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February What's It??

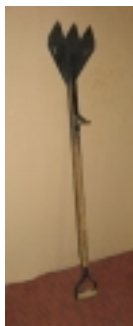
Here is an interesting item sent to us by Nancy Blair, Blue Barn Antiques and Collectibles, Beamsville, Ont.



Does this look familiar? If so, please let us know what you think it might be - email marjorie@antiquesincanada.com. If you have an item which you think might stump a few antique buffs, send us a picture.

November What's It??

Our first two correct replies came from Linda Faith, "It is a hay knife used to cut the hay in the mow," The Beggar's Bench, Lac Ste Marie, Que. and from Funk & Gruven, Belleville ... "the mystery item is referred to as a sod cutter or sod fork". Both are correct! Thanks.



Antique Showers

Picture and excerpt courtesy of Don Hooper, www.vintageplumbing.com.



It was uncommon for homes built before the 1920s to have a shower in them as it was considered an unnecessary expense. Showers were used primarily by men, and not women, in barracks, gymnasiums and bathhouses since at least the 1880s. The shower was strongly associated therefore with athleticism and men. Women were considered the weaker sex, delicate and fragile compared to men. Home décor authority Charles E. White wrote in 1914 that "some constitutions cannot stand the rigours of shower bathing, a practice which should be resorted to only under the advice of a physician." So, well up until the 1930s, most women would not
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Good News!

The good news of the day is that for the third year running there will be NO increase in the yearly rate for listing your shop with Antiques in Canada. For \$50.00 you can still list your shop for one year ... don't delay, renew your listing today!!

See "Renewals" (below) to learn how to find out your renewal date.

Renewals

If you are not sure when your listing expires please go to "Manage My Account", enter your login information (the email address that is on your listing plus your password) and click "login". Close to the top of the next page you will see your renewal date.

If you have forgotten your password, enter your email address in the bottom section of the "Manage My Account" page and click "submit". Your password will be emailed to that address immediately. If you still have a problem, let me know - marjorie@antiquesincanada.com.

I will be sending email reminders two weeks before your listing expires and an Invoice just prior to your due date. Payment is due within one month of your renewal date.

List your shop with
Antiques in Canada
\$50.00 for one year
Register on-line
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Shower (cont'd from page 1)

consider showering. But showers did have a purpose in the home for those who felt the need, and the purpose was medicinal or therapeutic. Shower sprays were believed to stimulate the action of the skin, and make some people healthier. The showers that had the most therapeutic value were the ones that had multiple sprays that would apply jets of water. These showers were called needle showers since the fine jets of spray would strike the kidney area, ribcage, liver or spine like fine needles. These elaborate showers were very expensive, commonly costing from \$300 to about \$500.

This might help explain the rarity of antique showers today. They were mainly only found in a very few upscale homes, the ones most likely to be remodeled or modernized as tastes changed. And then, with their elaborate brass tubing and castings construction, they were strong candidates for the scrap metal yard. As a result of all this, they are rare as hen's teeth now, and highly sought after by some old house people who have seen them in magazines or in old catalogs.

A shower such as the one shown here can be seen at the Old Blacksmiths Shop, Lunenburg, NS. It is an original shower c.1915, plated in nickel, with all the pieces and in good condition.

Up Coming Antique Shows:

British Columbia:

Retro Design & Antiques Fair, Vancouver, BC February 17, 2008
21st Century Flea Market, Vancouver, BC March 16, 2008

Manitoba:

Manitoba Antique Association Spring Show, Winnipeg, MN March 16, 2008

Ontario:

The Great Deseronto Antique Emporium Sale,
Deseronto, ON Jan. 26 - Feb. 10, 2008
North Bay Antique Show And Sale, North Bay, ON February 9, 2008
Yesteryear Antique Fair, Ottawa, ON February 15, 2008
18th Annual Thornbury Winter Antiques Show, Thornbury, ON March 8, 2008
Aubrey's Ottawa Nostalgia And Collectible Show, Ottawa, ON March 16, 2008
Woodstock Antique Show And Sale, Woodstock, ON March 21, 2008
The Ottawa Antiques Sale, Ottawa, ON March 28, 2008
Komoka Nostalgia Show, Komoka, ON April 13, 2008

New Brunswick:

Carson's Antique Flea Market, Moncton, NB February 24, 2008

Antique Appraisals & Statistics

Antiques in Canada has two new categories: Antique Appraisals and Antique Services and is considering a third - Antique Shops for Sale. This is in direct response to specific requests. At the moment these categories fall under "Find a Shop/Event" but will soon be moved out of this section to stand alone.

If you would like to register your business under any of these new categories, you can do so on-line by clicking on the link "Register My Shop". The charge is \$50.00 per year.

