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Lincoln Street is filled with shoppers and vendors at the monthly downtown antique fair on Sunday.

# Antique fair celebrating 10th year

Monthly gathering held downtown on second Sundays

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SANTA CRUZ — The second Sunday of the month draws antique hunters to downtown Santa Cruz. This Sunday was no exception, with many people milling about the Santa Cruz Antique Faire, browsing through everything from old photographs to weathered statues of Buddha.

The Antique Faire celebrates 10 years in operation this year, said fair manager Bonnie Belcher, of Santa Cruz.

The original fair started on Pacific Avenue 20 years ago, but stopped and started a couple of times before

its current manifestation, Belcher said.

"It's going well," she said. "There are very few monthly fairs in Northern California and the word is getting out."

Warren Bloch, of Hollister, was shopping at one of the 50 vendor booths with his wife, Maureen. He said they met in Santa Cruz and that "our hearts are here."

Bloch held up a Crosby, Stills & Nash album to show his wife.

"Memories, memories," he said. "They claimed this was one of the first covers to be like art. It's just something I had as a kid. I sold my album collection to my brother, thinking I ripped him off. But he might have gotten the better deal."

Mark Jones was selling the old records, along with

some antique books, some old Rolling Stones and other magazines.

"It's a great fair," said Jones, a San Francisco resident. "I come down because it's fun. I lived here for about 20 years."

Two young college students, Nick DeVarco and Phoenix Peterson, were browsing through the records as well.

"Old records are cool to collect and listen to," said DeVarco, a UC Santa Cruz student who was in the band at Santa Cruz High. "The sound is better — the bass really comes out and the vocals are clear."

DeVarco said his friend has a record player, and that he is in the market for one.

As for the fair, he said he comes often.

"I love this; I just like the little treasures you can find," he said.

Belcher, the manager, said she has noticed an increasing number of young people coming.

"Re-purposing and recycling is big now," she said. "And a lot of times, the things are made better and less expensive than new items. This is just a nice, low-key fair."

The fair is held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the second Sunday of each month on Lincoln Street between Pacific Avenue and Cedar Street, including in the Cedar Street parking lot where the farmers market is held.

For more information, call Belcher at 831-476-6940 or go to the Santa Cruz Antique Faire Facebook page.