

## ***LARGE collection of Antique MINI OIL LAMPS on display at the Arizona Antique Show this March***

There's going to be a large display of Miniature Antique Oil Lamps this March 21 & 22 at the Arizona Antique Show! Antique Oil Lamps are still enjoyed even in today's society. If the electricity should go out or as added décor, you'll find these beautiful glass accents as an asset to your home! The ones that can be seen at the show include an array of many sizes, shapes and colors - painted, not painted, metal, glass, frosted, porcelain, from China, Japan, chalk ware of cactus, covered wagons and more!

Oil lamps or wick lamps have tanks that hold oil and have an absorbent wick that sits in the oil and can be lit, producing heat or light. Prior to their invention in the 1800's, candles, pitch oil lamps and animal fat lamps were used. Once the development of kerosene made mass producing lamps profitable, oil lamps were fabricated from metal, glass, porcelain, and other ceramics.

Probably the most sought-after highlights of these collectibles are the lamp's chimney or shade. Some chimneys have been hand blown, free-form, and if your lucky you'll spot some with limited-production chimneys with peddle tops and frothed or etched designs which are more scarce and in demand than machine-made examples. Glass shades would be bought from such companies like Fostoria or Consolidated and the oil lamp manufacturers would make the metal parts (the base and burner)

Shades were made with a wide variety of materials. Milk glass, because of its practicality inexpensive cost, was used for the plain opal shades. Another glass called Case glass was also used and was two different layers of glass with the inside white to reflect more light and the outside colored (the green and white combination is quite common). In the more expensive category are the art glass shades: satin glass, amberina, cranberry, and mother of pearl. Some of which can be seen March 21 & 22 at the Phoenix Antique Market.

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.

Exhibitors from throughout the region will be displaying and selling a wide variety of antiques and collectibles including European, Victorian and early American antiques, collectibles, jewelry, pottery, glass, locks, furniture, western antiques and collectibles, Native American artifacts, rugs, Kachinas, art, jewelry and much more.

Antiques make great gifts too! For those who are hard to buy for or those who like one of-a-kinds, there's something for everyone.

Join Arizona Antique Shows for their annual show March 21 & 22, 2009. Location: Arizona State Fairgrounds 1826 W, McDowell Rd. Phoenix, AZ 85007. Show hours Saturday, March 21 are 9 am to 5 pm and Sunday, March 22 are 10 am to 4 pm. \*FREE admission to this event!\* For more information call 602-717-7337 or visit [www.azantiqueshow.com](http://www.azantiqueshow.com).

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