

# Miami Beach Antique Show readies fans for indoor nirvana

## Worthpoint providing free appraisal services

MIAMI – U.S. Antique Shows, a major producer of antique shows in North America, announced it will host its 52nd Annual Original Miami Beach Antique Show at the Miami Beach Convention Center on Jan. 31-Feb. 4, 2013.

Best known as the world's largest indoor antique show, the event features 900 established dealers from 22 countries, including an additional 100 new exhibitors in the Jewelry Ballroom, which opened last year.

For the second consecutive year, WorthPoint will be sponsoring two Appraisal Days, which will be held Feb. 2-3 from noon-5 p.m. Each show attendee, with a valid ticket, will have the opportunity to bring one item for valuation by a Worthologist – a WorthPoint subject-matter expert. Worthologists will give verbal appraisals of each item's fair market value.

"We are very excited to be partnering with The Original Miami Beach Antique Show for a second year," says Will Seippel, founder and CEO of WorthPoint Corp. "To be able to offer free appraisal services during the show is a great honor for us, as educating antique enthusiasts and the general public on how to be even more savvy when buying or selling antiques is one of our company's main goals."

"In its 52nd year, The Original Miami Beach Antique Show continues to provide attendees with a unique shopping experience and highlights a vast variety of categories found in the antique industry," said Dan Darby, group fair director.

"With continued support from WorthPoint, we are able to offer our attendees access to Worthpoint's online technology, and further educate them on antique valuation."

This show is must-attend for serious collectors, museum curators, gallery owners and anyone with an interest in

antiques and history. Items range from 17th–19th century furniture, American and European silver to antique jewelry and watches from the Renaissance to Art Deco eras.

To help educate the antique collecting community, The Original Miami Beach Antique Show also will host several special sessions throughout the duration of the show including:

- Luxe Interiors + Design will host a panel discussion with the editors of Luxe Interiors + Design on Thursday, Jan. 31 at 2 p.m. in Room C222.
- The Association for the Study of Jewelry & Related Arts will host a session led by co-director Elyse Zorn Karlin titled, "Jewelry of the American First Ladies," on Friday, Feb. 1 at 2 p.m. in Room C222.
- WorthPoint will host an informative session led by Will Seippel, CEO and founder of WorthPoint, "Demystifying Antiques: The Basics of Antique Collecting," on Saturday, Feb. 2 and Sunday, Feb. 3 at 1 p.m.
- The Fine Arts Conservancy will host an in-depth discussion on antique restoration led by Gordon Lewis on antique restoration Feb. 2-3 at 4 p.m. each day in Room C222.

To continue with the show's philanthropic community efforts, this year's charity raffle will benefit Paws 4 You Rescue Inc. This Miami-based non-profit, volunteer, donor-subsidized animal rescue organization's top priority is to save animals from euthanasia at Miami-Dade Animal Services.

Show times are noon-8 p.m. on Jan. 31-Feb. 3 and noon-6 p.m. on Feb. 4. Admission is \$20 to attend all four days. For more information about the show or to purchase tickets, call 239-732-6642 or visit [www.MiamiBeachAntiqueShows.com](http://www.MiamiBeachAntiqueShows.com). ■

## New jewelry show slated for new year

NEW JERSEY – Allison Kohler of JMK Shows announces a new jewelry show in New York City Jan. 19-20, 2013, which coincides with the first weekend of "Antiques Week," New York's celebration of antiques and fine art that takes place every January.

The venue for the show will be the Pratt Mansions Fifth Avenue, which is located directly across the street from the Metropolitan Museum of Art and faces Central Park. The interior of this Belle Epoch landmark structure has a varied and stylish assortment of settings, from a sweeping staircase to a wood-paneled receiving room, elegant ballroom and formal parlor.

Featured will be 25 vendors showing magnificent antique, estate, vintage, costume and designer jewelry. In addition, there will be some ladies' accessories, such as handbags and other feminine fancies on display.

"I always have an abundance of jewelry dealers asking to participate in my events," Kohler said. "When I added the April New York City show at the Bohemian National Hall, the jewelry dealers were calling me to see if I had any booths available. Because I didn't want more than a few jewelry dealers in that show, I decided to initiate an all-jewelry show. I think that holding it during the first weekend of Antiques Week in New York is a great way for people to start their shopping week."

"There is a need on the part of both the customer and the exhibitor for this type of event, and we saw a window of opportunity, and are thrilled to be filling this need."

The show will be held two times a year, with a second date in November.

Show hours are Saturday, January 19, 11-7 p.m. and Sunday, January 20, 11-5 p.m. For more information, contact JMK Shows and Events, 6 Pilgrim Dr., Succasunna, NJ 07876, call 973-927-2794 or visit [www.jmkshows.com](http://www.jmkshows.com). ■