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Show of shows for antiques lovers

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Marble figurines and stone urns from Barbara Israel Garden Antiques in Katonah will be among the offerings when the 52nd annual Winter Antiques Show opens with a gala preview tonight in Manhattan.

The prestigious show, which gathers 74 of the nation's top antiques dealers, will then continue at the Seventh Regiment Armory through Jan. 29.

The Winter show is the traditional highlight of Americana Week, the collection of major antiques shows, auctions and exhibitions that occurs this time each year in Manhattan.

Collectors at the armory will find a wealth of fine and decorative arts from America, Europe and Asia, along with a series of lectures, tours and special events. This year's special loan exhibition



"A Young Boy," circa 1826, by James Morris Davis from dealer Elle Shushan.

is devoted to "George Washington's Mount Vernon," a look at the treasures of the historic Virginia home of the nation's first president.

"We don't want the show to

ever become stale," says Catherine Sweeney Singer, the show's executive director. "We do focus very much on a range of dealers who within themselves have a range of materials."

Tonight's festivities begin at 5 p.m., with a series of receptions that continue to 9 p.m. Tickets range from \$300 to \$2,500. The show will then continue, from noon to 8 p.m. daily (closing at 6 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 26 and Jan. 29). Daily general admission, which includes a catalog, is \$20. The winter show is again serving as a benefit, with net proceeds going to the community-outreach center, the East Side House Settlement in the South Bronx.

The armory is on Park Avenue at 67th Street. Call 718-292-7392 or visit www.winterantiquesshow.com.

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