

Couple buys, will revive shuttered Salem factory

By Zander Frost
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After more than 30 years idle, the Salem Steam Works building dating from the 1800s will soon be back in business.

Washington County natives **Jon and Deana Ketchum**, who returned from Denver, Colorado, purchased the former garment factory.

They are **renovating the building** and plan to **live on the third floor**,

Greenwich natives back home from Colorado; make furniture, will live on the 3rd floor



Jon & Deana Ketchum are renovating what once was a thriving shirt factory. **'Forever I loved this building,'** says Jon.



Photos provided

house their **custom furniture business New Collar Goods on the first floor** and eye the **second floor as a "flex" space** that could be used for events.

"We both grew up in Greenwich, and then moved to Denver in 2010," Jon told *The Chronicle*.

After high school, Jon went to St. Michaels College in Vermont. Deana went to Sage College of Albany. "At the time, honestly, there weren't great jobs locally. And the cost of living in Denver at that time was pretty inexpensive," said Jon.

They moved to Denver without furniture, so he joined a workshop. "It was structured like a

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New invasive threat? Asian jumping worms

By Cathy DeDe

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A few months ago, Warren County Cornell Cooperative Extension put out an alert of yet another invasive species — something called *Amyntas-Metaphire*, commonly known as the Jumping Worm or Asian Jumping Worm.

You know, something seemed familiar about the description they provided. Something had seemed "off" about our worms recently. They were super-squirmy.

Sure enough, some time later, now armed with the Cooperative Extension article — I realized **these jumping worms have crept up in my own backyard**, right here in the City of

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World's Largest Garage Sale returns, Oct. 1-3

Chronicle Managing Editor Cathy DeDe writes: The World's Largest Garage Sale is back in Warrensburg after a year's Covid hiatus — and this year it runs for three official days, Friday to Sunday, October 1 to 3, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. all three days.

Previously the sale officially ran only on Saturday and Sunday, although some vendors,

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