



Kentucky

WEEKENDING

Indiana dealer Tom Cheap offered this graduated stack of mid-19th-century Shaker pantry boxes, all of which bear original paint, at last year's show.



WHAT
Pleasant Hill
Antiques
Show & Sale

WHEN
June 21 & 22

WHERE
Harrodsburg, Ky.
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In Search of Shaker Antiques

EACH JUNE ANTIQUES LOVERS FLOCK TO THE PLEASANT HILL ANTIQUES SHOW & SALE IN HARRODSBURG, KY., FOR SHAKER ARTIFACTS, AMERICAN FURNITURE, AND A WEALTH OF VINTAGE FINDS.



Now in its sixth year, the Pleasant Hill Antiques Show & Sale has become a summer hot spot for collectors looking for fine 18th- and 19th-century American furniture, quilts, and folk art; standout Shaker artifacts; and affordable china, jewelry, and collectibles. And since the show is held on the shady grounds of the Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill, the price of admission (\$10) allows visitors to tour the restored village as well. Once the offerings of the 50-plus dealers have been explored, end the afternoon with homemade crab cake sandwiches (inset) or frozen Key lime cheesecake!

GREAT SHOW PIECES

South Carolina dealer Robert W. Ackerman was selling this small 1820s Kentucky chest of drawers, which may have originally been a salesman's sample.



In the 1870s, Shakers began selling seven sizes of their signature chairs through mail-order catalogs (above).

This intricately carved white-gold cameo pin was spied among the estate jewelry for sale at Dianne Milk Antiques.



Dealer Thomas Queen described these c. 1850 Shaker boxes made in Mount Lebanon, N.Y., as the "Tupperware of yesteryear."



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE 2007 PLEASANT HILL ANTIQUES SHOW & SALE

LEFT TO RIGHT: This c. 1850, three-slate Shaker side chair features a caned seat and an old mellow varnish. Dealer Julia Lawrence specializes in hard-to-resist Bakelite and Lucite jewelry. Shoppers at last year's show surveyed some of the primitive furniture and eclectic collectibles on display under the red-and-white tent. Michigan dealers Norman and Judith Keefer's booth swelled with beautiful examples of Flow Blue, Flow Mulberry, and Gaudy Ironstone.