

3rd annual Antiques Jamboree & Appraisal Fair Saturday on the grounds of Historic Battersea

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PETERSBURG - The Battersea Foundation and Renaissance Promotions Inc. will join forces to present a new quality antiques show to be held in the Battersea villa and in tents on the grounds of historic Battersea, an 18th century Anglo- Palladian home on the bluffs of the Appomattox River in Petersburg, Sept. 17-19.

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"We are extremely excited about the potential of this show to become one of the pre-eminent antiques events in Virginia" stated Renaissance's Bob Taylor. "Battersea is such a unique property with 30 acres of surrounding grounds. Where else can antiques dealers actually set up their wares inside a historic 18th century Palladian villa? Colonel John Banister, the builder of Battersea, was the first mayor of Petersburg, a signer of the Articles of Confederation and a confidant of George Washington."

The newly revamped show will benefit Battersea Foundation, whose mission is to preserve historic Battersea and offer educational, artistic and cultural experiences that inform, enrich, and inspire the public. Also new this year will be an opening night Preview Gala hosted by Battersea from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday evening Sept. 17.

The Battersea Antiques Jamboree and Appraisal Fair is actually in its third year. "Our new association with Renaissance Promotions ensures the potential to take the Antiques Jamboree to a new level", commented Battersea Executive Director Tempy Barbru. "The last two years our focus have been primarily on the Appraisal Fair with a handful of antiques dealers. We are really looking forward to having a professionally-managed upscale antiques show this year. The always popular Appraisal Fair will continue in its usual format."

Renaissance Promotions Inc., owned by Louise Jesse and Bob and Deanna Taylor, all antiques dealers and enthusiasts, promote dealer friendly shows. "This location offers such a special opportunity. We always make every effort to ensure that our shows meet all the needs of our dealers and our paying customers," added Louise Jesse. "We are working hard to make this a very special event. Fine antiques and art will grace the rooms of Battersea for the first time in over a hundred years."

The Battersea Antiques Jamboree and Appraisal Fair hours are Friday (invitation-only Preview Gala) - 6 til 9, Saturday from 10 until 6 and Sunday from 11 until 4, admission remains \$5 per person or \$10 a person for those with items to be appraised (\$10 includes price of admission and appraisals). Dealer inquiries are encouraged.

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