

Original York Antiques Show & Sale

A New Year of York
Shows Start Off

With A

Roar

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YORK, PENN. — A bit of snow fell during the Thursday, January 29, set up of the Original York Antiques Show and Sale at Memorial Hall East, York Fairgrounds, and



another dusting came on Friday. However, it did not hurt the show's attendance, with a solid gate on Friday, a crowd that rivaled Friday visitors on Saturday, and the usual smaller gate on Sunday, February 1, but this



James Kilvington, Dover, Del.



Melvin "Butch" Arion, show manager, with a white-painted wood sculpture in the booth of Joseph J. Lodge that carried a sold sign.



Philip H. Bradley Co., Downingtown, Penn.



Bill Kelly Antiques, Limington, Maine

Quiet Corner Antiques, Sterling, Conn.



time laced with a couple of heavy hitters who made some expensive purchases.

“In a word, the show was wonderful,” Melvin “Butch” Arion, the show’s manager, said as he was packing the car later in the week to take some time off. He added that he



Sam Herrup, Sheffield, Mass.

“hoped the pace of York was a good sign for antiques shows in 2015.”

There were some new faces at York, which brought both more high quality and variety to the show, making this event a grand-looking show and one that pleased many buyers. “Things were selling, some furniture was moving, and from reports it appears that only a small number of the dealers did poorly,”

Butch said. Ninety-six dealers did the show and, with ample porters, the show

closed at 5 pm on Sunday and everyone was gone by 8:30.



David H. Horst, Lebanon, Penn.



Joseph J. Lodge, Lederach, Penn.

*U*nfortunately, there was one sad note. Harry Hartman was not there and a note on the front of the show's catalog read, in part, "We would like to dedicate this York Show to our dear friend and colleague Harry B. Hartman, who passed away January 3, 2015. He knew everyone, spent hours shopping the show and shared his vast knowledge with his fellow dealers, friends and collectors. As one person said, "You could feel the absence of Harry as you went down that first aisle and passed his regular booth that he set up with Oliver. Without question, he would have loved this show and being here."

Harry was 84 years old and will be sadly missed by everyone." Harry was a fixture at the York shows, if not an exhibitor, then a visitor.

The next York Antiques Show & Sale managed by Butch Arion will be September 25–27, Friday through Sunday.



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