

## **Fine art lovers preview Newport Antiques Show**

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*Kate Gubelmann, Norey Cullen and Brittain Bardes  
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NEWPORT, R.I. — Centuries-old-furniture and centuries-old money have a symbiotic relationship. Can't have one without the other.

Both were in abundance at the annual preview party for the Newport Antiques Show, a benefit for the Newport Historical Society and for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Newport County.

The event took place Aug. 7 in the athletic center/hockey rink of St. George's School. Minus the ice, of course.

Dealers from up and down the East Coast displayed fine art, furniture, books and Americana to guests who paid a premium for a gander — along with cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and music — before the event opened to the general public the next morning.

Highlighting the weekendlong show was the 2009 Loan Exhibit of never-before-seen Colonial and Early American maps from the collection of the Newport Historical Society. Norey Cullen, Brittain Bardes and Kate Gubelmann were chairwomen for the preview party, with Oatsie Charles, Maureen Donnell and Dodo Hamilton serving as honorary chairwomen.

Guests included Joanne and Henry Breyer, Peggy and Rodney Dillard, Alice Lynch, Baroness Frederique van Till, Ronald Lee Fleming, Dale Mercer, Helen Winslow, Suzy and Jay Schochet, and a few more who don't need a map to find their way to the champagne.

Not that we would know.