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# Antique Garden Furniture Fair: Antiques for the Garden and the Garden Room at The New York Botanical Garden April 24–26, 2015

Benefit Preview Party and Collectors' Plant Sale, Thursday, April 23; 6-8 p.m.

New This Year: Young Collectors' Evening on Saturday, April 25; 6-8 p.m.

From Friday, April 24, through Sunday, April 26, 2015, The New York Botanical Garden hosts its 23rd annual garden ornament show, *Antique Garden Furniture Fair: Antiques for the Garden and the Garden Room*. Visitors can enjoy the Fair from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day.

The country's original, largest, and most important venue for authentic garden antiques features more than 30 leading exhibitors offering their finest pieces for sale, displaying centuries of classic design inspiration gathered from across the United States and Europe. The Fair is a must for leading collectors and designers as well as buyers seeking professional advice. Named the "Best in America" by the experts and long held as the most renowned stage for authentic garden antiques and rarities, the annual Fair showcases fascinating antique furnishings and objects, an expansive collection of ornament, decorative art, and timeless furniture for the home and garden.



Visitors to the Fair can browse and buy unique items of the highest quality and provenance, including fountains, sundials, statues, bird baths, gates, garden benches, antique wicker, urns and planters, botanical prints, and architectural ornament. Additionally, there will be exhibitors offering an array of interesting ways to bring the outdoors inside by creating garden rooms in your home.

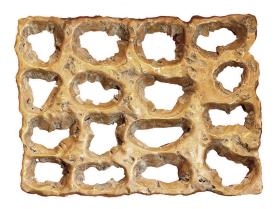
Highlights this year from the exhibitors include stunning sculptures and pieces from notable estates and collections. **Aileen Minor** offers a lead statue of a shepherd with crook after the 18th-century sculptor John Cheere (1709-1787) from the "Penderyn" estate in Queenstown, Maryland, built for the son of Ettore "Hector" Boiardi (famed "Chef Boyardee").

**Firehouse Antiques** showcases an elegant applique or sconce designed by Serge Roche (1898-1988), circa 1937. Made of reinforced plaster with applied patina, it is in its original condition including three ceramic sockets, and comes from an important New York collection of pre-World War II furniture and accessories.

**Village Braider Antiques** has a pair of granite lanterns from the estate built in 1873 from native granite for the former Rhode Island Governor Augustus O. Born by architect James Renwick.

**David Bell Antiques** brings a monumental bronze sculpture by American artist Valerian Rybar, circa 1970. This is a one of a kind piece, designed by Rybar, that hung in his New York City townhouse. It can be used indoors or out.

New exhibitor **American Garage** has a large-scale granite head of a woman, circa 1860, carved in great detail and reminiscent of the Goddess of Liberty, removed from the Green Family Estate at Mirror Lake, the former Camp Wood Crest, in the Berkshires, Massachusetts.



**Barbara Israel Garden Antiques** has an amazing selection, including an important pair of English carved Bath stone armorial hounds from the early 18<sup>th</sup> century in the naive style, with heads raised and mouths agape, with fur, collars, and chains realistically rendered.

Other items of interest include a rare Salterini double chaise lounge from a collection of Salterini pieces available from **Joan Bogart**. **Judith and James Milne At Home Antiques** offers a pair of pineapple finials circa 1930, cast stone in a wonderful patina, from an estate in Surrey, England. **Greg K. Kramer & Co.** presents some whimsical and outstanding pieces, such as a life-size cast iron deer on a base, and a metal mushroom garden seat.

The Fair opens with a **Benefit Preview Party and Collectors' Plant Sale** on Thursday, April 23, from 6 to 8 p.m. The Preview Party is attended by more than 500 guests from the philanthropic, interior and landscape design, architecture, and art worlds. Preview attendees will enjoy a fabulous Silent Auction and Collector's Plant Sale featuring one-of-a-kind plants. All proceeds directly support the work of the curators and gardeners who are responsible for making The New York Botanical Garden one of the most important horticultural showplaces in the world.

At the Preview Party this year, famed decorator **Bunny Williams** will be available to sign her new book, *On Garden Style*. She will also showcase a personally designed garden setting using items from Fair exhibitors to inspire guests to enhance their spaces with antiques.

New this year, the Show features a **Young Collectors' Evening** on Saturday, April 25, from 6 to 8 p.m. Up-and-coming designers and those with an eye for style can sip a complimentary cocktail, get expert advice from the antique dealers in a relaxed atmosphere, enjoy the sounds of a string quartet, and participate in an exclusive tour by the Show Director to help visualize new ways of looking at these wonderful antiques and ways of using them in your own home. Food and beverages will be available for purchase from Stephen STARR Events. Special Event tickets are required.

Admission to the *Antique Garden Furniture Fair* on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday is included with the *All-Garden Pass*. Experts will be on-hand to answer questions on current decorating styles daily. They will also discuss trends in the appreciation and acquisition of garden ornament as well as assist buyers looking for the perfect piece to complement a garden, landscape, or interior.

Located at the entrance to the *Antique Garden Furniture Fair*, a Garden Room features a Specialty Plant Sale with an extensive selection of unusual, colorful plants representing some of horticulture's finest growers. A variety of shrubs and trees, including Japanese maples, Itoh peonies and other perennials, as well as annuals and herbs will be available. Here, refreshments will be available for purchase, and an afternoon tea service will be hosted, accompanied by live music performed by classically trained artists.



