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A GREAT TIME FOR FAMILY HEIRLOOMS!

In popular usage, an **heirloom** is something, perhaps an antique, that has been passed down for generations through family members. The term originated with the historical principle of an **heirloom** in English law, a chattel which by immemorial usage was regarded as annexed by inheritance to a family estate. **Loom** originally meant a tool. Such genuine **heirlooms** were almost unknown by the beginning of the twentieth century. Any owner of a genuine **heirloom** could dispose of it during his lifetime, but he could not bequeath it by will away from the estate.

The word subsequently acquired a secondary meaning, applied to furniture, pictures, *etc.*, vested in trustees to hold on trust for the person for the time being entitled to the possession of a settled house. Such things were more properly called **settled chattels**. As of 1 January 1997, no further settled land can be created and the remaining pre-existing settlements have a declining importance in English law. An **heirloom** in the strict sense was made by family custom, not by settlement.

So why not do something incredibly unique and thoughtful this year and start your own family heirloom? Instead of going through the hustle and bustle of store to store retail outlets, and picking gifts just for the sake of getting a gift... why not take a stroll down memory lane at the December Arizona Antique Show and start a new family tradition.

Arizona Antique Shows is hosting it's "**Celebrate the Holidays**" **Gift Idea Show this December 13 & 14, 2008**. Some items that have been cherished heirlooms are Victorian Bride's Bowls, estate jewelry - Victorian, vintage costume or estate - decorative arts and a fabulous Horn Table from Benjamin Mann Antiques from Big Bear California.

Bride's Bowls were once customary for a bride and groom to receive as a gift for their wedding. These bowls graced the wedding ceremony, reception and then were savored as a wonderful family heirloom accentuating the beginning of their new family. The extravagant and dramatic bowls also symbolized stature of their family. At this show, you will be able to view several of these incredible and vibrant bowls, some even with moving parts!

The December show also boast a wide range of **Estate Jewelry**. Estate Jewelry is an **ideal gift** for someone special. From watches to rings to broaches, there will be something for everyone at this show! Unique and one-of-a-kind pieces, some with their own history, will be "the gift" this holiday season!

The **Phoenix Antique Market** is nationally known as a "Buyers" market, offering wholesale and near wholesale pricing to many shops and other markets in the western states from New Mexico to Oregon and find *this* Market to offer fabulous pricing for even **antique shop owners, mall booth owners and serious collectors**.

Show hours are 9 am to 5 pm Saturday and Sunday 10 am to 4 pm.

FREE admission to this event! For more information call 602-717-7337 or visit www.azantiqueshow.com.

"The Hunt is On!"