

Good Old Days Country Shop Newsletter

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TrendSpotter

We have been traveling around the countryside looking for unusual and unique items the past couple months. I don't mean we're on the road constantly, but we have been to a few markets looking around. As I write this, I am at my daughters home in Kentucky. While down here, I spent a few hours searching out our kinds of things, and they are just not to be found. I did come across one great place called "The Homestead" in Bards-



town, KY. It is a great restored 1700's log home. The proprietor tells me that she is the only place

she knows of that sells primitives, as we know it. I couldn't get her to part with either of her Step-

backs or her bucket bench but we'll be back next year and work at it some more. From here we head up to Columbus to attend the Offinger Handcrafted Market where we hope to find some great stuff. We already attended the Market Square show in Valley Forge and Fort Washington and bought a truckload full of great items. Rest assured, our types of primitives and country furnishings are still thriving and in great demand, just not here in Kentucky. They tell me that these things are more plentiful over in Indiana, so maybe

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Antiques getting harder to find

It seems as though the really nice items that we used to find at affordable prices are getting harder and harder to find. Oh I can find them alright, but the prices are WAY up there. When we opened this business, we started with a mission statement that is on every one of our web pages - "We will continually strive to satisfy our customers by offering new and unusual, hard to find items, at very reasonable prices". Well it is the reasonable prices piece

that I am having trouble with. Most of the time it is other dealers running the prices up to a point where it is not profitable for me to turn it over. To make matters worse, several auctioneers now make use of Ebay at some of their live auctions. So now I am not only competing against other dealers, but the whole world. This practice only helps the consignors and the auctioneer, and

really hurts the dealers like me. When the dealer has to pay more, then these costs have to be absorbed by the consumers paying for these products. I urge all of you to speak to your local auctioneers and let them know that Ebay is hurting the local businesses in the area and that you fully support their decision **NOT** to go with Ebay in their auctions.

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New Plans for the "Shop"



The Good Old Days carries a wide variety of Antiques, Reproductions, and just plain old needful things.

Last year we removed the old shed that was on the back of the main building. Our plans now are to begin construction of a new facility for repair, refurbishing, and reproductions. We have drawn up the plans and hope to break



ground this Spring, subject to zoning board approvals. John has been looking for just the right place to move his shop. Since it would be almost impossible to find an existing place nearby that has everything he needs, we decided to just add-on and build in all the necessities required. One of the features we always had in mind was to offer our customers a viewing area where they could sit and enjoy a cup of coffee while watching the craftsman at work, John hopes to retire to work in this new shop sometime soon.

There is plenty of things to repair and John's lifelong dream of working full time reproducing quality antiques is only a short reach away. In his spare time, John de-



veloped these renderings to see what his ideas would look like in real life.

New Items in the Shop

"We decided to add on....."

As you may recall, last Fall we introduced a new line of upholstered furniture from [Johnston Benchworks](#). This line has been very successful, as we try to keep our prices very competitive and educate our consumers on the quality aspects of this fine furniture. At our Spring Open House, we will be showing some newer pieces we have for display. Also we will have the Dealer Represent-

tative from Johnston Benchworks in the shop on Friday from 11 to 1 :00 to answer any questions.

We have found dozens of very nice primitive pieces at reasonable prices. We have also found some new great reproductions from some great craftsmen. Also new this year is some great folk art from some nationally recognized craftsman. Many of these new products will be showing up

throughout the year, so don't think you will miss it if you don't see it in the shop at the time. Please ask at the desk for anything you are interested in. We hope to see you at the Open House (see below). As is often the case, many of our loyal shoppers are waiting at the door for us to open so they can have first dibs at the new products. Don't be left behind. We open the doors at 9:00 sharp



We try to always have on hand an arrangement of various pieces of stoneware including crocks, jugs, churns, jars, and pitchers.

Calendar of Events

- **April 1, 2nd, 3rd**
Spring Open House - 9:00am to 5:00pm - Free Grand Prize— Refreshments
- **July 16th & 17th**
Pultneyville Homecoming Weekend
- **September 17th**
Pultneyville Garage Sales
- **November 4th, 5th, and 6th**
Christmas Open House

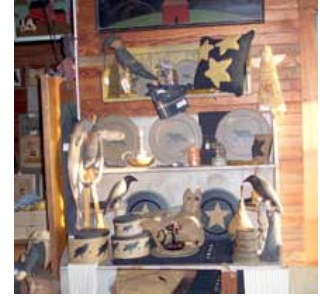
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we will be stopping there next trip!

This just in! We're now back from the Columbus Shows. We found a new vender of small

primitive folk art and dolls that we really like. What we saw flying out of the place was houses that light up, and barn stars. When we first opened, we had a niche market on these barn stars because we had a reliable

source that not too many people knew about. Now, it seems that all the importers have caught on, so expect to see similar stars at a lot of the shops. We'll still carry them and paint them for you as long as the demand exists.



Odds & Ends

Our address is:

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You can always check our website for more information at <http://www.goodolddayscountryshop.com>

Our hours are Mon-Fri from 11:00

A.M. till 5:00 P.M., Sat from 10:00 A.M. till 5:00 P.M., and Sundays from 12:00 P.M till 5:00 P.M.

Consider giving us your "wish" list whereby your friends, relatives, and spouses can come and shop for you using your wish list as a guide. This is great for wedding lists, birthdays, anniversaries,

or "just because".

Don't forget, we always carry gift certificates for that special someone (you?). Tell your friends and family members to just simplify matters and get you a gift certificate from the Good Old Days.

This wonderful display of various primitive wares as well as folk art might give you some ideas on how to decorate your country home. Consider shopping around for ideas too!

Recipe Corner

Puppy Chow: One of our favorite snacks. -

- 1 stick margarine
- 1 1/2 cups semi-sweet chocolate chips
- 1 cup chunky peanut butter
- 1 (14.8 oz) Chex mix or crispy rice squares
- 2 1/2 - 3 Cups Confectionary Sugar

Melt margarine, chocolate chips, and peanut butter. Pour over the Chex Mix in a large bowl.

Sprinkle the confectionary sugar over the top and mix or shake it all up in a large covered bowl.

That's all there is to it.

Enjoy!

"What we saw flying out of the place was ..."

Antique Tips

Repairing Chairs:

How many times have you bought an old chair only to sit in it a few times and have it sway and buck like it is going to fall apart. Often times, the chair may seem sound when you brought it home but after a little stress is put on the joints, a faulty repair breaks down and it is in need of repair again. This is how to re-glue chair legs, stretchers, and spindles the right way. First, disassemble the weak

joint completely. In many cases, I find I need to completely disassemble the whole chair just to get at one weak joint. This can usually be done with a hard rubber mallet and a little vinegar in the joints. Once the joints are apart, the old glue must be removed from BOTH parts of the joint. Be careful not to sand too much of the wood off but often this is inevitable, especially if it had already been repaired several times. Once the glue has been removed from

both the tenon and the mortise (the hole), it is time to re-glue. The joint must be somewhat tight when dry fitting. If it is too loose, you will need to glue some veneer onto the tenon (shaft) and re-shape the tenon to fit the hole. Use yellow carpenter's glue and clamp all joints tight. Note: if your working on an heirloom, please take it to a pro and don't chance a questionable repair.



We stock dozens of great prints as well as a huge assortment of primitive and country textiles such as towels, throws, and rugs