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Moonspin Pizzeria

MEET OUR GUIDE: Bunny Byrne is the unofficial "market liaison" between shoppers and shop owners. She contributes to "Townie Wish" (towniewish.com), a Web site that pairs aspiring entrepreneurs with the resources they need. Last year she helped develop a Saturday morning market that sells locally made, home-grown, and handmade goodies. "That's the beauty of living in a small town—if you come up with an idea, you can just do it," says Bunny, shown here with Dali.

GRASSROOTS COFFEE

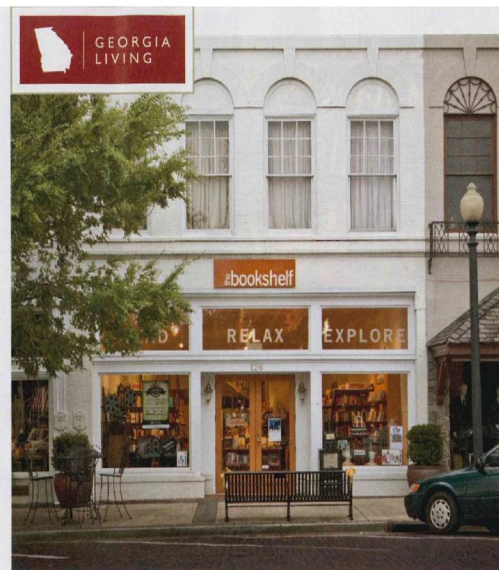
This is a fitting place to start, since Bunny usually revs up here with a latte and a bowl of oatmeal before hitting the ground for a day visiting merchants downtown. Only a couple of years old, Grassroots is already a local mainstay, known for its poured-to-perfection espresso drinks and house-roasted coffee beans. You can also pick up a bag of the shop's Grassroots Blend (a low-acidity, smooth, chocolate mixture you can brew yourself) to take home for \$12.75/pound. 123 South Broad Street; 229/226-3388

FIREFLY

An upscale mom-and-pop variety store, Firefly offers an array of home decor items, gifts, and entertaining accessories. Bunny points out the shop's exclusive, made-just-for-Thomasville candles that smell like piney woods (\$18). 125 South Broad Street; 229/226-6363

Retail Therapy:
Thomasville

Bunny Byrne takes a break from helping revitalize her hometown's downtown to show us some of her favorite places around this south Georgia city



LIAM'S RESTAURANT

Bunny swears this fine dining room could make it in New York—but she and other locals are glad to have it in Thomasville. Owner Rhonda Foster sometimes shuts the restaurant down and takes the entire staff on a culinary vacation. Those eat-and-learn trips pay off in Liam's seasonally changing menu selections, such as the Duck & Wild Mushroom Pappardelle with sautéed duck confit and veal pan jus (\$27). 113 East Jackson Street; 229/226-9944

LAVISH

Bunny says she didn't even wear makeup until she started shopping at this boutique, which sells a selection of natural makeup lines, linens, dishes, and jewelry. She swears by the store's Blinc mascara (\$25/tube), which doesn't run and lengthens by forming a tube around the lashes rather than coating them. 114 West Jackson Street; 229/227-0079

THE BOOKSHELF AND GALLERY

This downtown bookstore/art gallery also features film screenings, book clubs, and writing groups—one of which Bunny leads on Thursday nights. 126 South Broad Street; 229/228-7767



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: The Bookshelf and Gallery; Sweet Grass Dairy Cheese Shop; Relish & Dash

MOONSPIN PIZZERIA

Bunny often stops by this colorful pizza joint for some fresh slices (\$2.50-\$5.20). The owner developed the recipe for Moonspin's just-right dough, which she offers in ball form so customers can make their own freshly baked pies at home. 113 North Crawford Street; 229/226-4488

RELICS

Jam-packed with architectural salvage items of every size, shape, and color, this antiques store is a must-stop for Thomasville home remodelers. Nearly every piece comes with a



rescue and restoration story. 138 South Madison Street; 229/228-4181

RELISH & DASH

This unusual combo shop—kitchen wares and workout wear—gives you the tools to make a cake and burn off its calories. Relish features an expansive collection of kitchen and housewares (as well as the best retail wine selection in town, Bunny says). In the back of Relish, the owners also run Dash, a sports apparel and equipment store. 107 South Broad Street; 229/227-0024

SWEET GRASS DAIRY CHEESE SHOP

A retail outlet for the famed Sweet Grass Dairy (located about 8 miles north of Thomasville), this downtown spot is just right for pre-dinner spirits and fabulous, locally made cheeses and sweets. Bunny loves the Cheddar-like Thomasville Tomme served with fig almond cake (\$4). 106 North Broad Street; 229/228-6704

THE SATURDAY MORNING MARKET

Our final stop is at the corner of Remington Avenue and Madison Street (behind Relics), where Bunny oversees a gathering of vendors, craftspeople, and artisans from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the first Saturday of each month. "The market is a great reflection of Thomasville," Bunny says. "It's people working together to create something exciting for downtown." thomasvillesaturdaymarket.blogspot.com