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McHale's Silverwares is coming to the Phoenix Antique Market for the very first time, the largest Pacific West Coast sterling Flatware and matching service. Mchale offers a very large variety of inventory at this show ranging from exclusive and very sought after patterns to the everyday use patterns.

Mike Mchale has specialized in sterling flatware and serving pieces for more than 20 years and his diverse knowledge and inventory allows him to offer pricing and rare hard to find pieces far below retail and other matching services you may find on the internet.

If you are looking for early strikes of Grande Baroque, Francis the First, Sir Christopher, Love Disarmed or so many others, Mike and Gae's booth is where to shop. "If it's not here, I can find it," says Mike. "I particularly specialize in early marks of these wonderful patterns, but will accommodate all inquiries and requests. What many collectors and buyers are not aware of is the earlier sets of sterling flatware are heavier in weight. Price of silver was far less in the early days and therefore flatware pieces were made heavier. Better silver companies such Wallace, Reed and Barton, Shreve, Kirk & Stieff, and Gorham, employed very talented silver craftsman to design and craft their items with a beautiful balance to a fork or spoon. On a fine set of sterling, you should be able to perfectly balance the fork on in your hand without it tipping off the end of your fingers. This is true craftsmanship. In addition to weight, there is far more detail to early pieces of flatware. Even the fabulous pattern silver molds have lost their fine detail with decade after decade, of use. There is just no comparison between early sterling flatware to modern, even in the finer companies and patterns."

In addition to sterling flatware, Mike and Gae have one of the largest collections of sterling and silver plate serving pieces that date back as far as the 1600s and from all over the world. Mike urges the public to bring a piece of their pattern if they are not familiar with the name and match it his inventory... He will be able to identify by pattern, company, and era.

You can also find a fabulous collection of silver napkin rings from Reminisce, also her very first appearance at the Phoenix Antique Market. Peggy McFalrand of Utah specializing in silver napkin rings and exhibiting at the finest and most premier antique shows in the country for 30 years will also be on hand. Her collection of rare and hard to find rings is considered the largest from Utah to California. Peggy serves clients from Texas to Oregon and from West Coast to East Coast with her rare inventory.

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, linens, vintage fashion, pottery, glass, silver, 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-kind, there's something for everyone.

Join Arizona Antique Shows for their annual show May 16-17

Location: Arizona State Fairgrounds 1826 W, McDowell Rd. Phoenix, AZ 85007.

Show hours Saturday, May 16 are 9 am to 5 pm and Sunday, May 17 are 10 am to 4 pm.

FREE admission to this event! **Building is air~conditioned.**

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