As of Jan. 28 we have an average of 284 different users on the site every day visiting 1151 pages. This is up significantly from January 2007 which saw 205 unique users per day visiting only 570 pages. This is the time of year when the site usage increases steadily and continues its upward momentum right through to August. People are starting to make their summer plans and determining the "antique trail" they will follow. If your shop is not yet listed, now is the time to do it. Click on "Register My Shop" and fill in the blanks. The cost is still a low \$50.00 for one year.

Antiques in Canada - New Listings

Antique Appraisals

John Sewell's On-Line Appraisal Service

... an affordable, reliable way to find out how much your fine art and antiques are worth.



British Columbia:

Jack's Place Antiques and Collectibles, Surrey, BC

An eclectic collection of fine quality antiques, collectibles and antique furniture. Dealers and Wholesale Buyers welcome.



Ontario:

Lakeshore Antiques, Niagara-on-the-Lake, ON

A 16 dealer co-op in 7,000 sq. foot space, filled with treasures from Pre-Victorian to retro eras, located in Niagara-on-the-Lake wine country.



For Sale:

Original British Pub Sign,
\$225.00 Source Antiques,
Vancouver, BC
source929main@shaw.ca



European China

Cabinet made from oak with exquisite pieces of carved designs and great detail, in excellent condition. For more information contact Classic Antiques, Regina, Saskatchewan. 306-949-1600, classicantiques@accesscomm.ca.



Oak China Cabinet circa 1880, excellent condition, \$2500.00. Call Marilyn at Victoria's, Dorval, Que. 514-945-7932. mstars3000@yahoo.com.



Rare Find Antique

Horse Brasses, 18 pcs, Circa 1890-1902. Large Leather Shield Merit Badge T.Moy Ltd. Price upon request. Gerald at 250-753-9510, curiositycove@hotmail.com



Solid walnut, **1780 Louis XVI chaise longue** from Versailles. The

Antique Warehouse, Vancouver, BC.

antiquewarehouse@telus.net.



A whole store of Antiques - LOTS of dishes, dressers, chairs, farm equipment, a couple of horse carriages, etc. Trudy Seiller, Victoriaville, Quebec. Contact: trudyseiller@hotmail.com, 819-752-2808

For Sale (cont'd):

An Arts & Crafts Mission Style child's rocker.

Hand made of oak with a deep warm patina, padded leather seat, 27" tall, \$1195.00.

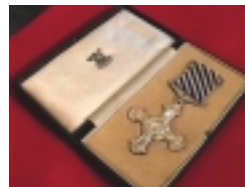
Jack's Antiques and Collectibles in Cloverdale, BC. jpantiques@shaw.ca, (604) 575-5439.



Distinguished Flying Cross WW2 Valour Medal in its original

presentation box.

Dated 1945 - \$2900.00 (open to serious offers). Reid Moseley, Shoulder To Shoulder Militaria & Collectibles, Calgary, AB. rmoseley@odakim.net



"Blue Mikado"

pattern by Royal Crown Derby English bone china set for 4, \$647.00. Antique

World of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Manitoba. Gloria, email awom@mts.net or phone 204-837-6958.



A collection of **vintage Milkglass** and glass spice and

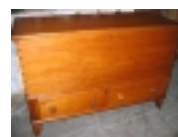
cookie jars, pyrex and Fireking bowls, mugs, cups and saucers, like new. Lynda Brown, thymetimespastinc@bellnet.ca, 613 744 4732.



Pine linen chest, 50"

wide by 21" deep and 33" tall, completely restored inside and out, \$925.00. George,

Prairie Dawn Antiques, Surrey, BC. prairiedawn1@shaw.ca, 604-531-6978



For Sale (cont'd):



Kemmler Grand Piano - Circa: 1880-1905; manufacturer: C. Kemmler & Co of Osnabruck, Germany. This beautiful 5'10" instrument is made of fine quality polished rosewood and was restored in 1984 by Howard's Pianos Ltd. Inspected and certified by Bill Konsorodo, \$12,500.00. Contact Wayne at Fine Point Antiques, Nanaimo, BC. finepoint_antiques@shaw.ca.

Looking For:

Any **John Deere sales literature**, matchcovers, and pocket ledgers. mceachrenfarms@aol.com

Collector seeks **vintage soccer, rugby or football items**: photos, medals, programmes, equipment and other memorabilia. lesjones@ca.inter.net or 416-691-1555

Schwans Brewery post cards. Norm, Owen Sound, Ont. jplayer@bmts.com.

Antique (or vintage) sportswear, in particular mountaineering and caving gear, though any sporting goods are of interest including clothing, sporting instruments, lamps, carrying cases. Angus Rowe MacPherson, Toronto, ON, 647-477-6599, angus@armimages.com.

Reward Offered

\$1000 Reward offered for information leading to the recovery of stolen military merchandise. For a description of stolen articles please go to: www.antiquesincanada.com/shop.php?myID=314. Reid Moseley, Shoulder to Shoulder, Calgary, AB. 403-262-2397, rmoseley@odakim.net.