



INTERSECTION

MacArthur and PCH

Take a fresh look at **CORONA DEL MAR** village. Quaint, old-money cottages, and streets lined with their namesake flowers used to be an exclusive hang for locals who gravitated to old favorites such as Five Crowns and the Quiet Woman. But hipper hops have opened, from chains such as Gulfstream and Tommy Bahama's, to indies such as The Crow Bar and Kitchen, O.C.'s premier gastropub. Discriminating shoppers haunt the design and consignment stores.—*Anne Valdespino*



1 Wine Gallery

This retail shop with trustworthy, knowledgeable clerks has a tasting room that serves flights and hosts visiting vintners. Expect to find tried-and-true labels such as Shafer and Rombauer, along with unusual and boutique-y wines such as Bonaccorsi Pinot Noir. 2411 E. Coast Highway #250, 949-675-3410, www.cdmwinegallery.com.



2 Jacqueline Nicolas Hardware

Not your dad's hardware store, this boutique sells wrought-iron candelabra, drawer pulls, and front-door knockers that look historical, in styles from English Manor to Provençal. Bathroom fixtures, hinges, gates, and shutters sold so you can coordinate a look. 2640 E. Coast Highway, 949-644-5543, www.jnicolas.com.



3 Sherman Library and Gardens

Meander through acres of flora interspersed with fountains and walkways. Have lunch weekdays at Café Jardin, and don't miss the garden-themed gift shop. The history of the Pacific Southwest is the focus of the research library. Free admission on Mondays. 2647 E. Coast Highway, 949-673-2261, www.slgardens.org.



4 Zinc Café & Market

The Laguna Beach location was immortalized in a short story by O.C. ex-pat Michael Chabon, and this is its Corona del Mar sister. The little café, top, continues to beguile us with its SoCal spin on classics, from huevos rancheros with mango-papaya salsa to white chocolate lattes. 3222 E. Coast Highway, 949-719-9462, www.zinccafe.com.

BY THE NUMBERS

72 Distance, in feet, from Laguna Beach's sunny Main Beach basketball courts to the Pacific surf.

2,914 Distance, in miles, from Main Beach to the Basketball Hall of Fame in snowy Springfield, Mass.