

**THE THIRD LUXURY ANTIQUES WEEKEND
AT TORTWORTH COURT IN GLOUCESTERSHIRE
Friday 24 to Sunday 26 February 2012**



A rare natural fancy coloured diamond brooch with natural pearl and diamond drops, mounted in platinum, c1915, £9,600 from T Robert

The Antiques Dealers Fair Limited is returning to Gloucestershire to stage the third annual **Luxury Antiques Weekend at Tortworth Court**, Tortworth, near Wotton-under-Edge, GL12 8HH from Friday 24 to Sunday 26 February 2012. The Tortworth Court Four Pillars Hotel is a magnificent Cotswolds country house surrounded by 30 acres of private grounds and an arboretum containing more than 300 rare species.

The Luxury Antiques Weekend is a boutique-style fair bringing together 22 antiques dealers from all parts of the UK, predominantly members of The British Antique Dealers' Association and LAPADA The Association of Art & Antiques Dealers showcasing an eclectic mix of unusual and decorative antiques and works of art, including contemporary paintings, sculpture and jewellery.

New to the fair this year is **Parkside Antiques** of Oxfordshire who specialise in early period furniture as well as a wide variety of collectors' items. One such delight is an unusually small Bachelor's teapot made at the Plymouth factory of William Cookworthy in the 1760s which is offered for sale at £3,800. In 1768, William Cookworthy was the first person to patent a recipe for hard paste containing China clay and China stone after the Chinese method.

The majority of the exhibitors are returning to the fair, including **St James/ Authentiques** from Manchester bringing fabulous statement pieces from Loris Abate (b.1928), the famous Milanese jewellery designer who had shops in Porto Cervo and Milan. His pieces start from £3,000. Other eye-catching pieces of jewellery include a charming 1900s turtle brooch with ruby eyes by Liberty & Co for £850 from **T Robert** and a French 18 carat gold diamond bird brooch for £2,800 from **Plaza**.

Many of the dealers coming to Tortworth Court regularly exhibit at the top London antiques fairs, including furniture dealers **Freshfords Fine Antiques** of Bath with an exquisite pair of Dutch ivory & fruitwood marquetry inlaid walnut side chairs from Dunecht House in Aberdeenshire, complete with inventory labels, c1720,

Cont'd...

**THE
ANTIQUES
DEALERS
FAIR
LIMITED**

Luxury
ANTIQUES
WEEKEND
Tortworth Court
24 - 26 February 2012



One of a pair of Dutch marquetry inlaid walnut side chairs from Dunecht House, c1720, £15,000 from Freshfords Fine Antiques

P.O. Box 119
Cranbrook
Kent TN18 5WB

Tel/Fax
01797 252030

E-mail
info@adfl.co.uk

Web
www.adfl.co.uk

Reg. no. 04293279
(England & Wales)

£15,000 for the pair; Bedfordshire-based **S & S Timms Antiques** bringing a pair of late 18th century mahogany hall chairs for £1,950 and **Guy Dennler Antiques & Interiors** of Dorset selling a handsome George III walnut chair with elm back legs and pad feet for £3,650.

Amongst the 19th century sculptures on **Garrett & Hurst Sculpture's** stand is a bronze '*Charmeur de Serpents*', c1880 by Arthur Strasser (1854-1927). Strasser was an Austrian exponent of the naturalistic movement and the majority of his subjects were based on his travels throughout North Africa such as this piece from Mali priced at £11,875. An interesting selection of carpets and rugs are to be found on **M & N Oriental Rugs** stand including a 1920's hand-knotted Persian Tabriz for £3,900. Cotswold art dealers **Art World Gallery** are showing an excellent selection of contemporary paintings, sculpture and ceramics by Cotswolds artists.

Help for Heroes is the fair's chosen charity and the fair is supported by Strutt & Parker.

PRESS INFORMATION AND JPEG IMAGES AVAILABLE FROM:

Gail McGuffie PR
 T: +44 (0)20 8568 5466
 M: +44 (0)7885 10 33 53
 E: MGailMcG@aol.com

IONA PR
 +44 (0)1451 832 268
 +44 (0)7721 030 825
 iona@ionapr.com

Notes to Editors:

The fair is vetted with a dateline of 1970 for most disciplines.

- Event:** Luxury Antiques Weekend at Tortworth Court
- Venue:** Tortworth Court Four Pillars Hotel, Tortworth, Wotton-under-Edge, South Gloucestershire GL12 8HH
- Date:** Friday 24 - Sunday 26 February 2012
- Opening Hours:** Friday 11am - 6pm, Saturday 10.30am - 6pm, Sunday 10.30am - 5pm
- Tickets:** £5, including catalogue and re-admission
- Enquiries:** The Antiques Dealers Fair Limited
 Telephone: +44 (0)1797 252030 or info@adfl.co.uk
- Transport:** By Road: M5, Junction 14, AA signposted, free parking
 Airports: Bristol Airport, 24 miles
 Birmingham Airport, 83 miles
 Railway Stations: Bristol Temple Meads, 17 miles,
 Bristol Parkway, 11 miles
- Charity:** Help for Heroes, registered charity no 6363256
 (www.helpforheroes.org.uk)
- Supported by:** Strutt & Parker
- Website:** www.tortworthcourtfair.com



Unusually small Bachelor's 18th century teapot made at the Plymouth factory of William Cookworthy, £3,800 from Parkside Antiques



Regency period mahogany open wine cooler with original lion mask handles, c1820, £4,500 from S&S Timms Antiques



'Charmeur de serpents' bronze by Arthur Strasser, Austrian, c1880, £11,875 from Garret & Hurst Sculpture



Three Russian enamel beakers, two by CG Klingert and I Saltikov, 1892-1917, £950 each from Shapiro & Co