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***The ORIGINAL Round Top Antiques Winter Show Returns to
The Big Red Barn in Round Top, Texas
Friday, January 22 and Saturday, January 23***



GENUINE is a key word that sets apart the Original Round Top Antiques Winter Show scheduled for Friday, January 22 and Saturday, January 23, from all others. "We are recognized as being one of the BEST antique shows in the nation, and we are going strong! Shoppers will find only GENUINE (no reproductions) antique and vintage pieces at this Winter Antiques Show. Texas presently boasts a great economic market for antiques...you never know what treasure you may find and at a bargain!"

Strong and true words as the Original Round Top Winter Antiques Fair (often imitated but never duplicated) returns for its' Winter Show on Friday, January 23 and Saturday, January 24. And with the winter cold (or rain, shine, or snow) comes the warm, comfortable, and friendly atmosphere of shopping fun in a 30,000 square foot climate-controlled facility in the dead of winter from 9:00 am until 5:00 pm. There's no worry to leave the premises to eat or ship out your precious cargo as on-site shipping is available, porters to carry your items to the vehicle, and food vendors will have goodies ready for that challenging task of shopping.

Showcased in the Texas Home and Living, Texas Monthly Magazine and many other nation-wide publications, this show impresses regular antique shoppers and

helps those “newbies” learn about antiques. The Big Red Barn is at capacity with its' vendors this year, and that includes not only fabulous locals but those from Missouri, Ohio, and throughout the United States. Make no mistake about it, visitors relish that hometown atmosphere, protection from the weather indoors, and a shopping-friendly environment of genuine antiques. This is the place with unsurpassed quality and unusual, one-of-a-kind antiques. If they don't have it, they can probably get it for you and if you are brand-new at this, the Winter Show is your perfect venue to start that antique "education".

Visionary Susan Franks began this show, realizing the regional market and community surrounding Round Top would benefit from the weekend of shopping for the finest antiques in the "dead of winter". The visitor will not be disappointed. You can truly expect to meet some of the most well known out-of-state and in-state collectors and exhibitors in today's market with their wonderful antique and vintage items including furniture, silver, jewelry, art, Native American jewelry, interesting decorating objects, industrial, smalls, and so many incredible period pieces--something for everyone—all in 30,000+ square feet of shopping experience!

“Newcomers to antiques are always welcome,” states Susan Franks, owner of the Big Red Barn. “Our antique dealers take pride in explaining and educating people to their products-especially those that are just not sure of the antique world. The history (and there is almost always a history) revolving around these pieces is sometimes quite fascinating.”

The show runs Friday, January 22 from 9 am to 5 pm and Saturday, January 23 from 9 am to 5 pm at The Big Red Barn on 475 South State Highway 237(5 miles north of Round Top). There is free parking with a nominal admission of \$5.00 per day. For more information, call 512-237-4747, e-mail rtantiques@earthlink.net or visit www.roundtoptexasantiques.com.

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