OTTAWA — Americans tend to think of antiquarianism as something born in Boston and transplanted to New York in the first decades of the Twentieth Century. But as René Villeneuve, curator of early Canadian art at the National Gallery of Canada (NGC), relates in the splendid new volume Laurent Amiot: Canadian Master Silversmith and the accompanying exhibition of the same name, Canadians, prompted by some of the same influences, were on a parallel mission of their own.

Though not the first to admire the work of the Quebec master Amiot (1764–1839), the Welsh-born scholar E. Alfred Jones — who visited Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Quebec and New England in preparation for his 1913...
ROCHESTER, N.Y. — The Rochester Antiquarian Book Fair, the oldest continually running regional antiquarian book fair in the United States, will take place on September 8 from 10 am to 5 pm, at the Main Street Armory, 900 East Main Street.

Presented by the Rochester Area Booksellers Association (RABA), the event features more than 200 dealers from across the nation. Beyond the rare and antiquarian books, maps; photographs; ephemera embracing an equally broad range of subject categories, the fair represents an opportunity for book and print enthusiasts to converse with numerous professionals in the field all in one place, some of whom do not maintain brick and mortar shops. The diversity of vendors ensures that there is something for everyone, from affordable curiosities to valuable treasures.

Tickets for the preview tour and party are $30 in advance and $35 on the day of the tour. Tickets for the preview tour and party are $75.

Tickets for the house tour are $5, or free to students who present a current student ID. Advance admission tickets are available through RABA’s website, www.rochesterbooksellers.com, where there is more information, or call Jonathan Small (Yesterday’s Muse Books) at 716-265-9295.

The homes selected for the tour range in age from 1780 to 2010. Together, they comprise more than 60 photographic and graphic artifacts that can collectively embrace an equal breadth of subject categories.

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ROCHESTER, CONN. — The Torrington Historical Society and the Northwest CT Chamber of Commerce, 333 Kennedy Drive, where they will receive a program guide and map, Shuttle buses will circulate between the chamber and the featured homes. Participants may also drive their own cars and park near each home. Tickets for the house tour are $30 in advance and $35 on the day of the tour.

For more information, call the Northwest Chamber of Commerce, 333 Kennedy Drive, where they will receive a program guide and map, or visit www.nwctchamberofcommerce.org, 860-482-8280. For additional information, www.torringtonhistoricalsociety.org, 860-482-8280 or visit www.newtchamberofcommerce.org, 860-482-4556.

NEW YORK CITY — An exhibition of contemporary photography are at China Institute Gallery until December 2. "Art of the Mountain: Through the Chinese Photographer’s Lens" comprises more than 60 photographs at 100 Washington Street. For more information, www.china-institute.org or 212-744-8181.