

Changing lifestyles

Antiques provide flexibility

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For more than 30 years, the annual Junior Group of League Goodwill antique market and sale has inspired metropolitan area collectors.

Many of the fine, private local collections had their start there. But, some of the longtime, avid collectors have run into what may look like an unsolvable problem—what to do with all those prized pieces when moving to a smaller residence.

More often than not, such a move can lead to tears rather than smiles. A few smiles may come with the lighter work load and lessened respon-

sibilities, but having to part with treasured possessions creates trauma. And if the collectors maintain their enthusiasm for acquiring, such a move seems out of the question.

However, one Bloomfield Hills couple made the jump with surprising grace. Their collection actually began with the first Goodwill market three decades back and she's actively involved in the planning of the upcoming market at Fairlane Manor in Dearborn, Nov. 11-13. With grown children who now have their own homes, the couple moved from a 12-room house to a seven-room condominium without the what-to-discard dilemma.

CAREFUL PLANNING AHEAD along with the innate flexibility of good antiques when planning decor is certainly a major factor in the relative ease of the move.

ty area, into a telephone room complete with early American furnishings. In the upstairs bathroom, there's a hanging corner cupboard that serves as a showcase for a fish decoy collection. The decoys originally were made for ice fishing and are now eagerly sought by collectors.

A collection of American pewter is displayed on shelves in one bedroom and there's a collection of slipware in the master bedroom. Oriental rugs are used throughout the new residence and

these, combined with wing chairs, Queen Anne tables, American primitives and an enviable number of folk art type paintings, make for a Williamsburg atmosphere.

Some of the extra features which were built in before the couple moved in but carefully supervised by them, add to the charm—a fireplace in the master bedroom, leaded pane windows, brick floors in the foyer and hall leading to the living room and early American style six-panel doors.

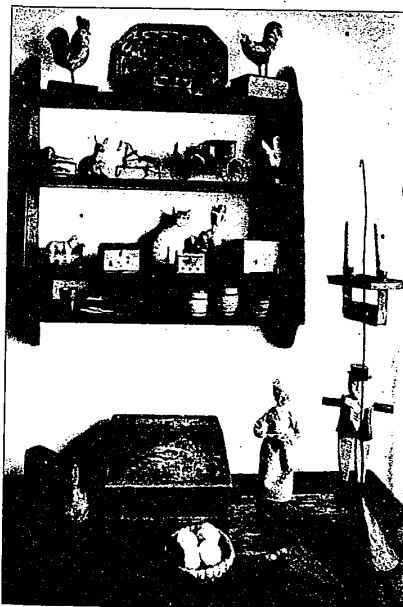
LIKE MOST LONGTIME, SERIOUS collectors, these two are acutely aware of the dramatic increase in value of their collection over the years. So there's more than just the satisfaction of being surrounded with possessions they love, there's the comfort of knowing they made wise investments.

Of the thousands of antique shows held in the United States almost without interruption, the Goodwill market and sale ranks among the best with serious collectors. For one thing, dealers must have an unblemished reputation for quality and willingness to stand behind what they offer.

Among the 50 who will be participating this year are some newcomers—David Arman, a leading collector of Staffordshire pottery, Larry Selman of Santa Cruz, Calif., paperweight specialist, Marsha Hope of Maryland, musical antiques and Cooper Pride of West Virginia, antique lighting devices.

The Goodwill antique market and sale opens with a by-advance-ticket-only champagne preview Friday. It continues Saturday, Sunday and Monday, Saturday and Sunday hours are 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Monday hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Fairlane Manor is at 1900 Hubbard Drive, Dearborn.

Mrs. Don F. Carlson of Bloomfield Hills is general chairwoman. Proceeds of the show are used to improve Goodwill services. In the past 45 years, the Junior Group has raised a total \$850,000 for this purpose.



Collection of antique toys and Neutka Indian baskets is displayed in a bedroom, but it could just as easily go in any room of the home.



Fish decoys, considered an American folk art form, are now collectables. The two small ones are from the St. Clair area.

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