

# The Show Must Go On: Snow Can't Stop Tolland

By Andrea Valluzzo

**T**OLLAND, CONN. — The running joke is that if a snowstorm is coming, it must be Tolland weekend and indeed the 49th edition of the Tolland Antiques Show on Sunday, February 8, was affected by a snowstorm that started Sunday afternoon and didn't end until late Monday. Show director Kathy Bach and a dedicated group of volunteers from the Tolland Historical



Michael and Lucinda Seward, Pittsford, Vt.



Steve Smoot Antiques & Navajo Textiles, Lancaster, Penn.

could not be stopped however and despite some last-minute dealer cancellations, the show went on. “All things considered, we were very happy with the gate. There were some concerns about travel and getting home so I did close the show (an hour early) at 3 pm and dealers were able to pack out before the snow started here,” Bach said. Snow has been an issue for the show before, especially given the flat roof of the Tolland Middle School, the show’s venue, and has sparked much discussion over the years about the timing of the show. Talk is evidently becoming more serious this year as the show heads into a big anniversary next year. “Trading snowflakes for raindrops might be in



the wind for the Tolland show,” Bach said, saying they are looking into moving the show to April and will make a decision soon.

“Considering all the hysteria concerning the



weather I would say the crowd was unexpectedly good,” said dealer Mike Seward, Pittsford, Vt. “Folks who attend the show tend to be eager to buy and well-informed. We sold a variety of things, including a large early cupboard, a one-drawer maple stand, a miniature portrait of a young girl, an oil on canvas landscape, silver, jewelry and mochaware,” he said. “Kathy Bach and the historical society volunteers, as usual did a fine job under very adverse

(Left) Sue Wirth, Union, Conn.



Brian Cullity Antiques, Sagamore, Mass.

conditions and dealer cancellations for various reasons. I can't say enough good things about this show where we've been setting up for about 20 years now."

"Despite the snow, we had a great show! Some of our regulars could not make it, but they had let us know in advance. We sold a high post bed with hangings, a cupboard, an early six-board box, a beautiful wainscot chair and several smalls," said Karan Oberg of Richmond House Antiques, Ashford, Conn.



New England Home Antiques,  
Wethersfield, Conn.



Karen Alexander Antiques,  
Somers, Conn.





(Above) Tommy Thompson,  
Pembroke, N.H.

(Clockwise from left)

DBR Antiques, Hadley, Mass.

Sasha's Antiques, Orange, Conn.

Richard Fuller, South Royalton,  
Vt.

As soon as details are released on the 2016 show dates, be they February or April, they will be announced here. For more information, [www.tollandhistorical.org](http://www.tollandhistorical.org).



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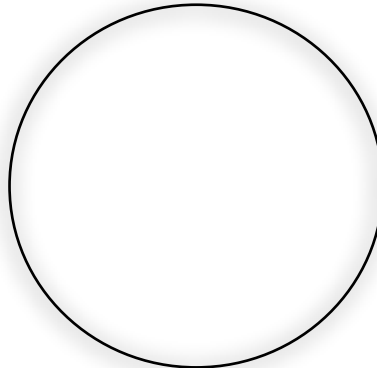
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