

# FANTASTIC RESPONSE TO THE INAUGURAL PETWORTH PARK ANTIQUES & FINE ART FAIR Friday 8 - Sunday 10 May 2015

## THE ANTIQUES DEALERS FAIR LIMITED

*"I think it has been brilliant, a great fair. It has a very good atmosphere and there are some fantastic dealers here. We will definitely be doing it next year"*

Jamie Rountree, Rountree Tryon Galleries Ltd

*"The first fair after the General Election. The buzz has been brilliant and very positive vibes"* Philip Jones, Elford Fine Art

*"The quality, standard and attendance at the fair was beyond anyone's expectations"*

Jackie Tudor, former Chair of the Petworth Business Association (PBA)

*"As good as any London fair. We have seen clients here who we haven't seen for years"*

Margaret Cowley, Garret & Hurst Sculpture

*"Lovely fair with the right sort of people. The gate has been good"*

Neil Shepperton, Mary Cooke Antiques

*"The show had an exciting buzz and there were clearly interested collectors around. You got the right people through the door,"*

Tony Haynes, Haynes Fine Art of Broadway

*"Very impressed with the quality of the fair"*

Thomas Lighton, Merville Galleries

*"One of the best fairs we have done for a long time - very, very good"*

Paul Nunn, Olde Time

*"Great fair, great appearance. We'll be back. Everything we sold was brown. For us brown is the new gold!"* Mike Melody, Melody Antiques

*"It was fantastic to see so many people waiting at the door to come in when the fair opened on the first day, a real testament to the marketing investment you made"*

Chloe Rice, Augustus Brandt

*"I was apprehensive prior to the show with the General Election looming. The result reflected in the attitude of the visitors and their inclination to spend. I did much better than I thought,"* Billy Cook, William Cook

*"It was like the old days were back"* Nicholas Lury, Cambridge Fine Art

*"I'm here to spend my mansion tax!"* Visitor from Surrey

*"Despite a very windy start to the week and the uncertainty of the outcome of the General Election, we opened the Marquee doors last Friday at 11am with Lord Egremont kindly performing the official opening, cutting the ribbon in front of a waiting audience,"* said Ingrid Nilson, Director of organisers The Antiques Dealers Fair Limited. *"We were thrilled to welcome numerous visitors from Sussex and further afield, even as far as Northumberland, many of whom were keen to buy. As the day unfolded and the results of the General Election became known both exhibitors and visitors were in high spirits and one guest was overheard saying he had come to spend his mansion tax! We were delighted to learn that Petworth House itself benefitted, with many visitors taking advantage of the free entry to the magnificent National Trust property with our tickets and that the collaboration with the Petworth Business Association (PBA) resulted in increased footfall in the picturesque market town, a well-known centre for antiques."*

The atmosphere throughout the weekend for the inaugural Petworth Park Antiques & Fine Art Fair was very upbeat, with both visitors and dealers

The Petworth Park  
Antiques & Fine Art Fair  
8 – 10 May 2015



**SOLD - 'Sable' by Emily Lamb,**  
oil on canvas, priced at £14,500  
from Rountree Tryon Galleries



**SOLD - George III mahogany**  
Serpentine chest of drawers,  
c1770, £9,500 from  
Freshfords Fine Antiques

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likening the ambience to the golden days of the 1980s. In the first hour alone, there were considerable sales, including a Noah's ark with over 100 animals (**Melody Antiques**), a Canterbury (**Tim Saltwell**), a silver nutmeg grater (**Mary Cooke Antiques**), jewellery (**T Robert**), glass (**John Bird Antiques**), a painting (**Sarah Colegrave**) and two 19th century bronze sculptures (**Garret & Hurst Sculpture**).

Sales continued across the board throughout the three days. **Olde Time** sold 12 clocks and barometers within the £7,000 bracket. Paul Nunn reported, "A very good fair, one of the best fairs we have done for a long time. We have sold mainly to new customers, including two bracket clocks (£5,000-7,000), a very rare air flow meter, c1890, and a theodolite made by E R Watts, London along with its original leather travelling case, c1870. All but two of our sales were to a new set of younger customers". Local dealer, Elspeth Bray of **Moncrieff-Bray Gallery** was very upbeat saying she brought in an Adam Binder leopard sculpture on the Sunday morning and it sold for £9,500 an hour later. Good quality 18th century brown furniture were finding new homes with **Freshfords Fine Antiques** selling a Hepplewhite Serpentine chest of drawers and **Guy Dennler Antiques & Interiors** selling a Regency mahogany sofa table in the region of £5,850 amongst many other pieces. **Melody Antiques** reported excellent sales over the three days including three dressers. **William Cook** sold a walnut chest for around £5,000 to a new customer, who had driven from London to visit the fair. Sussex dealer, **Tim Saltwell** sold 19th century English and French furniture as well as decorative items.

