

Laois antique shop auctions 'enchanted' items full of history

● People will be able to view the items going up for auction at the Storeyard in Portlaoise

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A Laois antique store is hosting a 'House to Garden' auction later this month, with one of Ireland's most well-known designers and gardeners, Diarmuid Gavin, taking part in the event.

The Storeyard in Portlaoise which is owned by David Keane will be hosting their 'House to Garden' auction in collaboration with the Dublin-based Adam's Auctioneers later in May.

People interested in the auction will be able to view The Storeyard's incredible collection of rare architectural salvage and garden antiques during their viewing weekend which will run from Saturday, May 16 to Monday, May 18.

On Saturday and Sunday, The Storeyard will open its doors from 11am until 5pm. The final viewing day, on Monday, will welcome people from the slightly earlier time of 10am until 5pm.

The famous TV presenter and gardener Diarmuid Gavin has taken part in the upcoming auction through creating plant displays which will be on show during the viewing weekend at The

Storeyard.

The expert gardener has family connections with Adam's Auctioneers through his grandfather. Diarmuid said that his grandfather, Michael Gavin, worked as a porter for Adam's Auctioneers which is based in St Stephen's Green.

Speaking ahead of the auction, he said: "I'm delighted to be joining Adams and The Storeyard once again to celebrate this wonderful event. Last years auction was a joy.

"We packed the catalogue with a wonderful menagerie of garden objects, an Aladdin's cave of garden wonder, where each turn revealed yet another beautiful object with a past and purpose. It was an experience which lingered long after the final hammer fell.

"This year there is an added layer of delight. The world of the garden now sits alongside the home, and the result is richer for it. These pieces move effortlessly between inside and out, carrying with them their storied history.

"I have had the pleasure of pre-viewing the collection, and it is,

quite simply, enchanting. Classic designs sit comfortably beside those of pure charm."

Among some of the fascinating items up for auction, there are old farm gates, Roman style stone pillars, Japanese water basins, French cast iron hens and so much more.

The 'House to Garden' auction is a timed online auction, with the auction starting its closing process on Tuesday, May 19 at 11am.

For anyone new to timed online-only auctions, these types of auctions are automated and take place solely online. The bidding for each lot is opened at a predetermined level set by the auctioneer and for a set period of time.

During this period of open bidding, you will be able to see the current highest bid on each lot. You can place a higher bid at the defined bidding increment you choose. You will be informed by email whether you were the winning bidder or if you were outbid.



David Keane, owner of The Storeyard, with TV presenter and expert gardener Diarmuid Gavin.