

Banter, Trade and Even Romance Flourish Among Antique Dealers

By Eve Rannells

Bob and Meige are sharing a booth this year at the YWCA antiques show and sale in the Riverside hotel.

Last year, Bob set up his Indian relics and Alaskan totem poles alone. Several booths away, Meige Burchard displayed her mother-of-pearl and glassware.

"You see, we didn't really know each other," Bob Hopkins explained.

"And I couldn't start up a conversation, because I couldn't figure out how to pronounce Meige," he added. (A German name, the e is silent and the i is long, he learned.)

"Well!" Meige exclaimed, winking a sparkly, brown eye. "I had seen Bob at other shows, but he wasn't very friendly. I was sure I wouldn't like him."

Then came the Santa Cruz antiques show last year, again at the Riverside. And, most important, the Chinese lacquer leather pillow.

"I'd had that pillow for years," said Bob. "I was tired of lugging it around, and I hadn't been able to sell it."

Meige had her eye on it. "It was such a beautiful pillow," she said. "I wanted it so badly."

"Bob offered it to every other dealer in the show, but not to me. I finally couldn't stand it any longer. I 'asked' him for it," she confessed.

That was the beginning.

Now Mr. and Mrs. Hopkins jointly display a combination of Indian artifacts and delicate glassware — and anything else the newlyweds consider "fun to have around."

"There is one thing I'm kind of sorry about," Meige said. "I sold the Chinese lacquer leather pillow."

The Hopkins' story is but one example of the friendly atmosphere among the community of antique dealers who today will conclude the 11th annual Santa Cruz show.

Banter and trade is carried on equally with other exhibitors and visitors. And there is much talk about — exquisite china, glassware, idols, cabinets, bangles, something for every taste.

Doors swing open for the final day of show and sale at 11:30 this morning. It closes at 9 o'clock tonight.

There is an admission charge of \$1 for the YWCA fund-raising event. "Y" volunteers are serving snacks in the garden of the hotel.

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Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hopkins

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Weekend guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Levine, 722 Trevethan avenue, is her cousin, Mel Schoenfeld of Brooklyn. A radio marine engineer with the Radio Corporation of America, he has been conducting business for his firm in Los Angeles and San Francisco. He will return home tonight.

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