



SPRING MARKET POSTPONED!

Springtime this year just won't be the same without the opening of our beloved antique markets but I thought it would be a good time to reminisce about one in particular for my first newsletter.

As a buyer for the last twenty years, I count the cold, long days of winter, crossing each off the calendar with a big X in anticipation as the first Saturday after Victoria Day draws near. It's the opening day of the largest antique show in Canada, and I'm beyond excited!

The Christie Antique & Vintage Show has been operating since 1988, attracting dealers and antique collectors from across Canada and the US. Spread out over ten acres at the Christie Conservation Area in Dundas, Ontario, the show welcomes 10,000+ shoppers every spring and fall.

Our planning starts about a week or so ahead of time. List of what to look for?...check. Tickets purchased?...check. Assortment of clothing and footwear for all types of weather?...check. This game plan has all the hallmarks of a strategic military operation!

Getting up before the sun rises is not exactly my favourite thing to do on a Saturday, but the quest for finding cool vintage and antiques is what springs me out of bed at 4am! Once parked and through the gate we begin quickly at one end and weave our way through to complete our first sweep of the vendors and their wares. Vendors booths overflow with everything from art, primitives, signage, and collectibles from every era!

Before we know it, it's time for our traditional lunch from the Lion's Club of Rockton - peameal bacon on a bun with home-cut fries...YUM! We spend the afternoon meeting up with other dealers we haven't seen in awhile and take our time slowly giving the entire market another once over before returning home. It's amazing how many other treasures are discovered after the morning rush is over. Another successful spring market and a truck load of curated items to sell and some to keep.

It's such an amazing fun-filled day that we are going to sorely miss this time around but I remain ever hopeful that somehow, some way things will change for the better and we will be able to enjoy the Christie experience again this fall...fingers crossed.

