Annual Columbus Day Antique Show & Sale slated for October 10 at Venus de Milo



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This Columbus Day, October 12, at the Venus de Milo in Swansea, you will find antiquer's heaven. It's Lighthouse Promotions' annual Columbus Day Antique Show & Sale.

Savvy antique collectors have been attending Lighthouse Promotions' shows for some fifty years now, because they know that the best dealers in the region will be showing their wares here.

Amanda Lynn Orefice, of Lighthouse promotions, explains why. "Shoppers know that the dealers at our shows will have something for everyone. They know what people are collecting."

Everything from dolls, jewelry and sterling silver to military items, furniture and nautical items will be on display. And there will be merchandise in almost every price range.

"Comics and superhero items are still hot," says Orefice, "and

we always have some dealers who carry those items."

The Venus de Milo is an ideal place to while away a few hours shopping for antiques. The Empire Grille dining room will be open for lunch, offering their famous lobster dinners, sandwiches and more.

"People will come in and browse, have some lunch and then browse some more," she says. "It's just a fun way to buy antiques."

Vintage items are also very popular and the show will always feature some of these. Mission style furniture is also desirable. As are Asian antiques. All will be represented, among approximately forty dealers.

"We have dealers who come back year after year and many customers who do, as well," Amanda Lynn says. "There's just so much variety. If you're looking for something specific, you'll either find it or will at least find out where you can get it."



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The jewelry selection is extensive, with many vendors either

specializing in jewelry or including it among their merchandise. So you're sure to find the style you want, in a wide range of prices.

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"Our dealers have their fingers on the pulse of the market," Orefice says, "and they have a level of professionalism and expertise that's difficult to match anywhere. They know their merchandise and they know what people want."

It's not too early to think about Christmas shopping, and the Columbus Day Antiques Show & Sale provides the opportunity to purchase unique items as gifts. But more than that, it's fun. You never know what you'll find, which might even be something you didn't even know exists!

Admission is \$6.00, from 11:00 A.M. until 4;00 P. M. with an early buyer's preview at 10:00 am, for a \$10.00 admission. Experienced antiquers know that the early admission can be well worth it. The real deals and most desirable antiques can go early, but there's just so much on display that that special find can be found throughout the show.

This writer has attended many Lighthouse Promotions shows and try as I might to resist, I have always found something I could not bear to be without. The prices are fair (and often enough more than fair) and the dealers are always helpful. I would not miss it, and you shouldn't either. These shows are truly the premiere antique buying events in the entire region.

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If you love antiques and collectibles, you just cannot miss it!



Mark those calendars!