

PIP KENWORTHY

The Queen Of Vintage

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With a friendly twinkle in her eye Pip Kenworthy, the well-loved proprietress of Pip's "Fine & Funky" consignment, has been a familiar face around town since moving to Telluride in the early 90s. Her partner in love, Daryl, moved the store to its current location, which is hidden under Overland on main street. They did a fantastic job of redesigning the interior, making the custom-made changing rooms and a rotating clothes wheel in the front window. Since taking over in 2003, Pip has built an impressive collection of old, vintage and pre-loved pieces, which can keep the most seasoned aficionado busy playing dress up. "I've always loved shopping in consignments or thrift stores, finding great pieces that people have parted with. All my clothes are either vintage or second-hand. I couldn't imagine buying anything new; what's the fun in that?"

Born in Bristol, a West Country port city in England, Pip grew up with nine siblings. All of them helped their father on weekends and holidays in his antique store. An independent, free-spirit, she left home early, first moving north to Sheffield, where she worked in costume departments at the Sheffield Playhouse and Crucible Theatre. Then later she moved to London, where she ran the costume department and stage-managed productions at

the venerably trendy King's Head Theatre in Islington.

After meeting her future husband, an American writer introduced through friends, she was soon making regular trips with him to the States, stocking up on eclectic items to sell at her stall at London's renowned Camden Market. "We'd go over to New York on shopping trips picking up baseball jackets and these outrageous stilettos in consignment stores or the Salvation Army, then sell them for quite a few quid. People loved it because it was so different," petite Pip says.

Family life soon followed; juggling careers, children and houses in London and Pennsylvania before finally moving West, initially choosing Telluride to be closer to family friends in Crested Butte. Happily raising her three sons (all accomplished skiers) in the San Juans, Pip has been calling the States home for many years. Although America might be home, she misses certain things from England. "Mainly Kensington Rose Garden and a good Indian Curry, but I couldn't move back, I'd never cope with the weather for a start!" She concludes "As I'm fond of telling people, I'm trapped in paradise here, and I love it." ♦

