

Antique Furniture Represents A Lost Generation

Owning as well as collecting antique furniture is the best way to reconstruct the ambiance of the period it came from. That is why there is such an interest in collecting antiques furnishings either through purchasing it, or researching the information for yourself if you are fascinated in the styles of the generations of the past.

Collectors like to own several distinctive types of furniture spanning through various periods to evaluate and admire the different changes of style between the eras. Not everyone can afford to buy or has the space to own every period piece of period furniture, so if you are engrossed in antique furniture the best plan is to buy specialist magazines, visiting museums, visit your local antique shops, or to antique fairs or check out online antique furniture stores. By doing so you will gain a deeper appreciation of antique furniture and the changes that occurred through the ages that gave that period its own particular style.

Antiques and antique furniture can definitely help us to understand history in the way that styles and fashions changed to manifest the needs and general living conditions of the time. Style changes are never sudden but they are progressive never the less, and finding out how these changes occurred is an interesting journey. If you are interested in finding out more, there are lots of books that concentrate on each different period and the style that characterized it.

During the 1300s the main style was "Gothic" and it was characterized by benches, seats, cases and beds produced by nailing wooden boards together. Soon after followed the renaissance period characterized by the magnificent work of the Florentine furniture makers.

Those of you that love lushly adorned wood will have a unique affection for the Baroque style which is becoming more and more prevalent with its lush decorations and frames featuring from little angels and masks to cornucopias of fruits and flowers. You then have the Rococo and Neoclassic styles and then the Imperial style which is characterized with decorations usually depicting swans.

More and more shops are selling antique furniture of the 19th century and this is what attracts most of the aficionados of furniture, them being both collectors or furniture enthusiasts in common. Following this period the Liberty style follows and following that the styles closer to our present-day time.

You could literally spend hours reading up on the styles briefly outlined above. Each style represents a small mirror of a bygone era as well as inspiring our current lives by filling our houses with beautiful furniture.

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