

# Something FOR Everyone

## Big Shanty Antiques and Gifts

Think about where you can go to find something interesting, fun, vintage – or not, something exciting, unique and yes, affordable. Someplace where shopping is fun, not a chore, and where you can find things you never even dreamed of, in every price range and for every taste. If you can't, then you have never been to a very special mall, just off Highway 41 in Kennesaw, because, yes, there is a place that has that to offer, and more; it is called Big Shanty Antiques and Gifts.

Big Shanty, as its fans call it, is a wonderful place to just look, with over 50,000 square feet of space, filled with over 100 dealers. There are antiques, certainly, and collectibles galore, but there is much more in the way of items for sale. However, many would say it is the atmosphere at Big Shanty that makes it special.

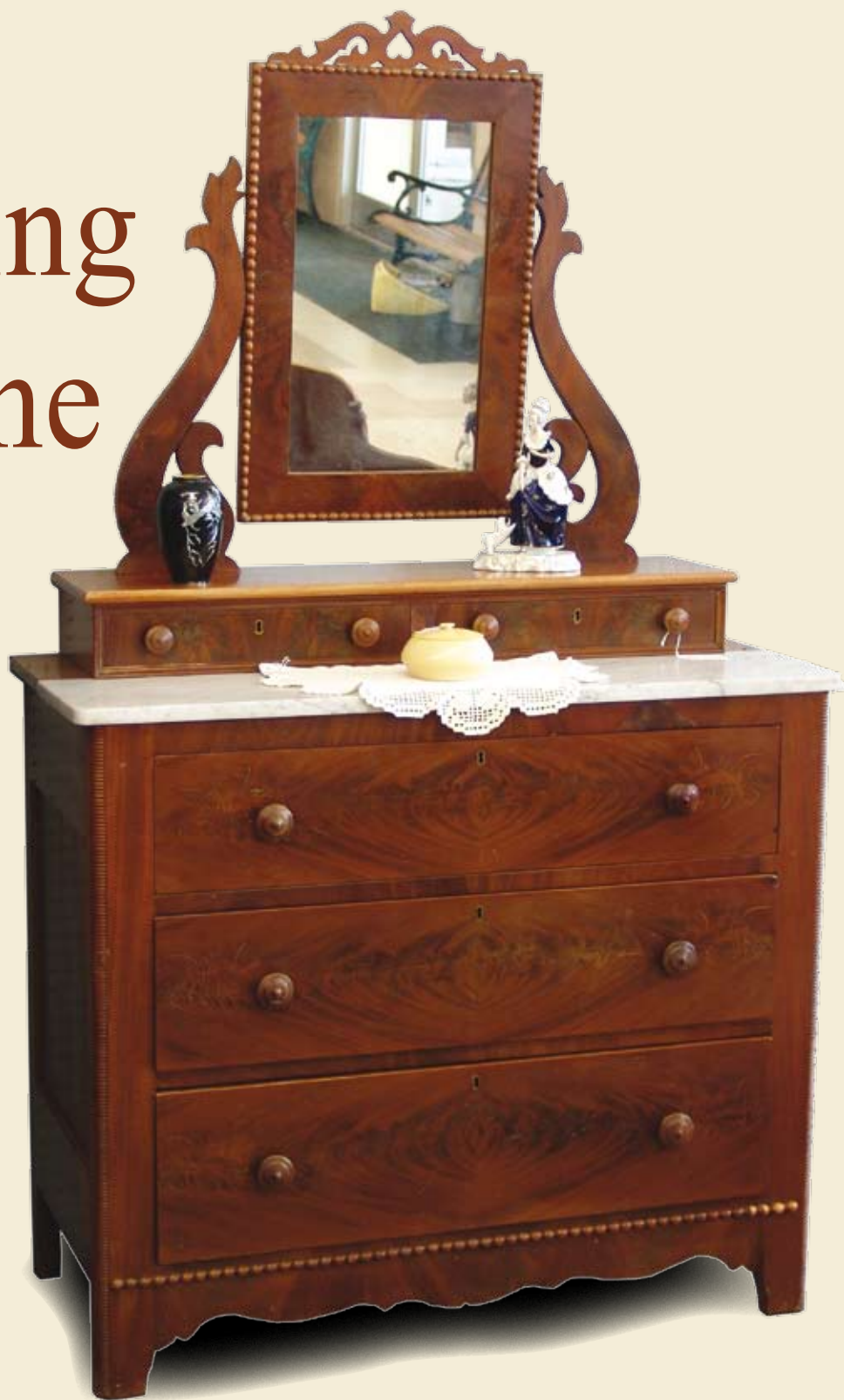
Regular customers are greeted by name, and there are plenty of them. Unlike the vast majority of antiques malls, children are welcome visitors here. "Big Shanty is a friendly, family kind of place." says Jan Cranfield, one of the Big Shanty dealers. "Around here that's how we

try to treat everyone. Like family and friends. I have been a dealer here for literally years, and we see customers coming back over and over."

Of course, there are plenty of new customers, too. Big Shanty is one of the

favorite spots for Kennesaw State University Students and newlyweds just starting out to find items for their new homes.

"One of the best things about Big Shanty is that you can find things for your home in every price range. You can find things



that are great for dorm rooms and new apartments, but you can find period furniture, too.” says Jan Cranfield.

Big Shanty is a great family place, even for the kids. Kids – they are called ‘Smart Shoppers’ at Big Shanty- are greeted with a juice box and an invitation to enjoy looking. “We don’t have a ‘hands off policy’ here.” says Big Shanty Antiques and Gifts owner Julia Bramlett. “We love to see everyone.”

There is truly something for everyone to see, too. The list of what they have at Big Shanty Antiques and Gifts would not only be long, but one of the most exciting things about Big Shanty is that the list would be always changing.

“The pinball machines have been added since I was here last.” says one Big Shanty customer. “But that is so great. I mean, Big Shanty just always has something different and really cool!”

The pinball machines are located in a black-backdrop booth, lit and ready for the new owner. “Each one is in perfect working order.” adds Julia Bramlett.

Something fascinating is always showing up at Big Shanty.

Inside the front doors is a fabulous bedroom set in the late Victorian “quarter-sawn oak” that was so popular in the late 19th and early 20th Century. There is a booth of mostly Civil War era items, a booth with clothes from



experience as positive as it can be. They offer special shopping days or evenings. Every month on the 3rd Friday is a “Ladies Night” where customers got together for red wine, chocolate and plenty of shopping fun.

Also, on the 1st Saturday of the month, there is an auction where, says Julia: “You can find some fantastic buys!”

“Whatever we are doing, we want to make our customers happy.” she says “That, more than anything, is what Big Shanty is all about.”

Big Shanty is open every day, on Monday through Saturday from 10 am to 6 pm and on Sunday from noon until 6 pm. Big Shanty is located on Roberts Road, just north of the Barrett Parkway. It is located next to Cowboy’s and behind Hooter’s restaurant.

If you want more information or directions, you can call them at 770-795-1186. They will always be happy to help you find just what you are looking for.

the 1950’s and 1960’s and items that are new, or nearly so.

There are books, collectible magazines, toys, household items, and just about anything else you might want. “Our inventory is great here.” adds Jan Cranfield, “But it is the atmosphere that makes people keep coming back.”

At Big Shanty Antiques and Gifts everyone works hard to make each shopper’s

