

A small magic carpet from another time



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Look What We Found

What: Small Sarouk carpet

Where: James & Jeffrey tag sale, 5704 Georgia Ave., West Palm Beach; call 561-832-1760 to be added to a mailing list for upcoming sales

How much: \$125

Why it's special:

There are hundreds of knots per square inch on a carpet such as this little rug, which is a little over 2 feet long. And those knots represent hundreds of hours.

This rug, which was made in what is now northern Iran, probably dates from early in the 20th century, when these carpets were made for the European and North American markets.

Americans especially would love the deep burgundy hues of some of the carpets, and merchants often re-dyed the backgrounds to make them darker.

This rug is in good shape, and at a time when many of these carpets, which truly are works of art, have slipped in value, it still was quite a bargain at \$125.

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SCOTT'S TIPS

Miami and Miami Beach are the places to be this weekend and next, with major shows.

The Miami National Antique Show: This show attracts dealers from across the country. It's noon to 7 p.m. today and Sunday, and noon to 5 p.m. Monday, Miami Airport Convention Center, 777 N.W. 72nd Ave., Miami. Tickets: \$15, good all three days of the show; www.miaminationalantiqueshow.com.

Original Miami Beach Antique Show: Nearly 1,000 dealers from 28 countries gather for this show, held noon to 8 p.m. Friday to Feb. 2 and noon to 5 p.m. Feb. 3, Miami Beach Convention Center, 1901 Convention Center Drive, Miami Beach. Tickets: \$20, good all five days of the show; www.originalmiamibeachantiqueshow.com.

Doll Show & Sale: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Jan. 31, St. Luke's Catholic Church, 2892 S. Congress Ave., Palm Springs. \$3 adults, free for Scouts in uniform; 965-9460 or 748-7962.

41st Annual American Glass, Pottery, Dinnerware Show and Sale: The South Florida Depression Glass Club holds its annual show 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Jan. 31 and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Feb. 1 at Emma Lou Olson Civic Center, 1801 N.E. Sixth St., Pompano Beach. Tickets: \$6.50; for discount ticket, visit www.sfdgc.com.



This little rug, which is just over 2 feet long, was made in what is now northern Iran in the early 20th century.

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