## Antique Garden Furniture Show and Sale Returns to New York for 16th Year April 25, 26, and 27, 2008

## Benefit Preview Party and Collectors' Plant Sale, Thursday, April 24, from 6 to 8 p.m.

From Friday, April 25 to Sunday, April 27, 2008, The New York Botanical Garden will host its 16th annual *Antique Garden Furniture Show and Sale*. Show hours are from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Garden antique specialists will offer tours and lectures daily. As the country's original and most important venue for authentic, quality garden antiques, the show is a must for leading collectors. The event kicks off with a Benefit Preview Party and Collectors' Plant Sale, Thursday, April 24, from 6 to 8 p.m.

This year, the show's 36 exhibitors will feature more garden furniture than ever before with matched sets of tables and chairs in cast and wrought iron, as well as terra cotta, marble, stone, *faux bois*, and wicker. Objects in the show range from 1705 to the 1950s and include the finest antique fountains, statues, bird cages, benches, botanical prints, and rare gardening books. Paired urns and statue sets are abundant in this year's show, as are animal forms in multiples: flocks of storks, eagles, and other birds; packs of dogs, from bulldogs to greyhounds; herds of stags; a pride of lions; sphinxes; and plenty of cherubic putti.

Here are just some of the many highlights that visitors can expect from this year's *Antique Garden Furniture Show and Sale*.

- **Danielle Ann Millican, Inc.,** from Florham Park, New Jersey, one of the country's leading experts in botanical prints, features a spectacular suite from Maria Sybilla Merian's exquisitely illustrated *Metamorphosis Insectorum Surinamensium*, (Insects of Surinam). These hand-colored engravings, printed in Amsterdam in 1705, are among the most magnificent works on insects ever produced. Merian was the first person to depict insects and their host plant at various stages of their life cycles. A major exhibition currently in Amsterdam, *Maria Sibylla Merian & Daughters*, moves to the J. Paul Getty Museum in Los Angeles this summer.
- **Balsamo Antiques** from Pine Plains, New York, features a zinc-topped bird cage from France, circa 1940; a *faux bois* fountain and surround from Belgium, also circa 1940; and a pair of eagles and a carved stone bench made in England during the 19th century.
- Joan Bogart Antiques from Rockville Centre, New York, offers a 19th century, cast iron curved Regency garden bench, a rare 19th century French terra cotta set consisting of a table and two chairs with heavily carved leaves and fruits, an antique American wicker sewing basket circa 1890, a five-foot tall wrought iron bird figure by Robert Compson, and a marvelous wrought iron bistro set of four white chairs with carved green leaves in the back and a white round table with painted tole flowers.
- **Dean Antiques** from London, England, presents mid-20th century composite stone urns with original red finish, a pair of limestone lions from the 19th century, and much more.
- Fleur from Mount Kisco, New York, has a charming set of four *faux bois* twig chairs from 1920s France, among other items, all from France.