Among the sales at **The Canon Gallery** was a Burne-Jones painting in the region of £20,000. "The fair brought people in who wouldn't go to a London fair" said Jeremy Green of **The Canon Gallery**. **The Jerram Gallery** had an excellent response selling a good number of paintings and sculpture by contemporary artists including 'Kestrel' by Paul Harvey, priced at £8,650. **Rountree Tryon Galleries Ltd** sold a large canvas by Emily Lamb. Their stand included a small selection of classical antiquities which fascinated visitors and resulted in a couple of sales of two ancient Egyptian pieces and early European jewellery. Chantelle Rountree remarked, "It was an excellent launch pad; our first time bringing antiquities to a fair." **Drove House Antiques** sold a good selection of Chinese porcelain to new customers from Sussex, Surrey and London as well as a Chinese textile. Petworth dealer, **John Bird Antiques** sold a wide variety of objects including upholstered pieces, glass and affordable paintings. Glass dealer, **Mark J West** reported good sales in the 'impulse-buying bracket'.

Ian Pearce, Events Manager at Petworth House said, "We could not be more pleased with the successful launch of this new event. Ingrid Nilson and her team have been a delight to work with, bringing a highly polished finish to everything they touch. The event has attracted so many new visitors to Petworth and this can only be a good thing!"

Alex Rees, Chair of the Petworth Business Association (PBA) said: "The inaugural (we hope!) Petworth Park Antiques & Fine Arts Fair last weekend was yet another high class event taking place on our doorstep here in the South Downs National Park. Petworth Park itself made a sublime setting for a well organised showcase of antique furniture, paintings, clocks, silver, jewellery and textiles, and the fair and town was busy with buyers over the whole weekend. The organisers and Petworth Business Association



SOLD - 'Kestrel' by Paul Harvey, bronze, edition of 12, £8,650 from The Jerram Gallery



SOLD - 'Taureau' bronze by Isidore Bonheur, c1865, £5,500 from Garret & Hurst Sculpture



Ingrid Nilson with Lord Egremont, who officially opened The Petworth Park Antiques & Fine Art Fair



Margaret Melody gets help packing up Noah's Ark

*were keen from the start to work together to make this a success, and input from Petworth Antiques & Decorative Arts (PAADA) ensured that visitors to the fair also had easy access to Petworth's renowned dealers over the weekend. My predecessor as PBA chair, Jackie Tudor, was instrumental in the early discussions with Ingrid Nilson so we're grateful to her for having the vision to get behind this idea. We hope this event can become a regular feature in the Petworth calendar."*



The Marquee in Petworth Park with sculpture for sale outside

The majority of the visitors were British with a good sprinkling of Chinese, American and Europeans attending.

The dates for next year's Petworth Park Antiques & Fine Art Fair are provisionally set for Friday 6 to Sunday 8 May 2016, but are to be confirmed.

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Visitors flocked to The Petworth Park Antiques & Fine Art Fair

#### **Notes to Editors:**

The fair is vetted with a dateline of 1970 for most disciplines.

The Antiques Dealers Fair Limited's confirmed forthcoming fairs:

Friday 11 – Sunday 13 September 2015

**The Antiques & Fine Art Fair at Harewood**, The Marquee, Harewood House, Harewood, Leeds, West Yorkshire LS17 9LQ

Opening Hours: Friday 11.00-18.00, Saturday 10.30-18.00, Sunday 10.30-17.00  
35 stands

**[www.harewoodfair.com](http://www.harewoodfair.com)**

Friday 9 - Sunday 11 October 2015

**The Esher Hall Antiques & Fine Art Fair**, Esher Hall, Sandown Park Racecourse, Portsmouth Road, Esher, Surrey KT10 9AJ

Opening Hours: Friday 11.00-18.00, Saturday 10.30-18.00, Sunday 10.30-17.00  
35 stands

**[www.eshershallfair.com](http://www.eshershallfair.com)**

Thursday 7 - Sunday 10 January 2016

**The Mayfair Antiques & Fine Art Fair** at the London Marriott Grosvenor Square, London W1K 6JP

Opening Hours: Thursday 12.00-21.00, Friday 11.00-18.00, Saturday 11.00-18.00, Sunday 11.00-17.00

44 stands

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William Cook's 1930's stone statue packed and ready to go to its new garden in Sussex