INFORMATION CONCERNING PERSONAL PROPERTY APPRAISALS

Thank you for contacting the Peabody Essex Museum in regards to your collection. While our curatorial staff may be able to assist you with the identification and authentication of your collection or work of art, the Museum may not provide appraisals of the monetary value or recommend specific appraisers for such a purpose. The Internal Revenue Service considers museums to be “interested parties.” Therefore, we are disqualified from offering valuations. However, the appraisal organizations and auction houses listed below can provide appraiser referrals and appraisals.

If you have questions concerning appraisals of gifts to the Peabody Essex Museum, please contact our Associate Registrar Megan MacNeil at megan_macneil@pem.org or 978-745-9500 ext. 3030.

APPRaisal ORGANIZATIONS

The non-profit appraisal organizations listed below can provide you with the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of professional, accredited appraisers in your geographic area with the appropriate expertise. All three organizations provide this information free of charge.

Appraisers Association of America
386 Park Avenue South, Suite 2000
New York, NY 10016
TEL (212) 889-5404
FAX (212) 889-5503
WEB http://www.appraisersassoc.org
EMAIL aaal@rcn.com

American Society of Appraisers
555 Herndon Parkway
Suite 125
Herndon, VA 20170
TEL 1-800-272-8258
TEL (703) 478 2228
FAX (703) 742-8471
WEB http://www.appraisers.org
EMAIL asainfo@appraisers.org

International Society of Appraisers
225 West Wacker Drive, Suite 650
Chicago, IL 60606
TEL (312) 981-6778
WEB http://www.isa-appraisers.org
EMAIL isa@isa-appraisers.org

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Textile and costume appraisers can also be referred by the Costume Society of America

55 Edgewater Drive
P.O. Box 73
Earleville MD 21919
TEL (800) CSA-9447
TEL (410) 275-1619 (outside U.S.)
FAX (410) 275-8936
WEB http://www.costumesocietyamerica.com
AUCTION HOUSES

Professional auction houses also provide appraisal services.

Christie’s
20 Rockefeller Plaza
New York, NY 10020
TEL (212) 636-2000
FAX (212) 636-4930
WEB http://www.christies.com
EMAIL info@christies.com

Eldred’s
1483 Route 6A
P.O. Box 796
East Dennis, MA 02641
TEL (508) 385-3116
FAX (508) 385-7201
WEB http://www.eldreds.com
EMAIL info@eldreds.com

Skinner, Inc.
Appraisal Services
274 Cedar Hill Street
Marlborough, MA 01752
TEL (508) 970-3299
FAX (508) 970-3100
WEB http://www.skinnerinc.com
EMAIL appraisals@skinnerinc.com

Sotheby’s
1334 York Ave
New York, NY 10021
TEL (212) 894-1297
WEB http://www.sothebys.com
EMAIL valuationsnewyork@sothebys.com

IRS INFORMATION

The following IRS pamphlets and forms concerning the appraisal and donation of property to charitable organizations are available free of charge online at irs.gov/forms_pubs/index.html or by calling 1-800-829-3676. New pamphlets and forms should be requested each year. Appraisals of objects gifted to the Museum might be tax deductible. Please contact your tax advisor or the Internal Revenue Service for further information.

Publication #561: Determining the Value of Donated Property
Publication #526: Charitable Contributions
Form #8282: Donee Information Return (Sale, Exchange or Other Disposition of Donated Property)
Form #8283: Noncash Charitable Contributions

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