

Urban Outfitters is coming to Nob Hill

Nob Hill, Albuquerque's hip hub of locally owned shops, is about to dilute its homegrown nature with the introduction of a national chain — and it isn't another Starbucks.

Urban Outfitters is scheduled to open in November next to Objects of Desire, on the corner of Central and Wellesley. A change for the neighborhood, yes; a threat to the hip hub rep, no.

A sister company to the more expensive and older-focused Anthropologie in ABQ Uptown, Urban Outfitters is a department store for those with recently bottled champagne taste on a beer budget: men's and women's clothing, shoes and accessories, as well as furniture, lighting, rugs, kitchen stuff, electronics, books, stationery, wall decor and more. It's university-crowd shopping, but you, of the edgy look and *au currant* taste, will like it as well.

Leslie Warner, proprietor of Objects of Desire, owns the building that will contain UO, along with Camera and Darkroom, which has moved to the Wellesley side of the corner, and her own shop. UO will take up 9,400 square feet of it.

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ABQ Uptown helped," Warner said. "Usually if one is in a town, the other is, too."

Parking for Urban Outfitters will be right behind the store, but, said Warner, "I don't think they care, because of the nature of Nob Hill. You park where you park and walk to stores."

Warner moved her shop from the south to the north side of the street last fall to gain another 1,300 square feet for more jewelry and antiques and an expanded line of fabrics and finishes for her custom furniture.

ANOTHER TRADER JOE'S: Soon you'll be able to buy a lot more than clothes, kitchen equipment and electronics at ABQ Uptown. Think vegetables, coffee, wine, organic meats and fish. Think Trader Joe's.

The natural grocery won't be sidling up to Williams-Sonoma,

even though it would be nice to pick up a couple of bunches of basil, some garlic, olive oil and pine nuts, and head over to a food processor with a V-8 engine to turn it all into pesto.

The idea is to serve the under-construction residential side of ABQ Uptown, the apartments to the east of the shopping area, as well as people who don't live there but can smell fresh basil from 500 yards.

Trader Joe's will sit just east of La Bella Spa and just south of the new apartments on the northeast corner of Indian School and Loop Road. Can't picture it? Follow your nose. No opening date is available yet.

MAKING IT NEW AGAIN: You'd have a lot more room in the garage if you'd do something about Aunt Millie's tufted Victorian sofa. Well, it used to be tufted, before the cats got to it. Now your modern sofa, such as it is, is making the family room look like a shelter and Aunt Millie's once-glorious parlor piece has relegated your car to the driveway.

But here's a way to make Aunt Millie smile down upon you and get your garage back: Take that sofa to Artistic Upholstery, a new shop at 5600 McLeod NE, east of San Mateo, behind Lazy Boy, where they specialize in antiques. In fact,



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Rosa Amaya finishes liners on sofa cushions before the upholstery fabric goes on at Artistic Upholstery.

Artistic has a small showroom of old reupholstered pieces. Right now, a pair of '40s French provincial chairs, freshly recovered, is for sale.

Brian Hudson, who has 25 years of experience, bought the shop in June just so he

could hire his younger brother, Curt, and boss him around. At least that's what Curt says. Artistic was formerly owned by Tony and Cristy Stein. Hudson had a business out of his home called Stitches.

For further information, call 884-8383.