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**Newport Antiques Show Celebrates Its Third Year With a Never Before Seen Exhibit**

*William Vareika Fine Arts Returns as Lead Sponsor of the Newport Antiques Show*

**Newport, RI – (June 2009)** – The Newport Antiques Show celebrates its third year with two exciting additions to this first-class event. Plans are underway for an exhibition of never before seen 18<sup>th</sup> century maps from the Newport Historical Society’s collection accompanied by a lecture detailing the exhibit. The weekend-long show, described as “a winner” and “glamorous” by *Antiques and Fine Arts*, will be held August 7<sup>th</sup> through 9<sup>th</sup> at St. George’s School in Middletown, Rhode Island.

The Newport Antiques Show is pleased to announce that William Vareika Fine Arts, Ltd. has returned as the Lead Sponsor for this year’s show. A Bellevue Avenue Newport fixture for twenty-two years, the Vareika gallery specializes in the purchase and sale of important 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, and early 20<sup>th</sup> century American paintings, watercolors, drawings and prints. Bill Vareika commented, “Traveling throughout the country, I have heard nothing but praise for the Newport Antiques Show...I look forward to welcoming visitors, discerning collectors, and our distinguished colleagues in the art and antiques trade from around the world back to Newport for what I predict will be the most appealing and successful Show to date.”

Anne Hamilton of Newport and Philadelphia will chair the event, drawing on her considerable experience as past chair of the venerable Philadelphia Antiques Show. Mrs. Hamilton will again oversee the Newport Antiques Show Gala Preview Reception that will take place at St. George’s on Friday evening, August 7<sup>th</sup>.

Diana H. Bittel, the show’s manager, is bringing together over forty of the finest dealers from across the country. Ms. Bittell, known for her work with the Antiques Council serving as the Director of Shows and as the Council liaison to the prestigious Nantucket Historical Society Antiques Show, is also a distinguished antiques dealer. “We have a strong list of dealers with diverse inventories and expertise,” said Ms. Bittel. “There will be something for everybody at this year’s Show.”

The Newport Antiques Show benefits the Newport Historical Society and the Boys & Girls Club. Proceeds from the event help support the missions of these organizations, which in turn support the Newport community.

A Gala Preview Reception, to be held on Friday, August 7, from 6pm to 9pm, will inaugurate the weekend Show and sale.

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**About William Vareika Fine Arts, Ltd.**

William Vareika Fine Arts, Ltd. specializes in the purchase and sale of important 18th, 19th, and early 20th century American paintings, watercolors, drawings and prints. For twenty years the gallery has enjoyed a national reputation, numbering among its clients some of the leading museums, corporations and private collectors in the United States, as well as many beginning collectors. For more information please visit [www.vareikafinearts.com](http://www.vareikafinearts.com).

**About The Newport Antiques Show**

The Newport Antiques Show, celebrating its 3<sup>rd</sup> year, is a first-class antiques and decorative arts Show. Proceeds benefit both the Newport Historical Society and the Boys & Girls Club of Newport County. For more information please visit [www.newportantiquesshow.com](http://www.newportantiquesshow.com).

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