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« Decoratus Absurdum

On his deliciously readable design blog, "Strange Closets," local writer Tate Gunnerson has coined a new term we love: Decoratus Absurdum. As Gunnerson puts it, Decoratus Absurdum is "sort of like the famous quote about the definition of porn—I can't explain it, but I know it when I see it." Generally, he's talking skulls, animal interpretations, religious kitsch, gun-shaped vases, taxidermy—anything that says "weird, but just right." The matte-black Horse Lamp by Moooi (shown) definitely fits. Find it at Haute Living, 222 W. Kinzie St., Chicago, 312-329-9000, www.haute-living.com.

Don't miss the Geneva
Christmas Walk & House
Tour, December 5 & 6,
www.genevachamber.com

» Tile To Die For

New York bath purveyor Artistic Tile has plans to open a grand, 3,400-square-foot showroom in the Luxe Home come mid-December. Inspired by founder Nancy Epstein's European and Middle Eastern travels, the showroom has more than 30 lifestyle vignettes, separate "installation" bays with new color trends, and a dozen mannequins dressed only in the company's swirling mosaic tile.



« Manheim-Ruseau Gets Mod

Since 1932, Manheim-Ruseau has been one of the big hitters in reproduction Italian and French antiques—think Louis XV commodes and Venetian consoles that look 300 years old. Now the company is making a dramatic aesthetic move with the launch of the Doug Levine collection, named for the University of Illinois grad and Holly Hunt alum who designed it. Levine's clean-lined work includes a satin lacquer and brushed steel "Feather Console" (shown), plus six storage pieces and a table. See it in person at Manheim-Ruseau, 222 Merchandise Mart, Suite 6-166, Chicago, 312-527-0557, www.manheimruseau.com.

THE FAMOUS ONE OF A KIND SHOW & SALE IS DEC. 4-7 AT THE MART!