

## Make a Date to Ring in 2008 with The Charlotte Antique & Collectibles!

**CHARLOTTE, NC – December 1, 2007** - The New Year is a time for new plans, new adventures and maybe even a new budget. The best place to apply all of these new ideas is the Charlotte Antique and Collectibles Show at the Metrolina Expo to be held on January 3-6, 2008. Mixing new plans with vintage items is the very best way to stretch those hard-earned dollars with style. Unlike things purchased at the mall or a department store, the majority of items available at the Charlotte show will hold or grow in value as time passes. After all “they are not making any old things anymore” so purchases of vintage furniture, dishes, art, clocks, lamps or other collectibles represent an investment as well as an impulse.

Many decorators believe there is no better way to create a room that “hugs you” than to add items that have that genuine patina that can only come with time. Customers at the Charlotte Antique and Collectibles show are particularly fortunate to have not just a wide assortment of beautiful vintage items; but also seasoned dealers from all over the Eastern United States whose knowledge and wisdom can change simple items into heirlooms for generations to come.

One such couple can be found at the back of Building One near the concession stand. Doug and Joan Brines from Concord, NC are known for having unusual and eye-catching items in many categories. Their specialty, however, is clocks and lamps and they always have an ample supply to match any decor.

Doug comically explains, “We have been buying and selling ever since we got off our honeymoon - which I believe was in ‘66.” Joan says they plan to start the New Year right by offering a 50% off sale at the January show. “Come find a bargain!” she says.

So resolve now to add the warmth of age to the New Year by making a date in 2008 to attend the Charlotte Antique and Collectibles Show.

The Charlotte Antiques & Collectibles Show features a fun-filled outdoor marketplace offering the best flea market finds, unique home décor, and the biggest monthly antique show in the Carolinas. It hosts hundreds of exhibitors who offer a huge selection of merchandise from upscale antiques to decorative accessories and collectibles, including furniture, lighting, garden accents, architectural ceramics, pottery, glass, silver, rugs, linens, books, fine art and sculptures, toys, sports memorabilia and militaria. The show also offers on-site services including hand engraving, jewelry repair, and silver restoration.

The show will be held January 3 - 6 at the Metrolina Expo Center, located at 7100 Statesville Road. Admission is \$10 for a four-day pass, \$5 for a one-day pass, \$4 for seniors and children under 12 are free. Sunday offers a “Packout Special” at \$3.00 per person.

**Show Hours:** Thursday 8a.m.–5p.m., Friday & Saturday 9a.m.-5p.m.; Sunday 10a.m.-4p.m.

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