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**DECORATIVE ANTIQUES & TEXTILES FAIR**  
**SPRING EVENT 3-8 May 2011**  
**The Marquee, Battersea Park, London SW11**

London's favourite antiques event for interior decoration opens its doors for the Spring show from Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> to Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2011. Some 135 dealers in decorative and fine antiques, 20<sup>th</sup> century designer names, lighting, accessories, works of art and textiles will gather at the Marquee in Battersea Park for an extravaganza of unusual design ideas and objects to enhance the home and garden.

For the first time, the Fair will have a late night closing time of 9pm on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May, providing a leisurely post-work shopping opportunity on the first day of the Fair.



*Foyer Feature: Zen Garden*

Whilst part of the Foyer has now been given over to stand space, due to a growing roster of exhibitors, we continue to have a design feature which in May will be a Zen Garden. Created by Robert Barley, a dealer in works of art who has exhibited at the Fair for more than 20 years, this garden space will explore themes of contemplation and serenity, drawing on the influence of Buddhist ideals. Robert explains further: *"A Zen garden should be an inspiring place to sit, and to walk; making space for birds, fish or animals is also important. Natural elements are strongly represented: Earth, Air, Fire and Water. Buddhists have a great respect for, and love of rocks, and often include mountains in miniature in their garden designs."*

The Zen Garden will contain natural sculptural objects, statuary, works of art and other elements of garden decoration, sourced by Robert and also provided by exhibitors at the Fair. All items will be for sale.

Decorators and designers love The Decorative Fair in Battersea for its ever-changing source of truly original objects, from the 17<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> centuries, usefully offered three times a year (the next Fair in 2011 is the Autumn event from 27 September to 2 October).

Art is also now well represented at the Fair, from traditional landscapes, animal paintings, portraits and prints, to exciting contemporary works. Young dealers such as Gray Modern & Contemporary Art (Somerset) and W S Decorative Arts (London) rub shoulders with established international art

dealers such as Anthony Hepworth (Kensington & Bath) a leader in the field of Modern British art, and John Barkes with Russian studio works. Print specialists include Nicholas Price (who also exhibits at the BADA Fair), and Dinan & Chighine who bring large sets of botanical and other themed groups with highly decorative frames much sought-after by interior decorators.

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The Decorative Fair is a fantastic and fun introduction to the world of period design. A relaxed and informal atmosphere and beautifully-inspiring displays by exhibitors create the perfect ambience for new visitors to imagine how they might incorporate items in their own home. Even more enticing is the fact one can buy a special decorative object for a very modest amount of money – a piece of glass, an antique textile cushion, modern Scandinavian or traditional English ceramics, a vintage garden trug or piece of 'kitchenalia' can easily be bought for under £50.

For furnishings and design to set an interiors scheme apart from the crowd, antiques offer a cost effective choice; consider the quality of the original construction, and their unique aspect. For example, prices for antique or C20th upholstered furniture, with newly-restored upholstery, typically range from between £750 and £2000. This is less expensive than many designer stores. Not only does buying an antique offer value for money, but the purchase can be taken straight home, so no weeks of waiting for delivery!

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**Note to Editors:**

Event: The Spring Decorative Antiques & Textiles Fair  
Date: Tuesday 3 to Sunday 8 May 2011  
Venue: The Marquee, Battersea Park, London SW11  
Tickets: £10.00 including catalogue (which allows free return to Fair throughout the week)  
Open: Tuesday 12pm – 9pm  
Wednesday & Thursday 11am – 8pm  
Friday & Saturday 11am – 7pm  
Sunday 11am – 6pm  
Transport: from Sloane Square Tube take the *free Renault shuttle* Service from the Sloane Square Hotel to the Marquee; these run every 15 minutes or so during opening hours  
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