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Winter Antiques Show
Announces the 2003 Loan Exhibition
From the Shelburne Museum

(New York, NY, August 2002) Arie L. Kopelman, president of Chanel U.S.A. and Chairman of the Winter Antiques Show committee is pleased to announce that the loan exhibition for the 2003 Winter Antiques Show will be from the Shelburne Museum, in Shelburne, Vermont. The exhibition, titled *American Dreams, American Visions: The Collections of Shelburne Museum* will be featured at the 49th annual Winter Antiques Show from January 17 – January 26, 2003 at the Seventh Regiment Armory, 67th Street and Park Avenue, New York City. The loan exhibition at the Winter Antiques Show is sponsored by The Chubb Group of Insurance Companies for a seventh consecutive year.

The Shelburne Museum was founded by Electra Havemeyer Webb and has been described as “Vermont’s Smithsonian.” Webb, one of the earliest collectors of Americana and American folk art, opened the museum to the public in 1947. Aply characterized as a “collection of collections,” the museum houses one of America’s most extensive collections of folk, fine and decorative arts in 37 historic buildings and houses. The product of a lifetime of collecting by Mrs. Webb, the offerings include European Impressionist paintings in Mrs. Webb’s recreated Park Avenue residence, hundreds of duck decoys housed in a 1832 country home, and the 220-foot steamboat *Ticonderoga*, a National Historic Landmark.

“Each year, one prestigious institution is selected to showcase its rich holdings at the Winter Antiques Show,” stated Mr. Kopelman. “Shelburne’s diverse collection impressed our committee and we felt it important to draw attention to Electra Havemeyer Webb’s passion for American decorative arts and her quest for preserving our heritage.”

American Dreams, American Visions: The Collections of Shelburne Museum will showcase the eclectic mix of Shelburne’s collection of more than 80,000 objects that span three centuries and demonstrate Webb’s commitment to establishing one of the most impressive assortments of paintings, folk art and textiles, decorative arts, artifacts and architecture. The Mary Cassatt pastel *Louisine Havemeyer and Her Daughter Electra*, (1895), *Grandma Moses’ After the Wedding* (1942) by and the pair of portraits by William Matthew Prior of *The Reverend John Lawson and Mrs. Lawson*, (1843) will be joined by striking examples of weathervanes, trade signs, textiles and decoys to make what promises to be a fascinating exhibit.

All proceeds from the Winter Antiques Show benefit East Side House Settlement, a 112-year-old social services organization in America’s poorest congressional district, the Mott Haven section of the South Bronx. Show hours are noon to 8:30 p.m. daily; Sundays and Thursdays, the Show is open from noon to 6:00 p.m. Tickets to the Opening Night Party, sponsored by Elle Decor magazine with Diane von Furstenberg and Barry Diller presiding as Honorary Co-Chairmen on Thursday, January 16, or the Young Collectors’ Night sponsored by Elle magazine on Thursday, January 23, are available by calling 718-292-7392 or by visiting the Show’s website at www.winterantiquesshow.com. General admission to the Show is \$16, which includes a catalog.