



Animals Get Lion's Share Of Interest At
Antique Garden Furniture Fair



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BRONX, N.Y. — The Bronx Zoo is down the road but one weekend every spring, a collection of animals instead draws thousands of visitors to the New York Botanical Garden. Here, stone lions, rabbits, cats, dogs, turtles and owls are showcased at the Antique Garden Furniture Fair along with faux bois benches, cast iron

Bob Withington, Portsmouth, N.H..





urns, massive stone planters and statuary.

Longtime supporter of the New York Botanical Garden, Martha Stewart was on hand and inspected both the plants and antiques for sale.

The show featuring antiques for the garden and garden room, managed by Karen DiSaia, took place April 24–26 and presented a lavish selection of things to delight over. A specialty plant sale run by the Garden assured visitors of a one-stop shopping experience with sempervivum succulents, exotic orchids and more species available,

ready to be planted into any of the antique planters dealers had for sale.

“People always seem to be able to find a place in their garden for a dog or a cat or a...,” said show veteran Anne Rowe of The Sugarplum Antiques, Wilmot, N.H., adding she sold well from among her stone animals and planters. “We did very well and were very pleased,” noting her sales were across the board from garden ephemera and smalls to benches and traditional items.

Brennan & Mouilleseaux, Northfield, Conn.



Running up along a side wall in the booth of Judith & James Milne At Home Antiques, New York City, was a set of stairs on which a menagerie of stone animals perched. A trio of watchful owls kept company with a

bunny planter having an unusual form, a napping sheep and an inquisitive cat.

The Milnes reported having a solid showing, selling every day and garnering strong interest in their

Fleur, Mount Kisco, N.Y. (Click to see full image)



wares. “I sold a couple of weathervanes, planters and urns... lots of stuff for the garden,” said Judith, who has been exhibiting here for more than 20 years. Having a shop in Kingston, N.Y., also, the Milnes will be selling garden items there all season long.

Animal species were represented in both small and large scale. A

One of a pair of monumental lions from a Palm Beach estate, circa 1930, guarded the booth of More & More Antiques, New York City.





▲ *The Sugarplum, Wilmot, N.H.*

▼ *Fine Antique Prints, Wayne, Penn.*



▼ *Greg K. Kramer & Co., Robesonia, Penn. (Click to see full image)*



pair of circa 1930 stone lions described as “monumental” kept a watchful eye on the booth entrance at More & More Antiques, New York City. A few were even alive, such as the goldfish swimming in an porcelain bowl at Pagoda Red, Chicago. ([Continued on page 18 inside the E-edition](#))

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