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The Maris Elaine Gallery represents more than 60 artists from across the country and around the world and offers an eclectic mix of home furnishings, many made from reclaimed wood.

THE MARIS ELAINE GALLERY

Named after the owner's late mother, The Maris Elaine Gallery in National Harbor, Maryland is a haven for home furnishings and fine art. "My mother also had a great love for beautiful things," says Terri Hartwell Easter, gallery director and owner. "One of her favorite sayings was 'you get what you pay for' and we carry high quality items in the gallery."

Much of the furniture at the gallery is made from reclaimed wood, which means no two pieces are alike. "Everything is different," Hartwell Easter says. "And everything has a story." The gallery is also home to original artwork by more than 60 artists. "Of those 60 artists, at least half of them are Maryland artists," she says. "We have a very large and diverse collection of artists."

The types of art represented at The Maris Elaine Gallery include painting, photography, sculpture, glass blowing, and more. "Art allows one soul to speak to another. To take home a piece of art someone else created is like taking a part of that person home with you," Hartwell Easter says. "I like to think when people buy art, it speaks to them in a personal way."

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