

Preview September 11 Opens ADA Show



Jesse and Carol Goldberg of North Salem, N.Y. are among the members of the Antiques Dealers' Association of America and will be taking part in the ADA Show in White Plains, September 12-13.

NORTH SALEM, N.Y. — Antiques dealers Jesse and Carol Goldberg will soon be packing up the best of their Federal furniture and American paintings and heading for White Plains. No, this husband and wife team have not decided that life on their horse farm is too bucolic. They are exhibiting their wares at the Westchester County Center in White Plains on September 12-13 at one of the country's finest shows of American antiques.

The Goldbergs are members of the Antiques Dealers' Association of America (ADA), the non-profit organization of dealers who care about fostering integrity and authenticity in the antiques trade. Every year this group gathers in White Plains for a major show.

The difference between this show and other antiques shows is that the ADA is vetted by the dealers themselves. The dealers

spend days getting the whole show set up and then take the afternoon off. Committees of experts, both association members and from outside, look at every object and its label. If the vetting committee does not agree that the object is appropriately identified, the dealer must relabel it or remove it from the floor before the show opens to the public.

What vetting means to collectors is that they can buy antiques with confidence at the ADA show. Not only do they know that their purchase has been reviewed by a panel of experts, but they also know that an ADA guarantee stands behind each member's sales.

Collectors can always learn something useful, too, because the association is committed to education. This year on Saturday, September 12, at 3 pm, a panel composed of experts from the various vetting committees will present a symposium on "Buying Antiques With Confidence: The Principles and Practice of Vetting." The discussion is included in the \$8 show admission.

Show hours are Saturday, September 12, 11 am to 8 pm and Sunday, September 13, noon to 5 pm. For those who are eager to get a jump on the crowds, a preview party on Friday, September 11, 4-9 pm, benefits Historic Hudson Valley. Tickets are \$35 for the preview only, or \$125 for the preview and dinner at a collector's home.

The Westchester County Center is located at the intersection of the Bronx River Parkway and Central Park Avenue in White Plains, exit 5 off I-287. For preview information call (914)631-8200. For general show information, call (203)259-3844.

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