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Pat Garthoeffner Biography

Pat Garthoeffner is the co-owner of Pat and Rich Garthoeffner Antiques in Lititz, Pennsylvania. The business specializes in American folk and decorative arts from the 18th, 19th and 20th centuries in original surface. When the business began 43 years ago, its focus was primarily early children's toys, trains and banks. While the Garthoeffners have remained experts in this particular field, writing articles for various publications, organizing seminars and giving talks and appraisals, through the years their interests expanded, and today they are known for having a wide range of paint-decorated folk art, weather vanes, textiles and accessories. The Garthoeffners have exhibited at antique shows in locations around the country, including New York, Chicago, New Hampshire, Maine, Virginia and Nashville, Tennessee. Along the way they have helped curate many quilt, rug and folk art exhibits. They are well known on the antique circuit and have sold to many dealers and decorators from across the country. "The quest for good antiques continues, and people, educated by the many shows and books filled with antique information, have a better knowledge of what they want and what they should look for if they want a quality investment."