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*After 48 Years, the Original Round Top Antiques Fair is
"Shaking It Up" Monday, September 28 - Saturday, October 3*



It's been an amazing run--and it just keeps getting better--the "Original Round Top Antiques Fair" has returned AND for the first time ever, has new extended dates AND VIP early shoppers pass. This is the Original Show that "started it all" 48 years ago and beginning this fall, this incredible historic venue will be opening on Monday, September 28th! In addition, the *Vip Early Shopper Pass* has been created to allow early shopping to those who want to shop Monday from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm.

The history bears mentioning that around 1959 iconic Hazel Ledbetter (architecture/design enthusiast, and president of the Houston Symphony Orchestra's Women's Committee) began purchasing properties around the community and enticed others to come out to “the back side of the moon,” aka Round Top. Later, this included 22 antique dealers who lugged their wares to the old Round Top Rifle Hall as a trial--it was a tremendous success. This was the beginning of something great.

The Original Round Top Antiques Fair is now a renowned affair with promoters Bo and Susan Franks preparing for the 48th year! Expect no "fluff"--straight and pure high quality products await you and if you have questions, there's always someone to help you. The general admission tickets allow you access after 1:00 pm Monday, September 28th and both tickets are good for the entire six days of the show, allowing the visitor access to four outstanding venues: The Big Red Barn Event Center, The Continental Tent, The Big Red Barn Tent, and the Historic Carmine Dance Hall (each venue having its own original flair and style). The four venues are unique and distinctive, featuring all antiques and vintage as well as the newly added repurposed in the Big Red Barn Tent.

Driving down Highway 237, a short five miles north of the Round Top Square, the marquee rises tall and beacons the visitor across the Texas countryside to an ever popular wonderland of antiques. With a 30,000 square foot event center, this venue has become an iconic landmark for Round Top antique shoppers and will remain so for many years to come. At the air-conditioned facility, shoppers delight in viewing and purchasing some of the highest quality antiques known, brought from all over the world from knowledgeable dealers who will help the visitor choose the perfect piece for their home or business.

Also at this location, visitors are able to browse through 20,000 air-conditioned square feet at the Continental Tent, which features some of the most magnificent French, European, and Italian antique furniture and decorative arts with surprises at every turn! If you delight in vintage, the Big Red Barn Tent is the perfect setting to shop with dealers in industrial, repurposed, vintage, collectibles and antiques, all under a big-top tent and a full fair experience.

Visitors needing a break will have an opportunity not to stray too far as the food court has been expanded to feature local Texas vendors and funky food trucks offering healthy choices in addition to Texas BBQ, Tex-Mex, Grilled American favorites and much more. All will have a chance to sit and chat with their "old or new" friends over gourmet coffee, hand crafted shaved ice, or an adult beverage in the shade of the dining tent. And for those needing a "sugar surge" to continue pursuing those antiquities, handmade desserts will be available with the option to charge to your smart phone while you are charging up that body!

The fourth venue, located at the Historic Carmine Dance Hall in Carmine, Texas is a true throwback to the original shows with air-conditioned comfort and hand selected vendors who love that slower pace of the "old" Round Top and it's early days. This gives the "newbies" and regulars an opportunity to take time to visit and get some special attention regarding the buys. Award-winning Texas BBQ will be available and guaranteed to be "finger lickin' good".

Hours and times for the Original Round Top Antiques Fair extravaganza are as follows:

September 28, 29, 30 (Monday-Wednesday) - Oct 1, 2 & 3 (Thursday-Saturday)---

Monday, September 28th 9:00 am-1:00 pm VIP Early Shopper Pass

Monday, September 28 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm General Admission

Monday, September 28 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm Late Night Shopping Party

Tuesday September 29th through Friday, October 2nd 9am-5pm

Saturday October 3rd 9:00 am-4:00 pm

Note to all visitors that one ticket is good for all four venues, and all six days of the event. There is free parking, ATM, WIFI, and shippers on site to serve everyone in their delivery needs. For more information or to purchase tickets visit: www.RoundTopTexasAntiques.com, call 512-237-4747, and visit on FACEBOOK as well. The Original Round Top Antiques Fair--"The Show That Started It All"--Susan & Bo Franks-Promoters.

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