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### ***The Original Round Top Antiques Fair Returns to Celebrate 47 Successful Years***



A FRESH Approach...Even after 47 years of TRADITION~ “Often imitated, never duplicated”...The ORIGINAL Round Top Antiques Fair started 47 years ago this Fall. It started the phenomena we know and love today. It is amazing how the show has grown, how styles, dealers and customers have come and gone, yet it remains lively and fresh year after year. Show owners Susan and Bo Franks have accomplished this by blending youthful and seasoned veteran vendors - all with great quality merchandise brought to the marketplace.

When people say the “BIG RED BARN”, some get the impression it could be “out of your price range”...but this is not the case. For 47 years, the owners have taken pride in bringing quality antiques in all price points and multiple arrays of styles. Take time to discuss your price points with the vendors, you will be surprised how much information they are willing to pass along to you. Not everyone can start out buying expensive antiques for their homes or collections, but no matter what your price point may be, this show has quality items for everyone’s taste.

Where do the Franks see Round Top going in the next 47 years? “We only see it getting better as we educate our younger clientele on quality and knowledge of antiques. As we step forward into the future, we realize the importance of bringing forth young and fresh ideas that appeal to a wide group of buyers, brought by vendors who have a wealth of knowledge and are willing to spread the word of how fantastic this business really is. Our vendors keep up with current trends and can help marry those items with traditional ones to create a style that is uniquely yours.”

“Perhaps the thing we are most proud of and which sets us apart from other events in Round Top is that we are recognized as being one of the best antique shows in the nation. Shoppers will find only genuine antique and vintage pieces at all four of our locations. That is something we maintain with certainty.”

It's easy to see the 47-year-old Original Round Top Antiques Fair going on far into the future. With the history and tradition of highlighting superior quality dealers who sell excellent antiques and who pride themselves in helping customers to blend the historic with the newest style trends, the Original Round Top Antiques Fair can look forward to many successful years.

This Fall's Original Round Top Antiques Fair's Big Red Barn Event Center will feature 4 venues, including: The Big Red Barn -Perhaps the most well-known and highly touted of the show's four venues is:

- The Big Red Barn which has become a landmark for those traveling on Highway 237. This 30,000 square foot, air-conditioned facility is Round Top's premier spot to find excellent early American and early Texan antiques, gorgeous silver and art, rare books, clocks, furniture, textiles, china & pottery, and much, much more. There is something for everyone! If you are looking for that "Just Right" piece or accessory you could find it there! Unique & one-of-a-kind, that is our specialty.
- The Big Red Barn Tent - Located at the Event Center. Dealers here feature unique art, mid-century modern, vintage pieces of all shape and size, interesting antiques and much more. Vintage is the wave of the future and they throw a little repurposed vintage in as well. It's a fun place to check out unusual decorative items. Join the dealers in this venue for pieces that bring back great memories. Allow them to show you how these items can bring that mix of eclectic style to your decor.
- The European Tent -Also located at the Event Center is the Continental Tent. This large air conditioned tent will take your breath away upon opening the doors. The booths are set up in showroom settings featuring dealers from all over the World who specialize in bringing you magnificent antique furniture and accessories from the entire Continent. Whether your taste is Italian, French, English or something in between, you will likely find it in the Continental Tent. Big or small, the dealers at this and all the other venues are prepared to discuss the provenance of each piece they sell. Additionally, the dealers take time to educate new customers so these timeless items can be brought into your home and used with sophistication and style.
- The hidden jewel, Carmine Dance Hall -Not to be forgotten, a short drive from the Big Red Barn Event Center takes the shopper to historic Carmine Dance Hall. The variety of antiques include linens, jewelry, fine silver, and fabulous small accessories all of great quality. The venue is filled with veteran dealers who choose this venue to be their favorite and take pride in the feeling of what "Round Top" used to be. It's a slower pace, a smaller venue where the dealers can take time to visit with their customers and allow the customers to enjoy some real Texas Hospitality. You will find a full array of Antiques and Vintage in this venue brought to you in a charming setting of an old Texas Dance Hall.

There's plenty of FREE PARKING, Shippers ON-SITE, and a choice of excellent lunch fare, including delectable baked goods, may be found at the heart of the Big Red Barn Event Center, and award-winning barbecue and home-baked desserts draws many folks to the Carmine Dance Hall for lunch. Admission is \$10 for all 4 locations, all 4 days of the show and still the BEST TICKET IN TOWN! The Original Round Top Antiques Fair is open October 1, 2, 3 & 4th. Visit on Opening Day, Wednesday October 1<sup>st</sup>, at 9am, with late night shopping until 7pm--Thursday & Friday 9am-6pm--Saturday 9am-4pm. For more information about the show visit the newly designed website at [www.RoundTopTexasAntiques.com](http://www.RoundTopTexasAntiques.com) or call 512-237-4747. Be sure to LIKE on Facebook or FOLLOW on Twitter, Instagram & Google+.

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