

NEW VENUE PUTS A SPARKLE INTO THE NORTHERN ANTIQUES FAIR THURSDAY 30 SEPTEMBER – SUNDAY 3 OCTOBER 2021

The new venue for this year's Northern Antiques Fair at The Garden Rooms at Tennants in Leyburn, North Yorkshire was overwhelmingly successful on all fronts. Sales were buoyant throughout the fair and feedback from the visitors was extremely encouraging. Last, but not least, the team from Tennants were on hand throughout the entire fair and always went the extra mile with nothing being too much trouble. Just under 2,600 people visited the fair in the four days.

A delighted Ingrid Nilson, Fair Director of The Northern Antique Dealers Fair Limited, reported: *"Once the decision was made to relocate The Northern Antiques Fair to Tennants in Leyburn we have liaised closely with the events and marketing team to prepare for the show. Everyone at Tennants has been a delight to work with and the fair has benefitted hugely from the promotion provided by the venue. We couldn't have wished for a more comfortable and appropriate setting and we were made to feel truly welcome by the Tennant family. The exhibitors and our regular visitors were very impressed with the facilities, not least the excellent catering and ample parking, and the many Tennants customers who attended the fair enjoyed a different type of day out. Plenty of sales were made and it is gratifying to see that the collaboration with the auction house has proved so successful"*.

Alison Tennant, Director at Tennants said: *"It has been a pleasure to welcome The Northern Antiques Fair to The Garden Rooms at Tennants for the first time this year. We were delighted to learn from the organisers that it has been a resounding success and we are already looking ahead to next year's fair when we can welcome standholders and visitors back to Tennants once more"*.

Ellis Fine Art enjoyed a bumper fair selling consistently every day including furniture, paintings, small clocks and accessories. His standout sale was a watercolour painting entitled 'Mallards in flight over the wetlands' by Sir Peter Scott (1909-1989) in the region of £25,000. *"The interest has been phenomenal and sales have been very good"* said a happy Keith Ellis. **Haynes Fine Art – London & Cotswolds** had a total of nine sales consisting mainly of contemporary paintings by Haidee-Jo Summers and Jolomo to a mixture of new and existing clients, all local to Yorkshire. Tony Haynes said: *"There has been exceptional attendance with high numbers every days, all of whom have expressed how wonderful it is to be able to visit The Northern Antiques Fair again, especially at this venue"*. Among the purchases made from the **Walker Galleries** were a John Piper watercolour, an oil on canvas by Georges Henri Manzanara and a Dorothea Sharp. Ben Ark, an up-and-coming artist from Salford who has just had an exhibition at The Lowry in Manchester, painted a view of Betty's Tea Rooms in Harrogate especially for the fair, that sold on the opening morning for £950 at **Carnes Fine Art**.



'Mallards in flight over the wetlands'
by Sir Peter Markham Scott
(1909-1989), oil on canvas.
SOLD in the region of £25,000
by Ellis Fine Art



Gallé vase, c 1910.
SOLD by Solo Antiques



*'A view of Betty's Tea Rooms,
Harrogate'* by Ben Ark.
SOLD for £950 by Carnes Fine Art



John Briggs, Persian rug specialist,
on his stand

Local provenance played a big part in the purchase of a miniature portrait of Laurence Sterne (1713-1768) on **Something Different's** stand for £1,295. Sterne was an important 18th century novelist whose house in Yorkshire he named Shandy Hall after his most famous character. The buyer is a huge fan of English literature and of Sterne's work in particular.

On the opening morning **Drove House Antiques** sold a variety of items such as Chinese armorial cups, Kangxi famille verte and famille rose porcelain to a Chinese gentleman who buys wares from the west to export back to his homeland. There was also particular interest in Chinese textiles as many people who are interested in needlework recognise the skill of making items out of silk. Another exhibitor who had a good opening morning was **Hispanic Antiques** who found buyers for a signed lithograph by Miro, a 17th century Spanish low table, an 18th century Basque sailor's chest and a vintage Picasso poster, all sales being to new clients.

John A W Briggs, a Persian rug specialist, experienced a very busy fair selling numerous rugs each day. He generously donated an Afghan rug to **Two Ridings Community Foundation**, the charity partner of the fair, that sold for £150 with the proceeds being donated to the charity. Various pieces of Lalique and a lovely Gallé vase, c 1910 were some of the sales enjoyed by **Solo Antiques**. Jane Burgett from **Dansk Silver** was delighted with the fair and amongst her sales were a Georg Jensen watch, some Danish glass and porcelain in the £100 to £800 price range. *"The premises are totally mindblowing"* she enthuses.

J A Yarwood Antiques & Fine Art, back on the fairs circuit after a break of a few years was delighted with his sales, ranging from a little pair of opal earrings for £160 to £5,500 for an 18 carat gold French snuff box. His clients came from the Newcastle, Darlington and Harrogate areas. He also reported a post fair sale, a lovely three stone diamond ring.

Other purchases included **Garret & Hurst Sculpture** selling a bronze female nude to an existing client living close to them in East Sussex who happened to be visiting Yorkshire and popped into the fair. Various visitors took the advantage of travelling from further afield and booked into local airbnbs.

"So many things combined to make this an excellent fair: the location and surroundings, the excellent parking, and knowledgeable customers who were really interested in what you were doing as a business. Six Blue John bowls were sold and my husband did a mercy dash for more items on the Saturday" reported an enthusiastic Jane Sanderson of **The Antiques Bazaar**.

DIARY DATE : To build on this year's success The Northern Antiques Fair will return to The Garden Rooms at Tennants, Harmby Road, Leyburn, North Yorkshire DL8 5SG from Thursday 29th September to Sunday 2nd October 2022.

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A general view of the fair in front of Blackbrook Gallery