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Buy your way out of hell in the world's smallest Chinatown

BY GINA DAGGETT



From left: Celia Stapleton, Pocket, Stacy Bias and Renee Bianchi are flanked by the Asian wonders in Stone Buddha

If you're walking in downtown Silverton and look at your watch, you might miss it. Stone Buddha, an Asian import shop with its two glorious window displays, makes up most of Silverton's Chinatown. (The restaurant next door provides the noodles.)

As Norah Jones music belts onto the sidewalk and draws in the curious, the nearly 7,000 residents of this town 14 miles east of Salem go about their daily business. Even though, at first thought, Silverton would seem an unlikely spot to find imports from all over Asia, the locals have embraced this tiny Chinatown since it opened in the summer of 2002.

Stone Buddha has, indeed, taken the town by surprise. When lesbians Celia Stapleton and Renee Bianchi first decided to open the import store, friends scrunched up their faces. "An Asian shop in Silverton? Have you lost your mind?" After opening, strangers from off the street would whisper, "Are you guys making it?" under their breaths to the couple, who've been together for more than four years.

Business has taken off, in fact, because Stone Buddha is unlike other stores in town.

Stapleton says it's "not a hippy-dippy kind of head shop or a Pier One. It's really a combination of a lot of things." All things Asian, anyway, even if the connection to Asia is a stretch.

Pocket, Stone Buddha's in-house bulldog and mascot, greets most customers at the door.

The tearoom, encased in bamboo bars, is the first thing people see; inside it, the walls are decorated in joss papers—thin, tissue-like papers burned for ceremonial reasons in China. One that stands out is the "Hell Bank Note," which, Stapleton explains, is burned at the funerals of relatives to help buy their way out of hell.

The room carries various Tao of Tea flavors like Green Magnolia, Kukicha and Genmaicha as well as teatime biscuits and chai. Complimentary samples of the day's highlighted tea are always brewed and waiting.

The store is full of Asian knickknacks and other offerings. From Filipino palm mats to Indian saris to incense to books on yoga, Stone Buddha has all your Asian needs, even if you didn't know you had any.

Just as customers won't miss the enormous

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