

Bio

Owner Profile and Philosophy



The Left Bank began in 1995 at Chicago's Navy Pier, selling jewelry from a cart. Today, The Left Bank is a solid brick & mortar retail establishment located in a trendy Chicago shopping neighborhood and a business success story lead by entrepreneurial-spirited Susan Jablonski.

As a longtime collector and dealer of antique jewelry, Susan has always had a love and fascination with jewelry and antiques. Throughout various careers in sales and marketing management, she worked with a jewelry manufacturer, wholesaler and retailer. During this time she learned the intricacies of the jewelry business from all angles. All the while, acquiring key contacts for importing her future jewelry inventory and developing excellent resources for expanding the range of uniqueness.

Susan's love of France and frequent travels abroad introduced her to an entire new market of unique jewelry she soon began to import for The Left Bank. Securing exclusive agreements with key French companies, gives Susan the edge in offering unique products at affordable prices. Purchasing a found treasure made in France has an intrinsic value and is an experience, which evokes an aura of history, mystery and romance.

Relying upon past retail experience and extensive research, Susan believes antique style jewelry is timeless and is ever increasing in value. Today's consumers want a quality product that is unique, yet affordable. Her concept and beliefs are proven daily with her retail success, many of us do have a strong attraction and love for France, nostalgia and the feminine designs of yesteryear.