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Michigan's oldest charity antique show, the Metro Detroit Junior Group Goodwill Show, will be celebrating its 44th year as it is held Nov. 15-17 at the Michigan State Fairgrounds. It also is Goodwill Industries 70th year of helping the physically, mentally and emotionally disabled,

This year's show will feature 50 dealers from the East and Midwest, many of whom have been exhibitors for many years.

John Anderson of Rare Old Prints in Royal Oak remembers he began exhibiting at the show 20 years ago when it still was being held at the Brush Street Goodwill Building where it began in 1948. It was held there through 1972 when the event moved for two years to the Sentinel Center on East Jefferson. After being held at the Masonic Temple in 1974, it moved to Fairlane Manor in Dearborn where it stayed until 1985 when change of

ownership necessitated finding a new home for the show

That's when the Junior Group gan an annual transformation at the Michigan State Fairgrounds building (Woodward at Eight Mile in Detroit) to create appropriate settings for dealers in fine antiques.

A few more dealers have been added since 1985, but the show has been kept to a size that ensures quality and variety. Edwin T. Palko is the show manager while Russell Carrell serves as consultant. Carrell has a booth at the show,

Anderson says it has been a 'wonderful show" for his shop. Right now he is working on botanical and 18th century architectural prints to display in his booth. He mentions that he will have two different series of poultry prints-very popular currently as decorative accents. Views and birds also will be available.

Another veteran dealer who remembers showing in 1970 at the Brush Street location is Bernard Plomp of Village Green Antiques in Richland, Mich.

Plomp, who is known for his American 18th century furniture, points out that he has shown at the Goodwill event intermittently.

But this is a big show season for him with three in October preceding the Goodwill benefit. A feature at his

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