



THE NEWPORT ANTIQUES SHOW

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**OVER 40 DEALERS PRESENT THE COUNTRY'S BEST ANTIQUES
AT 2011 NEWPORT ANTIQUES SHOW**

Loan Exhibit Features Samplers from Newport Historical Society's Collections

NEWPORT, RI – (AUGUST 2011) – Antiquing hits a high note with the 2011 Newport Antiques Show. Over forty of the country's top antique dealers will travel from across the country to exhibit some of the country's best antiques at the fifth annual Newport Antiques Show. Held at St. George's School, 372 Purgatory Road in Middletown, RI, August 13th and 14th, attendees can purchase paintings, furniture, folk art, jewelry, and fine and decorative arts in an unparalleled seaside setting—and several of the antiques have Newport and Rhode Island connections.

Fifth year exhibitor William Vareika Fine Arts LTD, and Presenting Sponsor, will showcase paintings such as *Sunset: West Shore of Conanicut Island, Rhode Island* (1884) by William Trost Richards, John La Farge's *Snow: January, Southerly Wind, Cloudy Sky, and Sunlight* (1879), and *Summer Haze* by Charles E. Burchfield (1954). Specializing in the purchase and sale of important 18th, 19th, and early 20th century American paintings, watercolors, drawings, and prints, William Vareika Fine Arts LTD is one of the largest art galleries in New England.

Diana Bittel Antiques, another fifth year exhibitor, will offer a rare c.1880 sailor's shell valentine with anchor motif, a c.1810 acorn of Boston watercolor by Fedi, a c.1860 British sailor's woolwork picture, and c.1880 a German carved and painted Noah's ark. Ms. Bittel, known for her work with the Antiques Council, is also the Show Manager.

Hanes & Ruskin, from Old Lyme, CT, will present a c.1790 Rhode Island Windsor chair. Rhode Island Windsor chairs are distinctive," explains owner Joy Hanes, "having full-bodied baluster turnings, no waist rail, decoratively turned spindles, now called 'pipe-stem,' tapered legs extending to the feet, and tenoned arms. This example has the extra advantage of having a braced back. There are traces of the original Windsor green paint beneath Victorian Spanish brown paint. The chair is in excellent condition, ready to be sat upon."

Georgian Manor Antiques, from Fairhaven, MA and another fifth year exhibitor, will also feature items with Rhode Island connections. A French Charles X Rosewood lap desk, c.1830-1840, inlaid with ivory and brass has a local provenance through Captain John Cahoon of Newport, RI. Georgian Manor will also show an unusual Japanese earthenware Jardinière decorated in gilt and polychrome colors on a black ground (c.1870-1880), which has a Doris Duke Collection provenance.

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Other exhibitors include: Antique American Wicker, Asiantiques, Blue Heron Fine Art, Carlson & Stevenson, Douglas Constant, Inc., The Cooley Gallery, Essex Antiquarians, Roberto Freitas American

Antiques & Decorative Art, J. Gallagher, Georgian Manor Antiques, Dawn Hill Antiques, Imperial Fine Books & Oriental Art, Arthur Guy Kaplan, James M. Kilvington, Inc., King-Thomasson Antiques, Roger King Fine Art, James L. Kochan, Leatherwood Antiques, Danielle Ann Millican Inc., Aileen Minor Antiques, Mongenas Antiques, Oriental Rugs Ltd., Quester Gallery, Sallea Antiques Inc., Rick Scott, Silver Plus, Somerville Manning Gallery, Margaret J. Sutor / Bill Shaeffer Antiques, Philip Suval, Inc., The Hanebergs Antiques, Jayne Thompson Antiques, Three Golden Apples, Earle D. Vandekar of Knightsbridge, Washington Square Gallery, Chuck White Antiques, and Melissa Williams Fine Art / Douglas L. Solliday Antiques.

The 2011 loan exhibition, *Their Manners Pleasing, and Their Education Complete: Newport Samplers 1728-1835*, will feature 18th and 19th century embroidered samplers from the Newport Historical Society's collections. This selection of local samplers reflects the evolution of Newport needlework over the course of a century and includes examples of the different types of samplers that a girl might produce during her lifetime. Newport samplers are well-known for their lively and distinctive designs and many fine examples will be exhibited during the Show.

On Saturday, August 13th at 11am, Dr. Margaret T. Ordoñez, Professor in the Textiles Department at the University of Rhode Island, will discuss the components of seventeenth through early nineteenth century samplers and show how time, method of mounting, and use affect their condition. Dr. Ordoñez will offer advice on storing and displaying samplers in homes, museums, and historic houses. *Their Manners Pleasing, and Their Education Complete* is generously sponsored by Woodbury Auction, LLC, the auction services division of Thomas Schwenke, Inc.

The Show opens with a Gala Preview Party on Friday August 12th (6-9pm), sponsored by Brown Brothers Harriman of Boston. Party tickets start at \$150 and offer antiquers the opportunity to view and purchase the antiques before the Show opens to the public. The Show runs Saturday August 13th (10am-6pm) and Sunday August 14th (10am-5pm). All net proceeds from sponsorships and ticket sales benefit two charities: the Newport Historical Society and the Boys & Girls Clubs of Newport County.



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c. 1880 rare sailor's valentine
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c. 1860 British sailor's woolwork picture
Diana Bittel Antiques



c. 1790 Rhode Island Windsor Chair
Hanes and Ruskin



Rosewood lapdesk
Georgian Manor Antiques



Japanese earthenware
Georgian Manor Antiques

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@newporthisorical.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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