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### **BAZAAR BIZARRE WEST**

*...not your granny's craft fair!*

SUNDAY DECEMBER 14, 2003

@ Q-TOPIA

6021 Hollywood Blvd.

3:00pm – 9:00pm

**Bazaar Bizarre** is the first bi-coastal punk craft fair in America... and maybe the world! Crafts have long been denigrated as a feminized form of expression, but **Bazaar Bizarre** represents an impulse to re-value the abilities our mothers and grandmothers taught us, while making them our own. It's as much about tradition as it is about change.

**Bazaar Bizarre** has attracted the best of the D.I.Y. craft scene to bring a unique holiday shopping experience to Los Angeles. Vendors working in a variety of crafty mediums will display high style, unique designs and inexpensive finds: needlepoint, knitting, jewelry, fashion, handmade dolls, and more. In addition to unique artists, **Bazaar Bizarre** will feature live performances, a D.I.Y. craft table where visitors can whip up their own creations, a dominatrix-led cakewalk, raffle prizes and tasty food & drink.

Some notable locals involved with the fair include **Happy Lucky Me**, purveyor of tote bags emblazoned with the universal sentiment "I Love Thai Iced Tea"; **Dirty Pillows**, who combine the precious and perverse with their cross-stitched creativity; doll-maker extraordinaire **Dame Darcy**; **Bigger Krissy**, creator of fluffy oddball stuffed animals with names like Yuckity and Popo and **Sew Darn Cute**, who create knitting needle cozies and handbags using vintage and retro fabrics. **Bazaar Bizarre** has also drawn interest from crafters nationwide. Discover Dia de los Muertos jewelry and glitterrific D.I.Y. shrine kits from Phoenix's **Chicano Pop Art**; or pick up vinyl handbags, wristcuffs, and wallets by **Alison Simonian**, who sews from her home in Chicago.

**Bazaar Bizarre**, now in its third year, originated in Boston. The East Coast crew carries on the legendary fun Saturday, December 13 — the day before the first annual **Bazaar Bizarre West** here in Hollywood.

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