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Kathleen's Treasure Cove at 25 North Walnut Street in Downtown Dexter is like a mini-beach getaway. Owner Kathleen Dover says the color scheme of coral, yellow, various blues, and tan is meant to conjure up the image of water, sky, sun, and sand, and she chose to call her business a "cove" rather than a shop or store because one room leads into another, as a hidden island cove might lead a visitor to unknown delights. The seashore reference and name of the business are no accident—they reflect Dover's long-time love of the ocean.

In fact, much of Dover's life and philosophy are incorporated into the business she has owned for the past eight years. Kathleen's Treasure Cove—Special gifts for special people, is the official logo of her store. A beach-themed sitting area complete with coffee pot and packaged snacks serves as the entryway to Kathleen's. Visitors, as she fondly refers to those who patronize her business, are encouraged to "sit a spell" and share the treasure of friendship and pleasant conversation. "Kathleen's is not just a place to shop, Dover explains, "it is a ministry more than a business."

Dover's boutique does harbor a treasure of merchandise. Among some of her more unique items are Tervis Tumblers, wood wick candles, La'Paige Lipstick, and outerwear accessory items. She is the only retailer in Missouri to offer the La'Paige line. The

Treasure Cove contains a book room where Bibles, sympathy books, and works by local and regional authors are available. Dover promotes Southeast Missouri authors by sponsoring occasional book signings in her store.

Her most popular item, which continues to sell throughout the fall and winter, is the Oofos line of flip flops, slides, and clogs. “People swear by this line of footwear, and I am one of them,” Dover says. “I have customers who wear nothing else on their feet, year-round. Some have had chronic back or foot pain, which they say has been relieved by wearing Oofos. I order them regularly.”

Fashion jewelry is available at Kathleen’s, as well as local art, and a few seasonal items, such as holiday tea towels. An additional service provided at Kathleen’s is a private tanning area. Tanning is available by appointment or walk-in and follows the regular store schedule.

Kathleen’s Treasure Cove is located at 25 North Walnut and is open Tuesday through Friday 11:00 to 5:00 and Saturday 11:00 to whenever. Be sure to stop in Kathleen’s, which is “More than a place to shop...a place where old friends gather and new friends meet.”

Pictured above Kathleen Dover displays her top-selling Oofos foot wear.

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Fashion jewelry and outerwear accessory items are among Kathleen’s treasures.

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Kathleen’s Treasure Cove is located at 52 N. Walnut in Dexter.

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