- **Barbara Israel Garden Antiques** from Katonah, New York, will have a forest-themed booth replete with statues of hunters and the hunted, including a composition stone lion, circa 1890, England.
- Kimball & Bean Architectural and Garden Antiques from Woodstock, Illinois, is the show's new exhibitor with 25 years' experience in garden antiques. The firm offers a range of signed and dated pieces with known provenance, including a pair of "flower-and-leaf" patterned cast iron urns with gryphon-form handles, circa 1880, New York City; an 11-foot-tall red sandstone female figure representing Knowledge from Scotland, 1906; and "Green Man" monolithic panels from a Coldwater, Michigan, courthouse built in 1887.
- Judith and James Milne from New York City, brings an assortment of fountains, as well as a number of cast stone figures of storks and dogs; a cast iron pair of greyhounds circa 1860; and a cast stone pagoda originally from an estate in Philadelphia, circa 1920.
- Aileen Minor Antiques from Centreville, Maryland, offers a pair of lead statues of Pan with pipes, a rare 19th century cast iron urn with a relief bust of George Washington with laurel wreath, a 19th century pair of lead lions from England, a carved stone bulldog head, a Lily of the Valley cast iron garden set, a Galloway sundial, and a cast iron horse head hitching post from Philadelphia circa 1850.
- **Francis J. Purcell, Inc.,** from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, exhibits a marble fountain depicting three young boys and a boy with a fish signed by 19th century Florentine artist "P. Bozzanti," circa 1900; a pair of Continental white marble urns, circa 1900, styled after the Medici urn; a cast iron octagonal tilt-top table with the top decorated with an original oil painting of Warwick Castle from England, circa 1880; and a Classical Revival marble statue of a nymph with naturalistic robes, circa 1900. American pieces include a cast iron and glass octagonal aquarium, circa 1880; a cast iron statue of an eagle, circa 1880; and a cast iron stag head from the 20th century.
- Joseph Stannard Antiques from Norfolk, Connecticut, features an elegant group of 19th century lead figures representing the Four Seasons: Spring is depicted holding a nest of baby birds, the mother at her ankle; Summer gaily dances, a floral wreath high above her head; Autumn admires a butterfly on her wrist, an overflowing cornucopia at her feet; and Winter enfolds herself in graceful drapery.
- Linda & Howard Stein from Bridgehampton, New York, present terra-cotta figures of maidens, and a terra cotta pair of Four Season figures from Italy, late-19th century.
- Marianne Stikas of New York, New York, and Kent, Connecticut, offers a wood and zinc mirror from France, 19th century, and a pair of iron 1950s garden chairs from Italy.
- **The Thompson Studio** from Berwyn, Pennsylvania, features a theme of "Terra Cotta in the Garden" as well as a number of other items, including a 19th century Rococo Revival rose garden filigree bench with rear cabriolet legs, a pair of cast iron piazza garden chairs from Philadelphia, 19th century, and a pair of stone and old blue paint putti musicians playing cymbals and flute from a Maine estate, made in the early 20th century.
- **Village Braider Antiques** from Plymouth, Massachusetts, offers a late-19th century Vicenza limestone statue of Diana, and an American white terra-cotta winged leopard bench.

Expert lectures and tours (complimentary with show admission) include **Beau Kimball**, *From the Wrecking Ball to the Garden Party: Using Antique Architectural Elements in the Garden*; **Anne Rowe** on *Care and Feeding of Antique Garden Tools*; **Barbara Israel** on *Appropriate Ornament for Your Garden Type*; and a walking tour, led by the show director, **Catherine Sweeney Singer**, *Pompeii to Today: Sources and Style in Garden Ornament*. The Antique Garden Furniture Show and Sale takes place in a tent surrounded by flowering trees, plants, and shrubs outside the landmark Enid A. Haupt Conservatory. The fee of \$20 for adults, \$18 for seniors, and \$7 for children for an All-Garden Pass includes access to the show, Botanical Garden grounds, Enid A. Haupt Conservatory, Rock Garden, Native Plant Garden, Tram Tour, and Everett Children's Adventure Garden. Advance tickets are available online at www.nybg.org

Preview Party ticket prices start at \$200 per person and offer enthusiasts and collectors the opportunity to view the antiques and plants, make early purchases, and enjoy cocktails and hors d'oeuvres. For Preview Party tickets and information, please call 718.817.8885.

Visitors will also have the opportunity to see the opening weekend of *Darwin's Garden: An Evolutionary Adventure*, exhibitions of living plants and historical documents in three Botanical Garden venues: the Enid A. Haupt Conservatory, LuEsther T. Mertz Library gallery, and Everett Children's Adventure Garden, plus an "evolutionary tour" of living plants demonstrating key points on the evolutionary tree of life. The exhibition will paint a portrait of Darwin as a naturalist and plantsman and will show how Darwin's botanical experiments and discoveries helped shape his contributions to the understanding of life in general. The exhibition runs through June 15 in the Conservatory, through June 29 in the Children's Adventure Garden, and through July 20 in the Library gallery.

