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**Designer's Choice™ Team to Select the Best at Antiques & Gardening at Bryn Du**

GRANVILLE, OH, April 5, 2010—The “best-of-the-best” can mean different things from different perspectives. Designers, antiquarians, appraisers and artists all look at objects and draw varying conclusions. A program called Designer's Choice™ in play at Antiques & Gardening at Bryn Du, May 14-16, 2010 at the Bryn Du mansion in Granville, Ohio provides show goers an opportunity to see, and perhaps purchase, items designated “best” by a team of experts.

*“Designer's Choice™ successfully brings together professional designers, appraisers, antiquarians and artists in a quest for the most exciting items on the show floor,”* says Melrose & Duddy partner Matt Duddy, who developed the program. *“Show attendees and dealers alike find the selection of these special items both exciting and educational.”*

Columbus-based appraiser Jeff Baker who will fulfill that role in the 2010 Designer's Choice™ program says that he'll be looking for unique, well-priced items. Those items, he says, are not as uncommon as one might think at a show like Antiques & Gardening at Bryn Du.

*“I buy for myself at antique shows,”* Baker says. *“And there's no better time than now. Even as the recovery takes hold, prices are still off by 30 percent or so.”*

Antiquarian and private-client dealer John Tompkins says he pays special attention to the originality of an item.

*“Originality means there are no major repairs or replacements,”* Tompkins says describing what he says is something the untrained eye may have difficulty detecting and something an artist or designer may overlook without concern.

Buyers perhaps care most about what an object will look like in their home. The *wow* factor is not something that is ignored.

“Buyers who see the Designer’s Choice™ emblem know that a team of professionals have assessed the value, authenticity and look,” Duddy says.

Hours for Antiques & Gardening at Bryn Du are May 14 Noon--6:00 p.m., May 15, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. and May 16 Noon to 5 p.m. Tickets are \$8.00. A preview brunch will be held May 14, 10:00 a.m.- Noon. Brunch cost is \$20.00, including show admission. All tickets are good for the duration of the event. For more information on the show please visit [www.brynduantiques.com](http://www.brynduantiques.com) or [www.bryndu.com](http://www.bryndu.com) .

### **Bryn Du Mission Statement**

Bryn Du is a long-term asset for the community that will provide a place for cultural, recreational, and educational activities for people of all ages. Bryn Du will be preserved and enhanced to contribute to the vitality and quality of life of the Granville Community  
~Bryn Du Commission December 2003

### **About The Antiques Show**

The Antiques Show (managed by Melrose & Duddy) bring 25 years of antiques show experience to Antiques & Gardening at Bryn Du and has successfully managed antiques shows since 2007. More information on The Antiques Show is available at [www.theantiquesshow.com](http://www.theantiquesshow.com). More information on Antiques & Gardening at Bryn Du and Bryn Du Mansion is available at [www.brynduantiques.com](http://www.brynduantiques.com).

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