The Antique Garden Furniture Fair takes place in a tent amid the flowering trees, plants, and shrubs outside the landmark Enid A. Haupt Conservatory. Please visit our Web site for information about the All-Garden Pass, which includes access to the Fair, Botanical Garden grounds, Enid A. Haupt Conservatory, Everett Children's Adventure Garden, and Tram Tour. Advance tickets are available online at nybg.org

The Preview Party offers 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 718.817.8773 or e-mail cbalkonis@nybg.org

The Antique Garden Furniture Fair 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 Fair and other shipping needs in the weeks following.

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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 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, and Tram Tour. For ticket prices, please check our Web site. For more information, please call 718.817.8700 or visit nybg.org

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

The New York Botanical Garden is located on property owned in full by the City of New York, and its operation is made possible in part by public funds provided through the New York City Department of Cultural Affairs. A portion of the Garden's general operating funds is provided by The New York City Council and The New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation. The Bronx Borough President and Bronx elected representatives in the City Council and State Legislature provide leadership funding.

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## 2015 Exhibitor Listing

American Garage Los Angeles, Calif. (americangarageantiques.com)

Antediluvian Lake Placid, N.Y. (antediluvian.biz)

Arader Galleries

New York, N.Y. & Philadelphia, Pa. (aradergalleries.com)

Balsamo

New York, N.Y. & Pine Plains, N.Y. (balsamoant.com)

David Bell Antiques

Washington, D.C. (1stdibs.com/dealers/david-bell/)

Blithewold Home Mount Kisco, N.Y. (blithewoldhome.com)

Joan Bogart Oceanside, N.Y. (joanbogart.com)

Brennan & Mouilleseaux

Cherry Gallery

Cottage & Camp

Northfield, Conn. (antiqueseclectic.com)

Damariscotta, Maine (cherrygallery.com)

Philadelphia, Pa. (cottagecamp.com)

Scott Estepp Gallery

Cincinnati, Ohio (scottesteppgallery.1stdibs.com)

Fine Antique Prints Wayne, Pa. (fineantiqueprints.com)
Finnegan Gallery Chicago, Ill. (finnegangallery.com)

Firehouse Antiques Galena, Md. (galenaantiquedistrict.com/firehouseantiques.html)

Fleur Mount Kisco, N.Y. (<u>fleur-newyork.com</u>)

Hamptons Antique Galleries Stamford, Conn. (<u>hamptonsantiquegalleries.com</u>)

Jeffrey Henkel Pennington, N.J.

Barbara Israel Garden Antiques Katonah, N.Y. (bi-gardenantiques.com)
Greg K. Kramer & Co. Robesonia, Pa. (gregkramerandco.com)

Judith and James Milne At Home Antiques New York, N.Y. & Kingston, N.Y. (milneantiques.com)

Aileen Minor Centreville, Md. (aileenminor.com)

More & More Antiques New York, N.Y. (moreandmoreantiquesnyc.com)

Pagoda Red Chicago, Ill. (pagodared.com)

Francis J. Purcell Inc.

Philadelphia, Pa. (francisjpurcell.com)
The Red Horse Antiques
Schorr & Dobinsky

Bridgewater, Vt. (theredhorseantiques.com)
Bridgehampton, N.Y. (schorranddobinsky.com)

Shop in the Garden Bronx, N.Y. (<u>nybgshop.org</u>)

Linda & Howard Stein Solebury, Pa. (bridgehamptonantiques.com)

The Sugarplum Wilmot, N.H.

Village Braider Antiques Plymouth, Mass. (villagebraider.com)

Bob Withington Antiques York, Maine (withingtonandcompanyantiques.com)

## Antique Garden Furniture Fair Public Programs

Preview Party, Thursday, April 23, 2015 (Special Events)
Fair and Plant Sale, Friday, April 24–Sunday, April 26, 2015; 10 a.m.–5 p.m.

In the Conservatory Tent

### **Ongoing, Daily Activities**

- Garden antiques and sculpture for sale by 30+ exhibitors, displayed in the theme of "Garden Rooms"
- Plant Sale with new spring items sourced by Shop in the Garden featuring specialty plants from high end growers throughout the metropolitan region.
- Q&A with antique and plant experts (all day)

## **Special Programs**

- Opening Day Events (April 24)
  - o Member discounts on food sales and Shop items (including featured plants)
  - o Plant Sale

#### • Live Music

Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, 2–4 p.m.

Conservatory Tent Plant Shop

Enjoy refreshments and live classical music performed by a string quartet.

Stephen STARR Events offers refreshments for sale directly at the show for your convenience.

**The Dolce Ensemble** amazing repertoire developed over the 15 years of performing together, ranges from the classics to rock. They have most recently given recitals at Bethlehem Music Fest and at The Planting Fields Arboretum, in Coe Mansion. www.dolcevitastrings.com

## • Young Collectors' Evening

Saturday, April 25; 6 - 8 p.m.

Conservatory Tent

Enjoy a magical evening among the wonderful objects, strolling through the show's "Garden Rooms" as you sip a complimentary cocktail. Get expert advice from the antique dealers and enjoy an exclusive tour by the Show Director to help you visualize new ways of looking at antiques and ways of using them in your own home. Food and beverages will be available for purchase from Stephen STARR Events.

The sounds of a string quartet welcome you to this event, which is a perfect way to enjoy the cocktail hour without the crowds before going out to dinner.

- o Separate Ticket (\$35); about 200 people expected
- o One complimentary glass of champagne
- o Cash Bar and refreshments for purchase
- o Tour with Show Director & Exhibitor
  - "Looking at old things in new ways-bringing the outdoors in" with Karen DiSaia
  - "Let's give them something to talk about–Interesting objects and the stories they tell" with Eric Kramer, young designer of Greg Kramer and Co.
- o Live Music with String quartet, The Dolce Ensemble

