

## Thieves Market

*[I don't normally run articles on individual businesses, but I was immediately struck with interest when I ran across this Matchorama, especially since I'm already predisposed towards History. I'd love to wander around this store!]*

“In 1952 The Thieves Market was born from the vision of Henry Cohen, a young entrepreneur. He came to Washington DC with his young family determined to start his own Auction company and Antique business.

From its small beginnings in 1952, the Thieves Market had grown to be an area leader in the Auctioneering of Antiques & Provider Estate Services. At one point the Market had expanded to over 100,000 feet, housing a mall of Antique Stores and The Thieves Market Auction Gallery which thousands of Washingtonians so fondly remember. The Thieves Market Auction Sales, were a family event, held on every major holiday. Fabulous food buffets & Antiques & Fine Art, too, were the only game in town back then. Thousands attended, from destinations nationally and locally. It was a time of rare finds & discoveries unmatched in the Washington D.C. area

By 1970, The Thieves Market Auctions were the "Talk of Washington" & Henry Cohen's dream had been realized. *The Washington Star & Post* both heralded the Thieves Market with full page color cover stories! Henry Cohen was recognized in national media as the founder of the nation's first antique mall "Supermarket" in the country, a phenomenon!! The tradition continues today with the Thieves Market attracting tens of thousands of visitors a year from local Antiques enthusiasts to the rich and famous. Our Antiques Mall concept has been followed nationwide and there are malls in every city, but only one Original Thieves Market Antiques.

Kaplan & Susan Cohen have been dedicated to nurturing the Thieves Market Antiques Business full time, since its founder's passing in 1980. After 25 years of mall operation, and as a result of Marketing changes we have re-organized, and no longer run a mall. We still offer the areas finest Antiques and unique Discoveries in a more intimate setting, at our large upscale store in Vienna, Virginia. Their now adult children assist in the family business.”

*[<http://www.thievesmarketantiques.com/history.html>]*

