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Landscaping Trend Green Walls

No space for a garden? Go vertical. Green walls can improve air quality, cut energy costs, and provide a habitat for desirable wildlife. They also solve age-old dilemmas. "We just used a series of vertical gardens to hide a pair of ugly Andersonville garage façades, and are about to build a large fence-integrated one to be a privacy wall between two Hinsdale homes," says Jorge Orozco-Cordero of Weetree. For a large Lincoln Park house, Morgante Wilson Architects and Kettelkamp & Kettelkamp Landscape Architecture designed and executed a living green wall (shown above) that uses a hydroponic tray system to swathe 900 square feet with an installation that's colorful year-round and matches the home's neoclassical styling. Two walls of the Whole Foods Market at 1550 N. Kingsbury St. sport a wire mesh system covered with vegetation selected by Wolff Landscape Architecture that is slowly creeping into place. It's an idea we straight-up love. goweetree.com; morgantewilson.com; kandkla.com; wolfflandscape.com

Antiques Market Highwood

Image Pilots, the producers behind the West Loop's Randolph Street Market, the hugely popular summer-weekend antiques' paradise, took their show on the road last year and debuted a new version of the event in Highwood. Plopped down in grassy Everts Park, behind the town's library, the fair quickly became a North Shore hot spot for vintage-treasure hunting. Fittingly, given the size of the stately homes in surrounding communities, you'll see big stuff here—repurposed farm and factory equipment, outdoor furniture, wrought-iron headboards, planters, and rugs galore. The market picks up for the 2011 season on June 26. **102 Highwood Ave., Highwood, 312-666-1200, randolphstreetmarket.com/highwoodstreetmarket**

Source for Glam Christopher Guy

Christopher Guy has landed in the Chicago area, bringing his own particular brand of glamour to the North Shore. His second U.S. showroom (the other is in Beverly Hills) is in a gorgeous 9,500-square-foot historic landmark, the old Hubbard Woods Trust and Savings Bank building. Guy's outsize imagination appeals to clients who enjoy living large. "Interior designers love this line because even though the furniture is all hand-carved, different sizes are available to ensure the pieces are the correct scale for any room," says Jim Denos, the showroom's owner. Shown below, the pyramidal Confidante, which seats four (\$7,831). *952 Green Bay Rd., Winnetka, 847-784-9600, christopherguy.com*