The Antique Garden Furniture Show and Sale is the ideal venue for learning about garden antiques and building personal collections.

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The New York Botanical Garden is a museum of plants located at Bronx River Parkway (Exit 7W) and Fordham Road. It is easy to reach by Metro-North Railroad or subway. The Botanical Garden is open year-round, Tuesday through Sunday and Monday federal holidays. The Garden is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The best way to enjoy the Garden is with the *All-Garden Pass*, which includes admission to the grounds as well as to seasonal gardens, exhibitions, and attractions such as the Enid A. Haupt Conservatory, Everett Children's Adventure Garden, Rock and Native Plant Gardens, and Tram Tour: \$20 for adults, \$18 for seniors and students with ID, \$7 for children ages 2–12, Members and children under 2 are free. (APRIL 8–24 ONLY: \$13 for adults, \$11 for seniors and students with ID, \$5 for children ages 2–12, Members and children under 2 are free.) A *Grounds-Only Pass* is available: \$6 for adults, \$5 for adult Bronx Residents; \$3 for seniors, \$2 for students with ID, \$1 for children ages 2–12, children under 2 are free. Grounds-only admission is free all day on Wednesdays and from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturdays. For more information, please call 718.817.8700 or visit www.nybg.org

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## 2008 Exhibitor Listing

Kate A. Alex and Co.	Warner, N.H.	
Ani Ancient Stone	New York, N.Y.	www.aniancientstone.com
Avant Garden Ltd.	Pound Ridge, N.Y.	www.avantgardenltd.com
Balsamo Antiques	Pine Plains, N.Y.	www.balsamoant.com
Eleanor & David Billet Antiques LLC	New York, N.Y. www.eleanoranddavidbilletantiques.com	
Joan Bogart Antiques	Rockville Centre, N.Y.	www.joanbogart.com
Brennan & Mouilleseaux	Northfield, Conn.	
Dawn Hill Antiques	New Preston, Conn.	www.dawnhillantiques.com
Dean Antiques	London, England	-
Antique American Wicker	Nashua, N.H.	
Margaret Doyle	Cumberland Foreside, Maine	
Joan Evans Antiques	Lambertville, N.J.	
Finnegan Gallery	Chicago, Ill.	www.finnegangallery.com
Fleur	Mount Kisco, N.Y.	www.fleur-newyork.com
Jeffrey Henkel	Pennington, N.J.	
Barbara Israel Garden Antiques	Katonah, N.Y.	www.bi-gardenantiques.com
Kimball & Bean Architectural and Garden Antiques	Woodstock, Ill.	www.kimballandbean.com
Danielle Ann Millican, Inc	Florham Park, N.J.	www.DanielleAnnMillican.com
Judith and James Milne	New York, N.Y.	www.milneantiques.com
Aileen Minor Antiques	Centreville, Md.	www.aileenminor.com
Mark Morris	Wadsworth, Ohio	
Francis J. Purcell, Inc.	Philadelphia, Pa.	www.francisjpurcell.com
Debra Queen	South Dartmouth, Mass.	
R.T. Facts Antiques	Kent, Conn.	www.rtfacts.com
Shop in the Garden	Bronx, N.Y.	
Joseph Stannard Antiques	Norfolk, Conn.	www.josephstannard.com
Linda & Howard Stein	Bridgehampton, N.Y.	www.lindahowardstein.com
Jef & Terri Steingrebe	New London, N.H.	
Marianne Stikas	New York, N.Y. & Kent, Conn.	
The Sugarplum	Wilmot, N.H.	
The Thompson Studio Garden Antiques	Berwyn, Pa.	www.thethompsonstudio.com
Michael Trapp Inc.	West Cornwall, Conn.	
Treillage Ltd.	New York, N.Y.	www.treillageny.com
Trifles	Bath, Maine	
Village Braider Antiques	Plymouth, Mass.	www.villagebraider.com
Bob & Debbie Withington	York, Maine	