

Newport Antiques Show Celebrates Five Years

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The Newport Antiques Show celebrates its fifth year at St. George's School in Middletown, RI, August 12 through August 14, 2011. One of the nation's premier antiques venues, the annual show presents a superb selection of important antiques. Forty two of the country's top dealers will present paintings, furniture, folk art, jewelry, and fine and decorative arts in an unparalleled seaside setting. All net proceeds from sponsorships and ticket sales benefit two charities: 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 nonprofit 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.

For the fifth consecutive year, William Vareika Fine Arts, Ltd. renews a



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Phytanthoza Iconographia, Regensburg
Johann Wilhelm Weinmann, Circa 1740,
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commitment as the 2011 Presenting Sponsor. Specializing in the purchase and sale of important 18th, 19th, and early 20th century American paintings, watercolors, drawings, and prints, Vareika is one of the largest art galleries in New England and is one of the Show's lead exhibitors. Preview Party Sponsor Brown Brothers Harriman of Boston returns for a second year. Anne F. Hamilton of Newport and Philadelphia will return as Chair of the Show and Gala Preview Party. "The team that created the Newport Antiques Show in 2007 is still together this year for a milestone anniversary," said Ruth Taylor, Executive Director of the Newport Historical Society. "This promises to be a very special show."

Show manager Diana H. Bittel selects the Show's dealers. Ms. Bittel, known for her work with the Antiques Council – serving as the Director of Shows and as the Council liaison to the Nantucket Historical Society Antiques Show – is herself a distinguished antiques dealer and exhibitor at the Show.

The 2011 loan exhibition will feature 18th and 19th century embroidered samplers from the Newport Historical Society's collections. Visiting scholar, Dr. Margaret Ordonez, from the University of Rhode Island, will discuss these textiles during a morning lecture on Saturday, August 13.

The Newport Antiques Show runs 10am to 6pm on Saturday, August 13 and 10am to 5pm on Sunday August 14.



Snuff Shoe With Pewter Design Overlaid on Carved Oak French c.1850, Courtesy of Rick Scott



German Carved and Painted Noah's Ark, Circa 1880, Courtesy of Diana H. Bittel Antiques



Courtesy of Dawn Hill Antiques