



Connecticut Antiques Spring Show Fact Sheet

The Connecticut Antiques Spring Show – now in its 47th year – is the premier regional event for high-end early Americana dealers and collectors. More than 1,000 people from New England, New York and New Jersey attended last year's show.



The 2020 show will be held Saturday and Sunday March 21st and 22nd at the historic Hartford Armory, 360 Broad Street, Hartford, CT. More than 40 of the nation's best antique and art dealers are expected to show an eclectic mix of furniture, folk art, fine art, and other decorative arts objects.

For the first time, the 2020 event will feature content aimed at owners of antique homes including exhibits and presentations by vendors who specialize in renovating, preserving and decorating 18th and early 19th century homes. Antique homes are an important part of Connecticut's cultural heritage. The Antique Show is committed to educating the public about the importance of preserving these unique living historical treasures.

The Antiques show will also feature participation by area museums and nonprofits including the Wadsworth Museum and the Connecticut Historical Society. Last year, the Wadsworth Museum offered a private curated tour for show attendees. The show also will partner with local historical societies to promote the event.

Admission is \$15 and free parking is available next to the Armory.

The show is highly popular among attendees -- 77% of the 2019 attendees say they will attend the 2020 show. A quarter of attendees purchased an antique and another 32% said they were thinking about making a purchase. And, of those who bought something, 25% spent more than \$1000.

The Connecticut Spring Antiques Show was founded in 1973 by the late Frances Walker Phipps, who with Betty Forbes was responsible for establishing it as one of the country's most important venues of authentic early American furniture. A long time Higganum resident, Miss Phipps wrote about antiques for The Hartford Times and New York Times and published many important works including "The Collector's Complete Dictionary of American Antiques" and "Colonial Kitchens, Their Furnishings and Gardens." Miss Phipps was also a founding member of the Haddam Historical Society and was instrumental in the restoration of the Thankful Arnold House Museum.

The Connecticut Spring Show is a benefit for the Thankful Arnold House Museum and Haddam Historical Society. Additional information is available at www.ctspringshow.com. Or contact Elizabeth Malloy at director@haddamhistory.org or 860-345-2400.