



Good Old Days Country Shop Newsletter

Special points of interest:

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- New “3 seater”
- 2nd Floor opens
- Shop hosts a shower
- New look to the back
- 3 new lines
- Are antiques dead?

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Second Floor Now OPEN!!!

We were a little late, a couple of months to be exact, but we finally completed the preparation work to open the second floor of the shop. Mind you, not all 2500 sq ft of this floor is open, but 1500 feet of it is, and the rest is currently being used for storage. We have installed partitions which block off 2 rooms which we plan to open in the Spring, filled with even more goodies for you.

Barb was consumed with painting

all the walls and trim with “just the right colors” and of course hanging the appropriate matching



decorating the new area with all the items we hope you enjoy and cherish. We have loads of new items in this area complete with a couple of new lines of furniture. We prepared several different themes in the various sections of this floor. As time goes on, these themes will evolve and change with the products we find. We hope you find this new area refreshing and possibly get some inspiration for decorating your home in the spirit of early American.

borders. John had walls to construct and electrical work to complete. The biggest challenge was

Folky Outhouse Finds New Home

It’s been the talk of the town for quite a while, but by now it seems to have subdued a bit. I’m talking about the latest addition to the North garden, a 19th century, “3 holer” outhouse. No, it is not in working condition but is for decoration only!

We found this gem at an auction in Waterloo. The “folky” look of the architectural moldings makes for an interesting conversation piece if nothing else. Since we

were looking for a focal point of this new garden, we snatched it up for a decent price.



The only problem was how to get this structure 40 miles back to the shop. After some consideration on rolling it up on PVC pipe to our

trailer, as well as a lot of help from a few thoughtful friends, we got it situated on pressure treated footers. From there, John and Barb proceeded to design and build the garden around this centerpiece. We hope you enjoy its presence as much as we do, and no, there is “No Occupancy”.

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-OPINIONS- Is the Antique Market Dying Out?



This Parkersburg Hutch from American Heritage Furniture is shown in the new Vintage finish. Do you want to make a statement with your furniture?

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The Good Old Days offers custom reproductions made in our own shop. Inquire at the counter.

Is it just me or are we all seeing the antique interest sort of peter out? Perhaps it is just the economic times or perhaps it may simply be that the baby boomers and their next generations are simply losing interest in antiques in general. These questions are common in the antique circles now-days because it seems as though interest has waned somewhat from years past.

From the people I have talked to that deal in Antiques on a regular basis, as well as forums on the internet, sales and interest in general have decreased. The crowds

at the antique shows are down and the buying is down as well. Personally, I think it is a matter of both difficult economic times and the fact that there may be less appreciation of quality antiques, especially in the younger generations. What does this mean? Perhaps that when better days are again upon us, that the antique shows will again flourish. Perhaps it means that those cherished antiques we now own will skyrocket in value simply because of supply and demand. Whatever the case, we all need to do our part to educate the consumer on the merits of owning and enjoying

quality antiques. We need to explain to those that need to know, why that old stoneware crock you have in the corner of your living room means so much to you, that it was made 150 years ago and that it was actually used by pioneers settling this countryside to store dry and wet goods. Being able to visualize how and why these items have a special meaning to us is part of the educational process we can share with others, especially the younger ones who need an appreciation of such things. Well, that’s my thoughts on the matter .

New Items in the Shop

As you probably already know, we are constantly putting new items in the shop. Whenever we find new and unique products we think you’ll like, we snatch em up. In many cases, they are hand-made and there are only one or two of things so they don’t tend to stay around too long.

You might be interested in knowing that we are now carrying 3 new lines that are top in their

class. First, understand that we cannot carry the whole line, that we only have a small sample of pieces on the floor for you to inspect. We also have full color catalogs and can discuss with you all the details about these products.

1. Johnston Benchworks - This is an exceptional line of upholstered furniture fashioned in early American styles and fabrics. Check out

<http://www.johnstonbenchworks.com/>.

2. American Heritage Furniture - This full line of country furniture offers a vast array of styles, finishes, and price ranges. Check out: <http://www.americanheritagefurniture.net>

3. The Seraph - This colonial style line offers 17th and 18th century reproduction fabrics and bed coverings for that “special” touch. Check out: <http://www.theseraph.com>.

Calendar of Events

- **November 1 thru 4—**

Shop is closed to prepare for the Special Christmas Open House

- **November 5th, 6th, 7th Christmas Open House -** 10:00am to 5:00pm all 3 days

- **December 3rd & 4th**

Christmas by Candlelight - 5 shops participate in this festive shopping experience providing snacks and grand prize drawings. Fri - 5 to 8:30, Sat - 10 to 5

- **January 16th**

Shop closes for the Winter

- **March 25, 2005**

Shop Opens for the Season!!!

Odds & Ends

Our address is:

7643 Jay Street
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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 Registry 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

Have you seen our ad's in the “Our Town” section of the D&C? We would appreciate hearing from you if you did. Keep an eye out for us on Channel 10 the last couple weeks in October.

Rusty Stars are again back in the shop. This is the 3rd trip we now made in order to keep quantities in stock. Barb is attempting to keep up with the painting needs. Get em while they last, cause I doubt they will last till Christmas.



We have over 40 pieces of Early Stoneware, many of which are decorated in “blue”.

Facelift or should I say “Backlift”

One of the icons of Pultneyville is gone!

Yes, I am sorry to report, that the old shed on the back of the shop has been removed. I know this lovely piece of architecture was a keepsake of the community but we just had to remove it. Seriously, it was becoming a safety hazard and was on it's way down anyways. After a quick demolition, we cleaned up and repainted the back of



the building. While we were at it, we added a back door. You might be wondering what we are going to do with this space now. Well,



keep wondering, it's a surprise!



Did you happen to see us this Summer at any antique shows? We participated in the Pultneyville Homecoming, Cheshire, Madison-Bouckville, and Penn Yan shows.

Shop Hosts Bridal Shower

Have you heard? We held a bridal shower after hours at the shop one day in July. The new bride to be just loves the kinds of things we have in the shop and we proposed the idea of hosting a bridal shower for her. She jumped at the idea and the rest is history.

Barb worked out all the details with the “moms” and set up a registry for the new bride. Just

before the shower, we identified everything on the registry with balloons so the attendees could



find the items of interest.

Barb decorated the back porch appropriately and served punch and gave out favors. All the ladies had a wonderful time and a unique experience at the Good Old Days.

If anyone is interested in something similar, please contact Barb, not John.



One of the new Johnston Benchworks pieces displayed in our 2nd floor showroom.