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### ***Susan Kramer Hunkins Biography***

**Susan Kramer Hunkins** owns the *Heart of Country Antiques Show*, a major American antiques event held annually at the Gaylord Opryland Hotel in Nashville, Tennessee. Celebrating its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary, *Heart of Country* was started by Hunkin's parents, Elizabeth and Richard Kramer, on the premise that a great interest in America's decorative heritage existed beyond New England. They broke new ground by bringing a high caliber show to the middle of the country, broadening the antiques market to make it accessible to enthusiasts from coast to coast. The continuing success of the show is based on their mission to present knowledgeable dealers with quality antiques at reasonable prices, alongside a daily selection of educational programs and exhibits designed to further an understanding of America's vast cultural heritage as seen through its decorative arts. Hunkins' interest in and knowledge of antiques developed as she grew up around the business, and expanded as she earned her B.A. magna cum laude in art history from the University of Missouri. Her professional experience includes public relations management, event management, and educational fundraising; and she currently consults on independent fundraising projects and continues to produce the annual *Heart of Country Antiques Show*.