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Appraisers and Vendors Announced for this weekend's Appraisal Fair

Greeneville, Tenn. – The Greene County Partnership Tourism Department's Ninth Annual Antique Appraisal Fair and Show, slated to take place this Saturday at Greeneville High School, will offer experienced appraisers from all walks of antiques. Featured will be more than 45 antique dealers from two states selling their wares along with museum displays and, new to this year, a quilt show with more than 25 regionally-made quilts. For the second year in a row, the event also features a Preview Party on Friday, February 14 from 7-9 p.m. Attendees can shop the vendors, meet and greet with some of the appraisers and enjoy live music and light refreshments. Admission is \$10 per person and tickets can be purchased at the door.

This year's event will feature six qualified appraisers from across the state.

Jeff Cupp, an appraiser from Knoxville, TN is a 1981 graduate of West Greene High School, graduated from Walters State Community College with a degree in business and from the University of Tennessee Knoxville with a degree in advertising and marketing. Jeff specializes in Americana, East Tennessee Furniture, pottery and folk art, Rose Medallion, Canton and Chinese export, silver; American, English and Continental, Art; oils, pastels and graphics, Staffordshire; historical and figural, Oriental rugs/carpets and antique clocks and has also appeared on PBS's Treasures in the Attic.

John D. Case, the owner of "Case Antiques," with over 18 years of experience researching and evaluating American antiques and art and with a specialization in Southern Decorative Arts. John has

been a past appraiser for the PBS show "Treasures in the Attic" and has appraised in the area of folk art and furniture.

Joey & Lisa Groseclose will be joining the event again this year specializing in Military items (all wars), Estate jewelry, costume jewelry, Native American Indian items, art glass (all general antiques) and also an appraiser for "Treasures in the Attic" for all Military and war related items.

Joe Rosson and Rick Crane will bring their talents once again specializing in autographs, silver, dolls, paper documents, porcelain, country pottery, and general items.

Kenneth Depew specializes in toys, advertising and sports memorabilia and has a basic, general knowledge of most antiques.

More than 45 antique dealers will be selling their treasures at this year's event, including Nancy Bickmore with Primitives Plus from Greeneville, Lawrence Arnell with L&P Antiques from Greeneville, Jerry Loveday with Loveday's Antiques from Sevierville, Sandra Davis with Davis Antiques from Clinton, George E. Webb, Jr. with Tennessee Books and Autographs from Rogersville, Pat Cardwell with Pat's Antiques and Collectibles from Knoxville, Ursula Ricker with Ursula's Vintage Collectibles from Sevierville, Nancy Stoddard with Anna's Attic from Elizabethton and Jolene Gillenwater from Fall Branch.

Vendors also include Harold Roth and Gracia Bobbitt from Knoxville, Junior Gilland from Greeneville, Janie Crabtree from Jonesborough, Josh Anderson from Heiskell, TN, Calvin Patterson with Valley Antiques from Lake City, Elaine Jones with Willow Country from Blountville, Debbie Anglin with Trails End Antiques from Harragut, Vicky Gregory and Becky Wolfe with Greeneville Antique Market, Rita Kovacevich from Canton, NC, and Mary Griffin from Church Hill.

The list of vendors continues with Roger Moore with House of Hidden Treasures from Chuckey, Mike Barbera from Louisville, John Gillespie from Bristol, Joanie Garbee with Heart's Desire from

Cornelius, NC, Lisa Stoner with Stoner Antiques from Johnson City, Robby Cardwell with Southern Comforts from Knoxville, Steve Amyx from Greeneville, Myra McCurry with Erin, Etc. from Greeneville, Norma Proffitt with Norma's Dollhouse Antiques from Elizabethton, Bill Castle with Antiques Warehouse from Fall Branch, Tom Lane with Park House Antiques from Greeneville, Lyza Pascucci, Donnie Knight, Dave Hartman from Greeneville, Ken Culbertson from Knoxville and Mary McNamara with The Packrat's Nest from Knoxville.

The Appraisal Fair also features several historical attractions and museums. The Andrew Johnson National Historic Site and the Museums of Tusculum College that includes the Doak House Museum and the Andrew Johnson Presidential Library will be participating by offering educational information on the sites and tours.

New to this year will be a quilt show that will feature more than 25 locally and regionally made quilts for viewing by the public. The show will take place at the top of the steps leading up to the gymnasium where the appraisals will take place.

Back this year, for each item a visitor pays to have appraised, their name will be entered into a drawing to win a 50" LCD HD TV compliments of Wal-Mart Logistics. Additional tickets may be purchased at the concession stand on the second level.

The Antique Appraisal Fair and Show will take place from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is FREE and a \$5 fee will be charged per item to be appraised. Concessions will be available through Sno Biz of Greeneville and the Tourism Department of the Partnership will have homemade cakes, cookies, pies and breads for sale.

Sponsors for this year's event are: title sponsor The Greeneville City Schools, other sponsors include WCYB TV-5, DTR Tennessee, Inc., WGRV/WIKQ/WSMG, The Greeneville Sun, Wal-Mart Logistics,

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