

NEW UNIQUE BOUTIQUE IN MARKET SQUARE TO SHOWCASE FINE ANTIQUES AND HAND CRAFTED ITEMS

HIGH POINT, N.C. (March 26, 2009) – MMPI High Point today announced the launch of a new featured area in its Market Square building. To cater to the growing number of designers and upper end retailers that shop the High Point Market, Market Square Ground will be home to an exciting new area to showcase fine antiques and unique hand crafted treasures.

“We knew there was a demand for this category of home furnishings at High Point Market,” said Tim McGee, senior vice president and general manager of MMPI High Point, “but we had no idea the response would be as great as it has been. The area will be completely sold out for this market.”

The **Unique Boutique**, occupying 20,000 square feet in Market Square Ground, is a destination for exquisite antique furniture, collectibles, hand crafted one-of-a-kind items, original art and much more from companies including:

Antiques & Interiors

G-8002

Antiques & Interiors offers a vast array of European Antiques, Accessories, and Pine Reproductions.

Beautiful Gems Custom Design Jewelry

G-5006

One-of-a-kind pieces of designer jewelry created using gemstones, collectables and sterling.

Blue Ocean Traders

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Blue Ocean Traders specializes in the importing of the finest antiques and reproductions for home and garden.

Celtic Pottery

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Celtic Pottery is a portfolio of work by clay artists [Timothy Moran and Janet Gaddy](#). From oil lamps and pots to decorative sculptures and unique vases, all pieces are hand made and one-of-a-kind.

Cody Nicely

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Cody Nicely combines the skills of a traditional artist with the balance of the best glass blowers. This emerging artist is known for his interpretation of marine wildlife with a realistic eye and an abstract flair.

Eliko Antique and Decorative Rugs

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Eliko Antique rugs are pleased to introduce their authentic 18th century Antique furniture collection featuring hand picked exquisite pieces from Europe, along with their ever-changing collection of fine Persian, Turkish, Indian, Chinese, and European rugs.

Industrial Age Antiques (Brick Pots)

G-4002

Industrial Age Antiques purchases the rights to clear out furnishings and decorative items from old mills and factory buildings.

John Lane Designs/Vintagestudios.com

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John Lane Designs/Vintagestudios.com offers salvage architectural antique ironwork, such as gates and balconies that are combined with other found objects to create unique new pieces of furniture and lamps. They also specialize in custom ironwork with a quick turnaround time.

Kevin Scanlon/Scout

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Kevin Scanlon/Scout repurposes found items to create unique furniture pieces.

Melissa Walker Art**G-6002**

Original watercolor, mixed media collage and pastel artwork, journals, and altered books. The artwork includes both abstracts and landscapes, while the visual journals combine a variety of collaged images and words.

Morning Glory Antiques**G-4003**

Voted as the #1 supplier to antique collectors and interior designers in the midwest by *House Beautiful*, Morning Glory Antiques has established itself as one of the resources for fine antiques, not only in the greater Kansas City area, but in the entire midwest.

Palm Beach Coral**G-5005**

A one-of-a-kind collection of real and natural coral, handcrafted into striking, and dramatic lamps, centerpieces, and decorative accessories; wrought by nature, artistically designed by human hands. A rich and exotic showing of seashell embellished boxes, lamps and garnitures reminiscent of the intricate shell grottoes of Italy.

Postans Furniture**G-4002**

Steven Postans Antiques supplies top quality merchandise to Dealers, Auction Houses, Designers, and Decorators. They are direct importers of English and continental 18th and 19th century antiques.

Rhyne's Corner Cupboard Antiques**G-3001**

Rhynes's Corner Cupboard Antiques is entering it's 35th year in the historic district of Greensboro, NC. The company offers antiques and collectible, furniture, architectural art, autos, decorative, the unique and unusual, toys, country story, etc. from around the globe.

Richard Hatch & Associates**G-4006**

Offering antiques and estate jewelry and silver.

St Peter's Farm**G-6001**

Using recycled and found objects, St. Peter's Farm creates unique & colorful one-of-a-kind artwork. Favorite subjects include cats, dogs, flowers, mermaids and more.

STUDIO ARTE BELLO**G-5004**

Artisans handcrafting timeless walls and ceilings "to go." Authentic Old World techniques to urban rustic design utilizing organic sustainable materials.

Third Rock Jewelry**G-2008**

Third rock jewelry uses silver combined stones, geodes, shells, fossils, and other objects found in the earth and sea to create unique and unusual pieces of wearable art using the "lost wax " method along with other techniques.

An updated list of participating companies is available online at www.mmpihighpoint.com.

Merchandise Mart Properties, Inc. (MMPI) is a trade show and property management firm, specializing in managing buildings devoted to wholesale showrooms and commercial office space. MMPI produces more than 300 trade shows, market events and conferences each year. MMPI manages The Merchandise Mart and 350 West Mart Center in Chicago; Market Square, the Suites at Market Square, Hamilton Market, Plaza Suites, Furniture Plaza and the National Furniture Mart in High Point, N.C.; the Architects & Designers Building and 7 W New York in New York; the Boston Design Center in Boston; the L.A. Mart in Los Angeles; and the Washington Design Center and Federal Center Southwest in Washington, D.C.

Vornado Realty Trust, owner of MMPI, based in New York City, is a fully integrated equity real estate investment trust. Vornado's common shares are listed on the New York Stock Exchange and are traded under the symbol VNO.

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