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**TIME FOR LYME TO HOST 2<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE AND APPRAISAL DAY**  
Shop and Support Lyme Research and Education  
A portion of each purchase will be donated to Time for Lyme

Greenwich, CT, August 2010 – Time for Lyme (TFL), a research, education and advocacy group will host the 2nd annual Holiday Boutique and Appraisal Day on Tuesday, October 19th, from 9:30am to 4:30pm at the Christ Church Parish Hall at 254 East Putnam Avenue in Greenwich, CT.

The Holiday Boutique offers a fantastic jump start on holiday shopping with a selection of interesting and unique gift items to choose from. Buyers will receive the added gain of knowing that a portion of the money they spend will be given to Time for Lyme to fund research and education about Lyme and other tick borne illnesses.

**LEARN IF YOU HAVE A TREASURE: APPRAISALS FROM INDUSTRY PROFESSIONALS**

Lark E. Mason, Jr., owner of [www.igavelauctions.com](http://www.igavelauctions.com), an online art auction site, and Helen F. Kippax of The Antiques Brokerage House, Ltd, an art consulting and appraisal business, both formerly of Sotheby's, will be on hand to appraise heirlooms from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. Lark Mason is one of the premiere appraisers of Chinese art and antiques in the United States. Helen Kippax also appraises and advises on estate dispositions, and worked at William Doyle Galleries where she was one of the first female auctioneers.

Mr. Mason and Ms. Kippax will appraise items at a fee of \$20.00 per item and \$50.00 for three items. All of the proceeds from these appraisals will be donated to Time for Lyme. Customers can bring the actual items for appraisal or a digital photo of the item. Or, for particularly large items, an appointment can be scheduled for a home appraisal. Time for Lyme will have volunteers standing by to help with large items and to keep a place in line while the people shop until their appraisal time is called.

**MORE THAN 20 EXCITING VENDORS**

This special shopping event will feature exhibitors including:

- AK Jewelry Design: Unique 18 karat gold jewelry designed and created by Anna Knipe Donahue
- Amanzi Tea: Custom blended teas
- Annella: A new line of sophisticated and elegant women's clothing for home and travel
- Asiatique: Unique gifts, chic accessories, exquisite apparel
- Catch All: Holiday linens, custom travel accessories, luxurious and trendy sleepwear
- Cliffmore Collection by Suzanne Einstein: Faux, fun, fabulous and always in style jewelry. Also everyday leather handbags from Italy.
- Cynthia Alexander: Bejeweled lavender-filled silk pillows, precious and semi-precious jewelry and more
- Designing Women: Unique decorative accessories for the home plus wonderful holiday decorations and gifts
- Elegant Pots & Petals: Stunning life-like reproduction orchids, hydrangeas and amaryllis in a variety of elegant containers
- Elizabeth Harden Designs: Handwoven custom jackets/coats, reversible silk wraps, scarves and evening bags
- Flamenco: Women's and girls' clothing from Spain
- Ilyse's Pieces: Chic and unique handcrafted jewelry using natural gemstones
- Janet Egan Design: Imported silk apparel for women
- Julie Collection: Exclusively manufactured jewelry made of semi-precious stones handset in sterling silver with 24kt gold micron plating. Custom cashmere, silk and fine wool wraps and clutches
- Little Follies: Hand smocked and classic children's clothing
- Mrs. Monogram: Delightful and distinctive personalized gifts, accessories, and home decor
- Nantucket Sweaters: Colorful collection of trendy and classic cashmere sweaters and sweater coats
- Nikki Bates: Extraordinary handcrafted jewelry adorned with gemstones in 22 karat gold
- Paper Plus: Personalized papers and presents for everyone on your list
- Proverbial Knits: Beautiful and unique wraps, shawls, scarves, and jackets made from divine fabrics
- Smathers & Branson: 100% hand-stitched needlepoint belts and accessories
- Splurge: An eclectic assortment of one of a kind gifts and many handmade works of art

#### About Lyme disease

Lyme disease is caused by a bacterium carried in many ticks. Some, but not all, people infected with Lyme will see a bull's-eye rash at the site of the tick bite between three and 30 days after infection. While this rash is a definitive symptom of Lyme, most diagnostic tests for the disease are unreliable and may produce false negatives. TFL endowed the Lyme and Tick-Borne Diseases Research Center at Columbia University Medical Center in New York City, the first of its kind dedicated to the study of chronic Lyme disease.

**About Time for Lyme:** Time for Lyme's mission is to fund innovative Lyme and tick-borne disease research, and to combat and prevent those diseases through education, outreach, public policy initiatives, information sharing and support. (203) 969-1333. [www.timeforlyme.org](http://www.timeforlyme.org)

**Save the Date:** *Time for Lyme Gala Fundraiser, April 2, 2011: Time for Lyme will host its bi-annual Gala Fundraiser, an Evening of Illusion, at the Hilton Hotel in Stamford, CT, Saturday, April 2, 2011 from 7:00 pm to 11:30 pm.*