Museum Antiques

Furniture designer to speak Friday, workshops scheduled for Saturday

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Antiques and art will again converge at the Greenville County Museum of Art this weekend during the 24th Annual Museum Antiques Show.

The museum's largest fundraiser kicks off Friday with a keynote lecture by Bobby McAlpine, an architect and furniture designer with offices in Montgomery, Nashville, Atlanta and New York. The show continues through Sunday with workshops and, of course, many antiques.

This year, 21 dealers will fill the museum's downstairs gallery space, says Mary Lawson, head of development. Dealers will offer buying tips and discuss the quality and history of antiques. Variety is the operative word, with dealer specialties ranging from silver and Oriental rugs to porcelain and fine art.

The show is the main moneymaker for buying pieces of art for the permanent collection, but Lawson says the museum does not actually reap anything from the sale of antiques. Instead, funds come from ticket sales and donations.

In the show's 23 years, the museum has raised more than $4.5 million and has purchased 55 new artworks as a result of the antiques show. Five of the six new artworks purchased this year will be on display.

The impact is "huge," says Lawson. "You can come to the show and see the legacy the show will have forever."

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YOU CAN GO

What: 24th Annual Museum Antiques Show
When: 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday and Saturday; 1-5 p.m. Sunday
Where: Greenville County Museum of Art, 420 College St.
Cost: $5 in advance, $8 at the door. Tickets to Bobby McAlpine's lecture, "The House Within Us," $25 (includes general admission); Saturday morning workshops, $5 each
Details: Bobby McAlpine lecture is 10 a.m. Friday. Nationally recognized dealer, author and broadcaster David Lindquist's workshop on antique furniture, "What to Know Before You Buy," is 10 a.m. Saturday. Mark Antebi of Atlanta Silver and Antiques presents "Silver: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly" at 11:15 a.m. Saturday.
For more: 864-271-7570 or www.greenvillemuseum.org

Show turns 24



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The Museum Antiques Show features a lineup of workshops and speakers as well as furniture and accessories for sale.