



MARY HELEN MCCOY
Fine Antiques

MARY HELEN MCCOY FINE ANTIQUES OPENS IN CHARLESTON
~ A Premier Source for Exceptional French Furniture and Decorative Arts ~

CHARLESTON, S.C., Mar. 31, 2008 – Mary Helen McCoy Fine Antiques, one of the nation’s premier sources for fine and unusual, period, 16th- to 19th-century French furniture and decorative arts, has recently relocated to Charleston, S.C., from Birmingham, Ala. The newly renovated 3,200 square-foot showroom, which is more than double the size of its former location, opened its doors on Monday, March 10, 2008 at 120 King Street. Together with the trustees of Historic Charleston Foundation, Mary Helen McCoy will be celebrating the grand opening of her gallery on Friday, April 25. During the opening celebration and for the month following, Mary Helen will donate 10 percent of revenue to Historic Charleston Foundation.

The gallery features three carefully laid out sections, each containing a placement of antiques that creates a feeling of a series of vignettes. Elegant Parisian furniture from the Louis XIV to the Empire periods comprise the first section. A magnificent, Bordelais, mahogany armoire anchors the second section surrounded by other striking pieces from the French provinces. In the third section, furniture from the French, Second Renaissance period to the mid-18th century is highlighted with examples of the finest furniture from the French provinces along with important French faïence from the 17th and 18th centuries. Beautiful decorative arts are displayed throughout the gallery.

“Over the last several years, our gallery has offered fine, 16th- to 19th-century French furniture and decorative arts with an emphasis on the finest, period, 18th-century pieces from France, as well as some pieces from other countries of origin that mix well with French antiques,” Mary Helen said. “This identity will remain true in Charleston with some additions to complement the beautiful homes here.”

Mary Helen McCoy Fine Antiques exhibits in prominent, national and international fine art and antique fairs, including the upcoming International Fine Art and Antique Dealers Show in New York City in October. The firm is one of only 15 dealers in the United States to be a member of the prestigious Syndicat National des Antiquaires (SNA). It is also a member of the esteemed Confédération Internationale des Négociants en Oeuvres d’Art (CINOA) and The Art and Antique Dealers League of America for which Mary Helen serves on the Board of Directors. Mary Helen also serves on the Board of Trustees for the Birmingham Museum of Art.

Mary Helen McCoy Fine Antiques is located at 120 King Street in Charleston, S.C., and is open Monday to Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. For more information, call 843-577-6445, fax 843-577-6447, e-mail MHMcAntq@aol.com or visit www.maryhelenmccoy.com

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