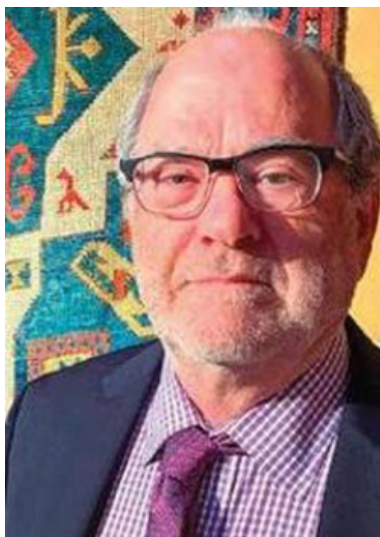


Five questions with antique rug specialist Peter Pap

Peter Pap is a specialist in antique rugs from the 19th century that were exported to the US and Europe from countries such as Persia, Turkey, Afghanistan and southern Russia.



📷 Rug dealer Peter Pap. Photo: Peter Pap Rugs

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He started in Boston in 1975 after having worked at a rug establishment founded in 1927. He has two galleries, the first opened in New Hampshire in the 1980s, and the second is in San Francisco.

1 What are your plans for fairs in 2026?

I recently exhibited at the *Delaware Antiques Show* in Wilmington, Delaware (from November 7-9) and plan to exhibit at *The Winter Show* at Park Avenue Armory in New York (January 23-February 1), and at private exhibitions where I will show the Navajo rug collection of the American artist Frank Stella.

2 One great discovery you have made?

My recent discovery of a major tapestry by Norwegian artist Frida Hansen, which had been missing for 90 years after having been exhibited in museums in the US in the 1920s-30s.

3 What is one challenge that buyers/collectors currently face?

Being armed with enough information to make a qualified decision about what they're about to purchase. It's a very complicated field, and dealing with a reputable dealer is of the utmost importance.



📷 A 4 x 5ft (1.2 x 1.5m) Transylvanian rug from Turkey from the second half of the 17th century. It has provenance to the collection of Anne Bienstock. Pap says it is one of only 72 known in the world. It is priced at \$60,000. Photo: Peter Pap Rugs

4 What is the best exhibition you have visited recently

Scandinavian Design and the United States, 1890-1980 at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art.

5 One question it is important that people ask before buying?

What are your guarantees?

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