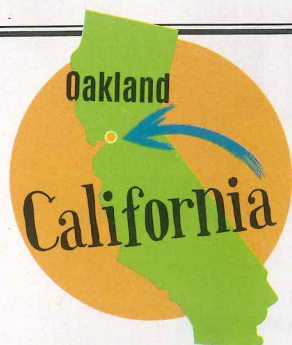


The Oakland Museum Women's Board Annual White Elephant Sale



WHERE:

Warehouse at the Oakland Estuary, 333 Lancaster St., Oakland, California. Parking is very limited in the area of the 96,000-square-foot warehouse, so shoppers can park at the Fruitvale BART station and take a free shuttle over to shop.

WHEN:

PREVIEW SALE, JANUARY 28.
REGULAR SALE, SATURDAY
MARCH 3 AND SUNDAY MARCH
4, 10 A.M. TO 4 P.M.

[GOOD TO KNOW]

THIS IS SERIOUS, HARD-CORE RUMMAGING. Kids under 12 need to be accompanied; strollers, backpacks and shopping carts are not allowed, nor is food or drink. Only service animals allowed.

WHY:

You never know what you're going to find at this not-to-be-missed rummage sale, which has it all—collectibles, art, antiques, musical instruments and, most importantly, camaraderie. Legendary in Northern California, the White Elephant sale is a nearly 60-year tradition in the Bay Area. Why is it so great? The organization accepts donations year round, using the power of nearly 1,000 volunteers and a team of vans, culling all manner of things, like Chanel, used luggage—you name it. Funds raised benefit the Oakland Museum of California, and it's raised nearly \$25 million over the span of the fundraiser.

Wear comfy shoes, print out a copy of the online map and have at it!

If you want to attend, here's a good tip:

THE PREVIEW SALE ON JANUARY 28, TICKETS ARE \$15 TO \$20, AND CHEAPER IF YOU PURCHASE THEM IN ADVANCE. THE REGULAR SALE HAS FREE ADMISSION. For tickets and a map, visit whiteelephantsale.org.



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MORE SHOPPING IDEAS

GEORGIA: LAKEWOOD ANTIQUES, CUMMING, GEORGIA, held the third weekend of the month. A large indoor market with its own restaurant. lakewoodantiques.com.

IDAHO: TREASURE VALLEY FLEA MARKET, held February 17 and 18, and March 24 and 25. Hunt in a cozy indoor environment at Expo, Idaho, which is at 5610 Glenwood Ave. facebook.com/TVFlea/.

OREGON: REBEL JUNK MARKET, February 2 and 3, Washington County Fairgrounds, 875 NE 34th Ave., Hillsboro. Look for upcycled, restyled, repurposed goods, as curated by Dixie DeRocher of the Funky Junk Sisters. Buying tickets online gets you early-bird entrance. rebeljunk.com.