

Exhibitors' dreams come true: more antiques than Carter's pills

By Bonnie Lutz

It was a collector's dream come true, fifty exhibitors from 12 states assembled under one roof.

There were as many items as Carter's has pills, and there were Carter's pills, too.

The World Wide Antiques Show and Sale was March 10 through 12 at Pershing Auditorium, managed by Van and Nita Crowson.

There were glassware pieces dating from the 1850s, with prices as high as a few hundred dollars for rare, hand-painted ones.

If sterling silverware was your fancy, there was an intricately designed cake basket for \$65, as well as a 71-piece sterling silverware set made in 1897, for a mere \$1,095.

More common silver pieces were popularly selling for a few dollars.

An antique which drew a great deal of attention was a walnut desk that was patented in 1874 by the Woolled Desk Co.

Originally made for the Wells Fargo Co. as a portable mailbox, it is not certain whether it ever was used as such or not. Weighing approximately 250 pounds, the desk has 40 cubicles for mail as well as numerous drawers.

One of the dealers of Hick's antiques from Wichita, who owns the desk, said the desk was the most valuable item at the show. The price was \$8,500, delivery provided.

The dealers at the show are members of the National Association of Dealers in Antiques, Inc., and this organization has guidelines defining an antique.

The association defines an antique as an item that is 100 years or older, an heirloom is dated until 1920, and a

collectable is from the 1920's on.

There were rare beer cans, dated spices, a hand-cranked cigarette machine, Uncle Tom's Cabin advertisements. One exhibit had a collection of coffee cans, including a 1938 full can of Luzianne coffee, priced at \$60.

There was a consensus among dealers that people today, especially young people, are buying antiques as an investment, not just for the sake of owning an antique.

One couple bought a tool box with the patent date still on it, to use as a living room table.

One antique furniture dealer said that many people have "been through one set of plastic furniture," and are looking for wood that lasts.

Many dealers said that there is a lot of nostalgic feeling involved when people collect antique items. They often buy items similar to pieces their grandparents or parents had once owned.

A dealer with Turquoise by Candlelite from Wichita, explained that the only way for a buyer to know whether an item is authentic or not, is to trust and know the dealer. He said that it comes down to a question of personal integrity for a dealer, and said that a dealer must ask him or herself an important question, "Am I honest or am I not?" He said a good dealer will know where his items come from, and price each item.

As well as necklaces, rings and pins, the Turquoise by Candlelite exhibit had a large turquoise nugget, with a 20-point diamond, and a 14-carat gold necklace, for \$14,000.

One dealer, who was selling tin items, of "country store items", collectables, said that 98 percent of the time and effort spent in being a dealer was research.

She said that books still are being written on items that are being collected by people all over the U.S.

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