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***Antique Garden Furniture Show and Sale,* America's Original, Oldest, and Longest Running Garden Antiques Show, Returns to The New York Botanical Garden for 20th Year April 27–29, 2012**

Benefit Preview Party and Collectors' Plant Sale, Thursday, April 26, from 6 to 8 p.m.

From Friday, April 27 to Sunday, April 29, 2012, The New York Botanical Garden will host its *Antique Garden Furniture Show and Sale*, now in its 20th year. Show hours are from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

As the country's original and most important venue for authentic garden antiques, the show is a must for leading collectors and designers as well as buyers seeking expert advice.

The show opens with a Benefit Preview Party and Collectors' Plant Sale on Thursday, April 26, from 6 to 8 p.m., sponsored by *Istdibs*. Garden antique specialists will offer tours and booth talks daily as well as assist buyers looking for the perfect piece to complement a garden, landscape, or interior. Complimentary tastings--tea from **Bellocq Tea Atelier** and **Mighty Leaf Tea Company**, wine from **The Naked Grape**, and chocolate from **The Chocolate Room**--will celebrate the show's 20th anniversary. Special presentations on Friday, Saturday and Sunday include French inspired floral designs, pots inspired by Tuscan traditions, the secrets of artisanal teas, and a book signing with *In The Garden*'s author **Stacy Bass**, as well as special activities for very young collectors throughout the weekend.

This year's exhibitors feature antique cast iron and marble fountains, antique wicker furniture, cast iron and stone garden seating, statues, urns and vases, bird cages and bird baths, gates, antiquarian books on gardens, and architectural ornament. Most objects date from the late 18th century through the mid-1950s and include American, French, Swedish, Italian, Belgian, and English pieces. Massive terra-cotta oil jars—one ancient Roman, one mid-19th century—a garden by the sea, and French-themed booths are among this year's highlights.

The 2012 exhibitors who exhibited in the first *Antique Garden Furniture Show and Sale* in 1993 are **Barbara Israel Garden Antiques**, **Aileen Minor Antiques**, and **Schorr & Dobinsky**; of these, **Barbara Israel** and **Aileen Minor** have exhibited each year. New exhibitors are **Côté Jardin Antiques** of West Palm Beach, FL and Washington, D.C., **Scott Estep Gallery** of Cincinnati, OH, **Hamptons Antique Galleries** of Stamford, CT, and **Potterton Books** of London, England, New York, NY, and West Hollywood, CA.



*Barbara Israel Garden Antiques.
Lead fountain figure.*

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Among the highlights of this year's show are colorful 1920s pendant lights and a bright red early 20th century elevator door at **Ani Ancient Stone**. A set of c. 1915 close woven wicker furnishings with Arts and Crafts woven decoration is at **Antique American Wicker**. One of the earliest objects is a custom copper armillary made in France, c. 1720 at **Balsamo Antiques**.

Eleanor and David Billet have an English c. 1930 cast stone lion fountain face, **Blithewold Home** has a set of six cast zinc French 19th century garden chairs, and a cast iron 19th century "Passion Flower" bench is at **Joan Bogart Antiques**. A Lily-Of-The-Valley pattern cast iron settee, c.1870, marked "C B Dale Co" from the Coalbrookdale Foundry in England is at **Brennan & Mouilleseaux Antiques**.



Aileen Minor. Pair of antique dragon sculptures.

Four exhibitors feature garden antiques from France. At **Côté Jardin Antiques** a rare cast iron fountain in working condition of a boy holding a swan was made in 1875 at the renowned A. Durenne of Sommevoire foundry outside Paris. Also from France is a c. 1900 oval iron garden bench with a piecrust seat at **Dawn Hill Antiques**. **Fleur** shows primarily objects from France and also has a 19th century Louis XV style pair of zinc architectural finials from a dismantled castle outside of Geneva. **French Country Living Antiques** has life-sized carved stone deer, 19th century, from the woodland area or *bois* of the gardens of a chateau in the Loire valley.

Barbara Israel Garden Antiques exhibits a c. 1940 English lead fountain figure in the form of a young maiden holding a fish aloft, the fish piped for water, the maiden with a floral garlands running through her hair, her upper body supported by a base of stylized petals.

Judith and James Milne, Inc. show a 1920s metal weeping willow tree with three birds on branches from a private collection. Celebrating the Chinese Year of the Dragon, **Aileen Minor** has a pair of cast stone antique dragon sculpture from a Main Line Philadelphia estate. Also from Philadelphia is an 1871 cast iron three-tiered fountain depicting Pan at **Francis J. Purcell**, with patent and maker's marks: PATENTED APRIL 11TH 1871; the basin is marked: C.HITZEROTH 3124 MARKET ST PHILADELPHIA.

