



THE NEWPORT ANTIQUES SHOW

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NEWPORT ANTIQUES SHOW SUSTAINS TWO NEWPORT NON-PROFITS ESSENTIAL SUPPORT FOR NEWPORT PAST AND FUTURE

NEWPORT, RI – (MAY 2011) – The Newport Antiques Show, in its fifth year, has become a highlight of the Newport social calendar and one of the leading shows in the country. But the core of this event is found in its beneficiaries. The Newport Antiques Show is unique in that it benefits two important community agencies: The Newport Historical Society and the Boys & Girls Clubs of Newport County.

Every year since 2007, this powerhouse fundraiser has raised over \$100,000 for *each* institution. By the close of this fifth annual Show, the event will have raised an anticipated total of one million dollars. In a tough economy where non-profit organizations face funding hurdles and fundraising challenges, this seminal event has proven essential in continuing the missions of The Newport Historical Society and the Boys & Girls Clubs of Newport County.

“In these very difficult economic times, the support we have received from our very generous donors to the Newport Antiques Show has been a lifeline to not only the successful operation of the Boys & Girls Club, but to the families we serve,” Joanne Hoops, Executive Director of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Newport County states. “Oftentimes, over the last couple of years, our families have had to choose between paying the rent or putting food on their tables. Because of the support we have received via the Show we have provided much needed scholarship assistance as well as expanded our afterschool and summer meal programs to children in need.”

“The Newport Antiques Show is absolutely essential to the Newport Historical Society as it works to maintain a lively and relevant presence in Newport,” explains Ruth S. Taylor, Executive Director of the Newport Historical Society.

The event’s success and contribution to progress at the Newport Historical Society and the Boys & Girls Clubs of Newport County would not be possible without the assistance of Anne F. Hamilton, of Newport and Philadelphia, who is returning for the fifth year as Chair of the Show and Gala Preview Party. Jessica Hagen-Hill, Dealer Liaison and a member of the Newport Historical Society’s board, reports, “Anne’s efforts launched the Show and she has been at the center of its continued success. She works relentlessly to broaden the Show’s outreach and make every aspect first rate.”

“For the last five years the Show has grown and flourished under Anne Hamilton’s guidance and we are profoundly grateful for her efforts,” continues Hagen-Hill. “Carrying out the mission of the NHS just wouldn’t be possible without the revenue and positive attention generated by the Show.”

Also important to the two organizations are the donors -- individuals and businesses -- who underwrite the Show each year, some of whom are also returning for their fifth consecutive year of support. One who is returning for the fifth year is Presenting Sponsor and lead exhibitor William Vareika. One of New England's largest antiques dealers, the William Vareika Fine Arts gallery specializes in the purchase and sale of important 18th, 19th and early 20th century American paintings, watercolors, drawings and prints. "I am honored to be the Founding Sponsor of the Newport Antiques Show," says William Vareika. "I'm thrilled that it's been such an outstanding success and that we've been able to raise a substantial sum of money to support the good works of two of the most valuable non-profit organizations in Newport, the Newport Historical Society and the Boys and Girls Clubs of Newport County. The Newport Antiques Show has created the kind of world-class event for collectors, connoisseurs and students of fine quality art and antiques that one would expect from the world-class community of Newport."

The 2011 Newport Antiques Show opens on Friday August 12th with a Gala Preview Party at St. George's School in Middletown. Tickets start at \$150 per person. The Show runs Saturday August 13th from 10am to 6pm and Sunday August 14th from 10am to 5pm. General admission is \$12 per person.

Forty-two of the country's top dealers will present paintings, furniture, folk art, jewelry, and fine and decorative arts. This year's loan exhibit will feature 18th and 19th century needlework from the Newport Historical Society's collections; visiting scholar Dr. Margaret Ordonez, from the University of Rhode Island, will discuss the textiles during a morning lecture on Saturday August 13th.



A costumed interpreter from the Newport Historical Society and children from the Boys & Girls Clubs of Newport County at the Gala Preview Party

For additional details and/or media photos, visit the Show website at www.NewportAntiquesShow.com or contact: Elizabeth Sulock, Public Affairs Associate, Newport Historical Society, 401-846-2669, esulock@newporthistorical.org.

About The Newport Antiques Show

The Newport Antiques Show, founded in 2007, is one of the country's leading antiques and decorative arts shows. Proceeds benefit both the Newport Historical Society and the Boys & Girls Clubs of Newport County. For more information please visit www.NewportAntiquesShow.com or call 401-846-2669.

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