booths at Kaw River Rustics, Trails Market and Gallery and in the West Bottoms in Kansas City, Mo.

“We just felt like in Kansas City it's more diverse, more population, but there's also more competition there,” Gardner said. “Before Christmas we opened the one in West Bottoms, with the idea we were downsizing here.”

The Gardners rented their space in NOTO and said that when the owner of the building approached them with a new tenant proposal, they decided it was time for a change.

Gardner said she is looking forward to not having to worry about such things as utility bills and calculating sales tax, but she has a momentous task ahead of her in pricing out each item that filled the overflowing antique shop.

“It was important for us to stay in NOTO because we were here from the beginning,” Gardner said. “I grew up in rural Missouri, and this part of town makes me think of home. I'm on the NOTO board, and I just hope this place does wonderfully — I'm just getting too old to be a part of it.”

Round Table Bookstore, which will be owned and managed by Andrew Howard and his family, will move into 826 N. Kansas Ave.

While few details are available, Howard said they tentatively plan to open the bookstore in late June, with a grand opening July 5.

Round Table will be the only bookstore located in NOTO, and Gardner said she was happy to see NOTO's offerings continue to diversify.

In their Kaw River Rustics booth, Gardner said, she and Hal plan to offer many architectural items and rustic tools, in addition to such odds and ends as original ornate doors and woodworking — things that “fit the general theme” of the antique store.

Rusty Haggles will keep its name at all three locations, as well as its phone number, website and social media. When posting items, Gardner said, she plans to specify at which location the item can be found.

Kaw River Rustics, 901 N. Kansas Ave., is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday. Trails Market, 109 N. Kansas Ave., is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday.

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