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**55th Washington Antiques Show to Feature *Flights of Fancy*
January 8 - 10, 2010
Katzen Arts Center at American University**

The fifty-fifth annual Washington Antiques Show, one of the premier and longest-running decorative arts shows in the country, will be held from January 8 through January 10, 2010 at the Katzen Arts Center at American University.

The event benefits at-risk children and families through the Thrift Shop Charities, an organization through which profits of the Show are passed to four beneficiaries -- The Board of Visitors and The Child Health Center Board, both of the Children's National Medical Center; The Ladies Board of the House of Mercy, and The Founders Board of St. John's Community Services.

The Show's theme is *Flights of Fancy*, a tribute to creativity and innovation in decorative arts, design, and furnishings. The Loan Exhibition, presented by the Society of the Cincinnati, will feature furniture, jewelry, accessories, and fine art representing the artistic study of birds and other flying creatures, hot-air balloons, flying machines, and great flights of the imagination.

Special Events

**Sponsors' VIP Reception, Thursday, January 7, 5:30 pm - 6:30 p.m.
Katzen Arts Center, Benefactor \$500 per person. Advance reservations required.**

Sponsors and Benefactors will be the first to experience both the loan exhibition and the show prior to the Preview Night Party. Enjoy the loan exhibition created and designed exclusively for the Washington Antiques Show by the Society of the Cincinnati, talk with the dealers and be the first to experience the "Flights of Fancy" of the 2010 Washington Antiques show at American University's Katzen Arts Center. The VIP reception includes complimentary admission to the Preview Night Party, unlimited admission to the show and free parking all weekend.

Preview Night Party, Thursday, January 7, 6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Katzen Arts Center, Patron \$250 per person. Advance reservations required.

Join his Excellency Pierre Vimont, Ambassador of France to the United States for Preview Night. Guests will mingle among the Loan Exhibition, peruse antiques, and enjoy art in the museum space. The evening includes cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and an elegant buffet dinner catered by Susan Gage. Preview Night includes unlimited admission to the show and parking all weekend.

Lecture/Luncheon, Friday, January 8, 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Lecture by Patrick Dunne, "Fancy flights over the dining table landscape: What a 19th century Creole Lady might find familiar at modern Washington dinner parties"
Katzen Arts Center, \$125 per person, \$1000 table of ten. Advance reservation required.

Patrick Dunne is the proprietor of Lucullus, an unusual shop specializing in culinary antiques that has been located in New Orleans' French Quarter for twenty-five years. Dunne's country store recently opened in Breaux Bridge, Louisiana.

Dunne is the author of *The Epicurean Collector* published by Little Brown (New York) in 2002. He is a senior contributing editor to Southern Accents. He has contributed writing to *Entrée*, a life style magazine, and was senior editor at large for *House Beautiful* for several years. He and Lucullus have been featured in numerous national and international publications including *Travel and Leisure*, *Vogue*, *Town and Country*, *Food and Wine* and others. Mr. Dunne has appeared as a guest on Martha Stewart's television program and several decorating projects have been featured on *House and Garden Television*. Lucullus is a destination for collectors and culinary enthusiasts alike.

New Collectors' Evening, Saturday, January 9, 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Katzen Arts Center, \$85 per person, Advance reservations required.

Join old and new friends at the New Collectors' Evening and peruse antiques while enjoying cocktails and hors d'oeuvres. This evening is perfect for new collectors who want to learn more about antiques in a welcoming environment. This event includes a one-day admission ticket to the show for Sunday, January 10 and parking.

For more information and updates, visit www.washingtonantiques.org

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