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Antique & Design Center of High Point Celebrates 10 Year Anniversary this Fall

10 years ago, this week, Karen Luisana, a long-time antiques dealer and set designer, and Amanda Kinney, a real estate broker and free-lance photographer, were getting ready for the very first show of the Antique & Design Center of High Point.

They had no idea what to expect when they opened those doors. Could they rise above the noise of all that was happening with new furniture manufacturers and introduce High Point to the world of antiques? Would designers come to High Point Market and find them? Would buyers connect with the offerings of 54 first time exhibitors bringing antiques, vintage and artisan made pieces from around the world? They had worked for a year traveling across the US, from antique show to antique show talking to dealers, many of them Karen’s own secret sources, about High Point and inviting the best of the best to come show. And show they did! By the second day of market, they knew they had tapped into a desire for something real and soulful in High Point. Something, that for all the wonder and excitement of Market, was still missing.

Karen Luisana had been selling antiques in her stand-alone showroom in High Point and accessorizing manufacturer’s showrooms such as EJ Victor, Guy Chaddock, R. Jones, Tradition France, and Arthur Brett for many years. She has the eye of a high-end designer and has enjoyed a flourishing career procuring cutting-edge furnishings and accessories for Market, that she would later see gracing the pages of glossy shelter magazines. But she could see that the economy and the industry were changing, and it made sense to band together with other antiques dealers to create something bigger than herself. There is strength in numbers, and she knew that she could help dealers who were struggling with a rapidly changing antiques world by bringing them to High Point and connecting them with talented interior designers searching for the perfect pieces to complete their projects. She also understood that new furniture lines that were being introduced each spring and fall could only stand to benefit from being mixed with items from the past that brought with them a story and an energy that was palpable. It’s all about mixing the old and the new and each one elevating the other with their presence.

Amanda had been working with Karen on her marketing campaigns and helping her during High Point Market at Luisana Designs and Antiques when the idea of bringing antiques dealers together under one roof came into being. Karen enlisted her help in 2009 to begin preparing for the 2010 opening of the Antique & Design Center. Coming from different backgrounds and generations, the two creative women worked beautifully together, playing off of each other’s strengths and becoming the best of friends in the process. Along the way they have cultivated an invaluable team of players that work hard to make the ADC experience, unparalleled in the world of antiques shows. Over the last 10 years they traveled the country seeking the best antique & modern dealers, original art dealers, vintage jewelry dealers and artisans to bring to High Point and inviting the very best interior designers, architects and shop owners to attend as buyers. In doing so they have changed the face of High Point and created a beautiful place of connection and creativity for all those who visit.

With all that has happened in the world this year, being able to open those doors once again for their 10 Year Anniversary is certainly reason to celebrate! The Antique & Design Center of High Point will welcome 60 returning and 13 new exhibitors along with many designers, architects and store owners, eager for fresh finds. They are looking forward to the next 10 years, knowing that the collaboration between these talented groups of people will lead to gorgeous design projects worthy of the covers of shelter magazines everywhere, but more importantly,  spaces and homes that will become sanctuaries for the people that live, work and play in them!

The Antique & Design Center of High Point is located in on the Ground level of Historic Market Square with parking and a private entrance at [316 W Commerce Ave, High Point NC 27260](https://goo.gl/maps/yXsyu62LTshBfFNu7) More information can be found at www.hpadc.com