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French Heritage | Furnishings as Personal Philosophy

April 18, 2015, High Point, NC — As you enter the French Heritage showroom, you instantly realize something is quite different. There's a distinct point-of-view: in the space, the furnishings, and even the presentation. While it may be expected to think, "Ah, a French point-of-view," based on the company's moniker, the reality is broader, more considered, more *philosophical*.

"A home is about everything," notes Henessy Wayser, the company's president, "It's an extension of who lives in it, the things you love, the large moments and small details that resonate with you." And, where "eclectic" misses the mark, implying a thoughtful, nearly prepackaged, randomness, the French Heritage philosophy espouses a freedom to make choices based on the pleasure, the enjoyment you derive from a particular item. It celebrates the way we accumulate—and we all do it—and layer on our possessions that ultimately illustrates our own personal style.

Take, for example an area the company describes as "Creative Disruption." It expresses the feeling you get when you look at creativity and beauty differently. The concept of perfect imperfection. Each piece showcased here is beautiful in its own right, but not forced into a mass standard of uniformity. Nor will you find suite-making or matchy-matchness. The stunning Timberwood table with its carefully applied quatrefoil parquetry inlaid in rustic wood is juxtaposed with contemporary art and sparkling crystal chandeliers. Even the walls of the space appear beautifully striated until, at closer inspection, you see they are, in fact, a random pattern of free-hand strokes and drippings. Or, the glass and metal table with a wide band of handapplied gold leaf with a "frayed" edge. A troop of monkeys encircles the table in the form of gilt Concerto chairs. Further on, a mango wood table exhibits eye-catching, natural wood character. So much so that there is no stain on it, just a lusciously transparent sealant, that highlights the texture, grain and hewn top and edges. Creative disruption indeed.

As in any home, French Heritage blends old with new, vintage and freshly minted. Vintage, yes the real thing, as in antique iron barrels repurposed as seating. Rustic chairs with metal mesh seats cozy up to a chic baluster round table sporting an elegant star and herringbone inlay. There's even a collection of authentic mosaic accent tables that proffer sparkling colors and intricate bird-and-branch designs, floral motifs and brightly hued geometric patterns.

Step into the Bercy Neoclassical Library and you have a totally different perspective. Exquisitely crafted architectural elements with floor-to-ceiling bookshelves, glass-front cases, and door and drawer units create an enveloping space for study or contemplation. As is evidenced by the company's philosophy that "people should be free to make choices and to love their choices," the Bercy Neoclassical Library is completely customizable, from the configuration of each element, to the wood species of your choice, to more than 15 finishes which, in and of themselves, can be mixed into a statistically-staggering number of combinations.

And, never one to leave out the more adventurous fashionistas among us, French Heritage presents an archetypical French power desk in contemporary stark white lacquer with gold accents and an anthracite lacquered Baroque bookcase with suggestively sinuous curves.

The French Heritage showroom is located at 1638 West English Road in High Point. On-site parking is available or take the Market's Go Anywhere shuttle for door-to-door convenience. Our Cordon Bleu-trained chef prepares gourmet lunches daily, 11am until 2pm. Please join us. For more information, visit FrenchHeritage.com.

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About French Heritage: French Heritage is the leading manufacturer of French antique reproduction furniture and accessories. A founding member of the Sustainable Furnishings Council, French Heritage believes in the ethical business practices and promoting furniture manufactured in an environmentally and socially responsible way. French Heritage is available through fine furniture retailers, interior design professionals, and dedicated French Heritage shops. For more information, visit FrenchHeritage.com, or follow us on social media.

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Creative Disruption featuring Cordoba Parquetry Dining Table, M-2520-1210-TBRM, W 96.0" D 40.0" H 30.0"



Industrial Craftsman featuring
Baluster Round Table,
M-2520-1208-CBRL,
W 70.0" D 70.0" H 30.5"





Lanterne Round Dining Table M-1320-103-GLD W 50" D 50" H 29.0"

Our gold-leaf vintage
French lantern-inspired
table is topped with
1/2" thick glass. Handdecorated with a goldleaf border to bring
sparkle to your space.

Concerto Monkey Side Chair, Tambourine M-7228-206-GLDF W 20.0" D 18.0" H 39.0"

Both fun and elegant, the gold finish of the Concerto Monkey Chairs will never fail to brighten up your room and bring a new feel of sophistication. Your guests will not be able to ignore your fantastic style!





Payson Farm Table M-2520-1207-NAT W 76.0" D 38.0" H 30.0"

A strong frame for a Rustic working man's table, the Farm table comes with a removable leaf that allows comfortable seating for eight people; it truly is an excellent fit for family and friends, country and city.

Muscadet Barrel Stool M-2519-101-CBAI W 15.0" D 15.0" H 19.3"

The Muscadet Barrel Bar stool is the very essence of rustic with the Coffee Brown wood and Antique Iron finished barrel. Perfect for a bar or table. It is a compact and comfortable seat that doubles as storage. The seat is easily removed to give you inconspicuous storage.





Delft Mosaic End Table/ Accent Table M-1342-106-BLWH W 10.5" D 10.5" H 25.0"

This "Jewels for the home" end table features a hand laid blue and white mosaic top with a silver leaf finished wrought iron base.

Bizet Chest A-2302-1001-CHP W 63.0" D 21.0" H 34.5"

An aged wood top sets and decorative hardware off this shining champagne leaf finish. The bombastic curves provide the perfect canvas to showcase the glamour and give light plenty of room to play.





Barthelemy Desk M-1545-401-WHT W 67.0" D 34.0" H 31.5"

The original desks were very simple affairs. However the writing of memoirs and letters enlarged greatly in the France of Louis XV! This new authorship called for an incomparable piece of furniture. Our esteemed desk includes a white base, gold hardware and decorative trim. The desk top appears to almost float over its shaped aprons and graceful cabriole legs.

Baroque Vitrine A-2322-402-ACDG W 59.0" D 20.5" H 82.8"

The mixture of finishes on the Baroque Vitrine work flawlessly as this piece draws immediate attention to the detailed carving at the base and the roomy illuminated display case for your many leather bound books and treasured items.

