

## Mary Ann McCray



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Le Boutique owner Mary Ann McCray has fun “dressing up” in Chanel-inspired sunglasses during a recent visit to her resale store in Howell.

# Le Boutique Upscale Resale

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Walking into Le Boutique in Howell, you’d never guess that the trendy clothes hanging neatly by style and color amidst a backdrop of European chic are actually previously worn.

Every nook and cranny is filled with racks of gently used or almost-new clothing sporting the brand-name labels desired by women who understand value and style.

“I’m looking to appeal to someone like myself, who enjoys the hunt of finding something really nice at a good value,” says Le Boutique owner Mary Ann McCray, who opened up the shop 3½ years ago in Howell’s downtown retail shopping district.

Le Boutique offers clothing in misses and junior sizes — from casual sportswear to evening formalwear — with shoes, handbags, sunglasses and jewelry tucked into interesting places. “Some of the items we stock at Le Boutique are new, not resale,” explains McCray. “We carry a hugely popular line of new, designer-inspired handbags, sunglasses, and jewelry. The pendant crystal lamps adorn our shabby-chic, hand-painted furniture for sale.”

Also setting Le Boutique apart from other resale shops is its fresh line of fun new greeting cards; fragrant, long-lasting Bean Pod soy candles; and several lines of bath and body products.

It’s an experience to shop at Le Boutique because the stock is fresh and ever-changing. Seasoned customers know they have to pick up something when they find it, because it won’t last long on the racks. The store’s popularity is far-reaching, having earned a coveted No. 2 position as “Favorite Resale Shop” on WDIV Click on Detroit for the year 2007.

McCray adds to the fun shopping experience by

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creating events such as a Le Boutique Shopping Party, allowing a hostess to invite 10 or more friends to get together for Le Party — two hours of private shopping fun. The hostess receives 10 percent of the party’s sales as in-store credit, so the shopping fun can continue long after the party!

Consignors also enjoy doing business at Le Boutique. McCray’s impeccable standards let them know that they all benefit when clothes are in spotless condition, less than 3-years-old and stylishly up-to-date. “I have more than 2,500 consignors currently on my computer database,” she says.

Le Boutique Upscale Resale is located at 115 E. Grand River Ave. in downtown Howell. The store is open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Fridays ‘til 8 p.m. and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Hunt for your designer bargains there today.

— By Sally Rummel