

WINNING FORMULA FOR NORTHUMBERLAND
Luxury Antiques Weekend at Linden Hall
held on Friday 11 to Sunday 13 March 2011

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SOLD - 'Crummock Water', pastel on board by Anne Sudworth, priced at £7,000
from Art of the Imagination

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Melody Antiques, Campbell Wilson, Olde Time, Graham Smith Antiques and Garret & Hurst Sculpture reported sales within the first hour of opening at this year's **Luxury Antiques Weekend at Linden Hall**, held from Friday 11 until Sunday 13 March 2011 in Northumberland. **Garret & Hurst Sculpture** recorded the first sale of a bronze sculpture by Antoine Louis Barye, for around £5,000, within the first 20 minutes, to a couple they had met at all three previous Luxury Antiques Weekends at Linden Hall, but who had never bought from them before. A second sale followed the same day to a couple from Kendal, who said that they loved coming to this fair because it was the right size and quality and had a lovely ambience. Another visitor said, "Congratulations on the winning formula for Northumberland."

"I'm having a cracking day and all my sales are to new clients, who have been buying both sculpture and glass," croaked Janice Kehoe of **Solo Antiques**, whose laryngitis didn't impede her first day sales, which included an Art Deco sculpture for around £3,000; Baccarat, Daum and Loetz glass from a few hundred pounds up to £2,000. Fellow first time exhibitors, **Olde Time** from Norfolk, commented on the great feedback they were getting from customers. They enjoyed the fair as much as the visitors, especially as they sold a variety of their stock from carriage to mantel clocks, including a French ormolu and porcelain clock with Sèvres porcelain panels, for around £1,800, to a local Northumberland couple. An impressive four colour landscape, wheel-carved cameo glass vase with martelé finish by Gallé, c 1900, was amongst newcomer **Markov's** first day sales. Mark Markov was surprised and delighted to discover that the buyers knew all about the piece they were purchasing.

Campbell Wilson from Aberdeenshire was pleasantly surprised with the number and calibre of visitors and loved the organisation of the fair. Like Olde Time and London based Markov, Campbell Wilson was a new exhibitor to a fair organised by **The Antiques Dealers Fair Limited**. Amongst the sales were two paintings on the first day, one of which had a local connection. The painting was by William Bell Scott, who was



SOLD - a late 17th century oak
corner table, priced at £1,850 from
Melody Antiques

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on the fringe of the Pre-Raphaelites and painted the murals for Wallington, a nearby National Trust house. The client was very familiar with the house and was surprised to see the painting at the fair. Campbell Wilson reported further sales during the weekend.

"I didn't get my lunchtime sandwich until 3.35pm" said John Nicholson, of **John Nicholson & Dunelm Fine Art** from Jesmond, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, whose paintings proved popular, amongst which was Henry Redmore Snr's seascape, "Off The Dutch Coast", 1889, which sold for £6,250. John reported that he had met a couple of new clients, who had come to the fair as a result of the publicity. Another local dealer from Jesmond, **Graham Smith Antiques** sold a number of items and pieces of furniture, mainly to existing customers, however he also sold an unusual early 19th century Regency kingwood veneered turn-over-top card table to a new local client, c 1810, for £2,750.



SOLD - an early 19th century Regency kingwood veneered card table, priced at £2,750 from Graham Smith Antiques

Melody Antiques from Cheshire sold a quarter of their stand, which included five items of furniture and other small pieces, on the opening day. Sales continued over the weekend, including a hand painted German marriage chest, dated 1809, for just under £1,000. Mike Melody reported that customers had come from Edinburgh and told him that they make the pilgrimage each year. A first day sale for **Church Street Antiques**, also from Cheshire, was a Victorian walnut chaise longue, intricately carved with cherubs and foliate details, c1860 for £3,650. The sale was to a young couple who had recently moved into a Victorian house in the area and this was their first antique purchase. Further sales included a 19th century wine table and a set of Georgian chairs. Sadly, the kidney-shaped mahogany fiddleback desk, stamped by Howard & Sons, which sold has subsequently been returned, as it wouldn't fit up the stairs! Nick Stanley from Church Street Antiques said, "For a small fair, it has got a really good following."

An exceptionally rare early map of Northumberland, including the addition of the town plan of Berwick-on-Tweed, dated 1642, by William Web, was a re-issue of the very first map of Northumberland by Christopher Saxton in the 1570s, was amongst the sales of Northumberland and Durham maps, price £2,800, from **Jim Dickinson Maps & Prints**.

Jack Shaw & Co from West Yorkshire sold three canteens of silver cutlery and several good pieces of silver. Jewellery specialist **T Robert** said, "The people in this area appreciate antiques. We are more than satisfied with the fair and will be back next year."

A happy customer, who bought a Persian berhalow rug from **M&N Oriental Rugs**, rang them the next day to say how delighted she was with her purchase, having been seeking a suitable rug for the past 16 years. A lady was overheard saying "This is the nicest fair we have been to by miles" whilst another visitor informed the organisers, "We look forward to this fair because we have nothing like it up here."

Garth Vincent Antique Arms & Armour sold a pair of silver mounted pistols and several swords. "We met new clients and were pleased to re-establish a relationship with an old client we hadn't seen for 20 years," said Garth Vincent. Despite the damp weather, the Hotspur School of Defence reported great interest in their demonstrations of historically-accurate period fighting techniques used from 15th to 18th centuries. They even managed to sign up a Frenchman, who wishes to take lessons, and has recently moved to Northumberland.

Not everyone sold on the first day. In fact it wasn't until Sunday afternoon that sales came in for **Art of the Imagination**, but they were delighted with their results, which included 'Crummock Water' a pastel by Anne Sudworth sold to a client they hadn't

seen for 3 years, two illustrations by Janet and Anne Grahame Johnstone and a bronze deer by Roger Squires. "Our fair turned out even better after we left, as we have since sold a grey wolf bronze by Gill Parker and more importantly a large bronze dancer by Vivien Mallock. We are therefore planning to be back next year," said Mike and Hilary Emeny.

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Notes to editors:

Dates for the fifth Luxury Antiques Weekend at Linden Hall are confirmed as Friday 9 to Sunday 11 March 2012.

All fairs organised by The Antiques Dealers Fair Limited are vetted with a dateline of 1970 for most disciplines.

The winner of the prize draw of a night's stay at the Macdonald Linden Hall Hotel was won by Ms A Lee from Durham.

Future fairs this year, organised by The Antiques Dealers Fair Limited:

Friday 20 – Sunday 22 May 2011

The Botleigh Grange Antiques & Fine Art Fair, Legacy Botleigh Grange Hotel, Grange Road, Hedge End, Southampton SO30 2GA www.botleighgrangefair.com

Friday 16 - Sunday 18 September 2011

Luxury Antiques Weekend at Stapleford Park, near Melton Mowbray, Leicestershire LE14 2EF www.staplefordparkfair.com

Friday 7 – Sunday 9 October 2011

The Esher Hall Antiques and Fine Art Fair, Sandown Park Racecourse, Esher, Surrey KT10 9AJ www.eshershallfair.com

Friday 4 – Sunday 6 November 2011

Luxury Antiques Weekend at Tankersley Manor, Tankersley, South Yorkshire S75 3DQ www.tankersleymanorfair.com

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SOLD - 'The Shepherd'
bronze by Marius Remondot,
c 1908, approx £6,000 from
Garret & Hurst Sculpture