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**the seasoned collector**

## Rare rugs

Fine antique carpets are considered by many to be investment-quality antiques, and there is no better place to ogle rugs in the greater Bay Area than those at the Claremont Rug Co. in Oakland.

Not long ago, owner and founder Jan David Winitz, purchased a spectacular group of 200 rugs to add to his amazing stock. Visiting this gallery is akin to going to a museum. Everything on display is dazzling.

The company Web site offers a wealth of information for collectors, including valuable carpet-care tips. I've got this site bookmarked. If you want to keep posted on events, sign up for a free newsletter called "Rug Notes."

Visit the firm at 6087 Claremont Ave. in Oakland Monday through Saturday between 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. For more information, call (510) 654-0816, or go to [www.claremontrug.com](http://www.claremontrug.com).



This Kazak rug is part of the antique collection at Claremont Rug Co. in Oakland.