

THE PHILADELPHIA ANTIQUES SHOW



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DAILY GUIDED TOURS, NEW COLLECTORS EVENING AND LECTURES TOP ACTIVITIES AT THE PHILADELPHIA ANTIQUES SHOW

Special Events Broaden the Visitor Experience at the 47th Annual Show

PHILADELPHIA (January 2008) – In a move to broaden the visitor experience at The Philadelphia Antiques Show, to be held on Saturday, April 12 through Tuesday, April 15, 2008, at the Philadelphia Cruise Terminal at Pier One in The Navy Yard, the four-day show and sale will offer a wide variety of special events for new enthusiasts and seasoned collectors. Guided tours, a New Collectors Evening and lectures will add to the activities offered at the premier American antiques and decorative art show in the country.

Saturday, April 12 – Tuesday, April 15, 2008

Guided Show Tours will take place daily, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m., in conjunction with the 47th annual Philadelphia Antiques Show. Before the Show opens to the public, attendees will have the opportunity to tour the Antiques Show with Philadelphia Museum of Art Fairmount Park House Guides. Each day, the Park House Guides will share their special expertise as they escort small groups through the 2008 Loan Exhibit, *Fore & Aft – Philadelphia Collects Maritime*, as well as highlight notable objects offered by the Show's pre-eminent exhibitors. Admission is \$30.

Saturday, April 12

The New Collectors Evening, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 12, is the perfect venue for antiques aficionados at every level, from beginners to seasoned enthusiasts. Attendees are invited to mingle while enjoying cocktails and hors d'oeuvres as they gather tips on investing and developing personal collections. Admission is \$100.

The Philadelphia Antiques Show will also be hosting an Antiques Dealers' Association of America (ADA) "Award of Merit" Dinner from 8:00 – 10:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 12, to honor a leader in the antiques community. The 2008 Award of Merit recipient is Joseph K.

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Kindig, III. A noted expert, scholar, teacher and lecturer, Kindig is a leading authority on Kentucky rifles, 17th and 18th century American furniture and decorative arts, and arms and armor. A recipient of the Pennsylvania Governor's Award for distinguished contribution to the Commonwealth, he is a noted author and has written on a vast array of topics relating to American furniture and decorative arts. Kindig is also an exhibitor at The 2008 Philadelphia Antiques Show. Admission to the awards dinner is \$85. For additional information or to reserve tickets, please call (203) 364-9913 or visit www.ADAdealers.com.

Sunday, April 13

The Independence Seaport Museum Tour and Breakfast will be held from 8:45 a.m. – Noon on Sunday, April 13, and will give attendees the opportunity to experience the region's maritime heritage while touring the Museum on the Delaware River at Penn's Landing. Attendees will enjoy a continental breakfast, chartered trolley ride and private guided tour. Guests will visit the working wooden boat shop before exploring the Museum's two National Historic Landmark ships – the 1892 cruiser *USS Olympia*, the world's oldest steel floating warship, Admiral Dewey's flagship in the Battle of Manila Bay, and the ship that carried the body of the Unknown Soldier from France to the United States; along with the submarine *USS Becuna*, an underwater combat veteran of World War II and the Cold War. Admission is \$40.

Guests can attend the McNeil Curator Lecture from 1:30 – 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, April 13 at The Navy Yard, given by Independence Seaport Museum Curator Craig Bruns. The lecture will focus on the marvelous stories behind each unique artifact displayed in the featured Loan Exhibit – *Fore & Aft – Philadelphia Collects Maritime*. Bruns' tales will reveal insights into Philadelphia's role as a principal port city and illuminate how deeply the maritime world reaches into our everyday world. Admission is \$30 and includes general admission and show catalogue. For an additional \$20, guests can add the Independence Seaport Museum Tour and Breakfast. Tickets are an additional \$10 for guests attending a Guided Show Tour.

Monday, April 14

Renowned antique dealers Diana H. Bittel and Alan Granby, who specialize in fine marine art and maritime antiques, will share their devotion to maritime culture during the Antiques Show's "Maritime Cruising with Diana Bittel and Alan Granby" lecture from 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. on Monday, April 14.

Diana Bittel of Diana H. Bittel Antiques specializes in American marine watercolors, British sailors' woolies, and sailors' shell valentines, elaborate tokens of love fashioned with tiny seashells. Her presentation will be interactive, affording attendees the opportunity to experience the texture of objects and see the intricacy of materials.

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Alan Granby of Hyland Granby Antiques will discuss his offerings of nautical artifacts including navigational instruments, ship models and scrimshaw. Granby brings to The Philadelphia Antiques Show museum-quality 18th and 19th century maritime antiques and paintings. His extensive knowledge is sought after by both private collectors and institutions. Admission is \$30 and includes general admission and show catalogue. Tickets are \$40 for guests also attending a Guided Show Tour.

Tuesday, April 15

“The Art of Fashion” by Neiman Marcus will present the department store’s Spring 2008 Collection from Noon – 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 15. Neiman Marcus of King of Prussia and The Philadelphia Antiques Show invite guests to enjoy a luncheon at the fashion show. Tickets are \$70 and include general admission and show catalogue. Tickets are \$80 for guests also attending a Guided Show Tour.

Ticket Information

General Admission tickets may be purchased by mail, online or at the door.

\$15 per person

\$12 per person by mail or online before April 1

\$12 per person 65 and over

\$12 per person for Navy Yard employees with ID and WHYY members with membership ID

\$ 7 per person for students, University of Pennsylvania Health System employees with ID

Dates and Hours

Saturday, April 12 11:00 am to 8:00 pm

Sunday, April 13 11:00 am to 6:00 pm

Monday, April 14 11:00 am to 4:00 pm

Tuesday, April 15 11:00 am to 8:00 pm

A Gala Preview Reception, to be held on Friday, April 11, 2008, from 4:30 – 10:00 pm at the Philadelphia Cruise Terminal at Pier One in The Navy Yard, will inaugurate the four-day show and sale.

Proceeds from the Show will be donated to the Penn Lung Center, which will be located in The Perelman Center for Advanced Medicine, scheduled to open in the fall of 2008. The Philadelphia Antiques Show is the major fundraiser for the University of Pennsylvania Health System (UPHS) and has raised more than \$15 million since 1962, supporting innovative programs with direct impact on patient care.

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For additional information or to reserve tickets for the Show or Gala Preview, please call 610-902-2109 or visit www.philaantiques.com. The Philadelphia Cruise Terminal at Pier One in The Navy Yard is located at 5100 South Broad Street in Philadelphia.

About The Philadelphia Antiques Show

The Philadelphia Antiques Show, celebrating its 47th anniversary, is the premier antiques and decorative arts show in the country featuring a large selection of American antiques. Since 1962, Show proceeds have contributed nearly \$15 million for the advancement of patient care at the University of Pennsylvania Health System. Organized by a committee of more than 250 volunteers, The Philadelphia Antiques Show features more than 50 of the nation's leading antiques dealers and fine art galleries. Each year visitors can also choose from a wide and varied schedule of special events. The presenting sponsor for the 2008 Show is The Haverford Trust Company. Visit The 2008 Philadelphia Antiques Show online at www.philaantiques.com.

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