Red Horse Antiques has a pair of c. 1930 six-foot-high sculptural wrought iron garden obelisks with flared tops. **Rose Garden Antiques** will show a section of *faux bois* pieces, including a set of four barrel stone *faux bois* chairs and round table with a twisted branch form support. At **Schorr & Dobinsky**, a group of five 19th century cast iron jardinières made in France have exceptional oxidized surfaces and bear foundry mark 'CORNEAU ALFRED A CHARLEVILLE': four are marked 'No 2' and one marked 'No 3'. **Linda & Howard Stein** will exhibit a large selection of Galloway urns and planters, including a tall glazed urn with unique deep blue decoration.

The most antique object in this year's show is likely the massive terracotta oil jar at **Village Braider Antiques**. Measuring 69" high and 63" in diameter at its widest point, the jar is thought to be ancient Roman. Presented to Catherine L. Wolfe of Vinland in Newport on June 22, 1884, the oil jar is reputed to have been discovered in a 30-foot deep excavation at the church of St. Paul's Outside the Walls, Rome, which would date the jar earlier than the original 4th century church. A second massive Italian terracotta oil jar can be found at **Barbara Israel Garden Antiques**: c. 1870, the jar has a wrought-iron stand and measures 49" high and 48" in diameter.

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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.



French Country Living Antiques. Carved stone deer.

The *Antique Garden Furniture Show and Sale* is the ideal venue for learning about garden antiques and building personal collections. On site shippers are available to assist with tri-state deliveries throughout the show and other shipping needs.

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 Garden is open year-round, Tuesday through Sunday and Monday federal holidays, 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 Garden, and Tram Tour: \$20 for adults, \$18 for seniors and students with ID, \$10 for children ages 2–12, free for children under 2. A *Grounds-Only Pass* is also available: \$10 for adults, \$5 for seniors and students with ID, \$2 for children ages 2–12, free for children under 2. Grounds-only admission is free all day on Wednesdays and from 10 to 11 a.m. on Saturdays. For more information, please call [718.817.8700](tel:718.817.8700) or visit nybg.org.

The New York Botanical Garden, 2900 Southern Boulevard, Bronx, New York 10458

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AGF 2012 Exhibitors by Alphabetical Order

Exhibitor	Location	Web site
Kate A. Alex & Co.	Warner, N.H.	
Ani Ancient Stone	East Hampton, N.Y.	www.aniantientstone.com
Antique American Wicker	Nashua, N.H.	www.antiqueamericanwicker.com
Balsamo Antiques	New York, N.Y. and Pine Plains, N.Y.	www.balsamoantiques.com
Eleanor and David Billet Antiques LLC	New York, N.Y.	www.eleanoranddavidbilletantiques.com
Blithewold Home	Mount Kisco, N.Y.	www.blithewoldhome.com
Joan Bogart Antiques	Oceanside, N.Y.	www.joanbogart.com
Brennan & Mouilleseaux Antiques	Northfield, Conn.	www.antiqueslectic.com
Côté Jardin Antiques	Washington, D.C. and West Palm Beach, Fla.	www.cotejardinantiques.com
Dawn Hill Antiques	New Preston, Conn.	www.dawnhillantiques.com
Margaret Doyle	Annisquam, Mass.	
Scott Estepp Gallery	Cincinnati, Ohio	
Finnegan Gallery	Chicago, Ill.	www.finnegangallery.com
Fleur	Mount Kisco, N.Y.	www.fleur-newyork.com
French Country Living Antiques Ltd.	Mougins, France	www.frenchcountrylivingantiques.com
Hamptons Antiques Galleries	Stamford, Conn.	www.hamptonsantiquesgalleries.com
Jeffrey Henkel	Pennington, N.J.	-
Barbara Israel Garden Antiques	Katonah, N.Y.	www.bi-gardenantiques.com
Judith & James Milne, Inc.	New York, N.Y.	www.milneantiques.com
Aileen Minor Antiques	Centreville, Md.	www.aileenminor.com
Potterton Booka	London, England & New York, N.Y.	www.pottertonbooksusa.com
Francis J. Purcell, Inc.	Philadelphia, Pa.	www.francisjpurcell.com
R.T. Facts Antiques	Kent, Conn.	www.rtfacts.com
The Red Horse Antiques	Bridgewater, Vt.	www.theredhorseantiques.com
Rose Garden Antiques and Design	Red Hook, N.Y.	www.rosegardenantiques.com
Schorr & Dobinsky	East Hampton, N.Y.	www.schorranddobinsky.com
Shop in the Garden	Bronx, N.Y.	www.nybgshop.com
Linda & Howard Stein	Solebury, Pa.	www.bridgehamptonantiques.com
The Sugarplum	Wilmot, N.H.	-
Village Braider Antiques	Plymouth, Mass.	www.villagebraider.com
Bob and Debbie Withington Antiques	York, Maine	-