

# A Man Who Knows His Stuff Leads a Quest for Antiques

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**C**HRISS JUSSEL knows his antiques.

He is, after all, the former host of the "Antiques Roadshow" program on PBS Television.

And he also knows Westchester; he is a 17-year resident of Bedford.

So who better to lead a Saturday morning exploration of Mr. Jussel's favorite sources of antiques in northern Westchester?

On to North Salem and Artemis Gallery, where an 1850 farmhouse is home to Jesse and Carol Goldberg's collection of American Federal furniture, decorative arts and paintings.

"This is handmade formal furniture that well-to-do people had in their homes in cities, made between 1790 and 1830," Mr. Goldberg said. "We live here, and you could buy our dining room table right now. It's a rare Sheraton-style mahogany table

with stencil decoration, 1815 to 1820, in perfect condition with the original finish and paint decoration."

Throughout the house are sets of chairs, chests of drawers, sideboards, sewing tables and pier tables meant to go between two windows, sofas and wing chairs, all enjoyed by the Goldbergs until someone buys them. "Everything is mahogany, and all goes together perfectly," Mr. Goldberg said. "That's why I stick to one period."

Hudson River landscapes, American Impressionists and still life paintings collected by Ms. Goldberg complement the period as do the decorative pieces, which include period mirrors, silver tea sets and early American cut glass. Prices range from a few thousand dollars to tens of thousands of dollars.

"Jesse and Carol are passionate collectors," Mr. Jussel said. "They have good-quality antiques, not the multimillion dollar side table that belonged to George Washington. If I were furnishing a home in American Federal style, that's where I'd go to find things."



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Carol and Jesse Goldberg at Artemis Gallery, an 1850 farmhouse in North Salem.

Settling into a Sheraton wing chair, Mr. Goldberg said: "While the keynote of the Federal period is elegance, we don't want to intimidate people that everything is very fancy. It's formal, yet you can plop down and relax in it. I love people who fall in love with this period."

Artemis Gallery, Wallace Road, North Salem. Telephone: 669-5971. By appointment only.