

DISCOVER THE TREASURES AT HERSHBERGER ANTIQUE MALL

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WOOSTER — Winding through the roads of Amish Country, it is easy to get lost in its beauty. Plush green pastures and fenced in yards line the paths which lead to white farm houses, which are lined with plenty of colorful, bountiful flowers.

Tucked back deep into Amish County lies a unique store, Hershberger Antique Mall, which sells quality antiques from all over.

Ben Hershberger, who co-owns and helps run the mall with his family, was born and raised a farmer, but always knew that he would not be his vocation for the rest of his life.

Furniture was his real love. For years, he worked stripping and refinishing old furniture and was fascinated by the craftsmanship of older



pieces.

Originally, Ben's antique business started down the road, but moved the business to the current site, in between the communities of Charm and Farmerstown, a little more than 17 years ago.

The mall consists of two 40x100 buildings, plus a rough room, where furniture in need of repair is housed.

Hershberger Antique Mall houses a combination of antiques owned by Ben, and several pieces which were brought to Ben on

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