

FUN-PRAISAL FAIR SET BY SAN DIMAS FESTIVAL OF ARTS

Do you have a hidden treasure? Have you always wondered what those family heirlooms are worth? Is insurance necessary? For answers, attend the San Dimas Festival of Arts Fun-Praisal Fair Saturday, January 17th from noon to 5 pm at the historic Walker House, 121 N. San Dimas Avenue, San Dimas. This fund-raising event is patterned after the popular PBS television show "Antiques Roadshow." Patrons who bring two items for the \$10 fee will learn if they are sitting on a gold mine or simply saving sentimental keepsakes. The treasures will be examined and verbally appraised with an estimate of value by certified appraisers, said Gina Capaldi, chair of the event and a nationally accredited appraiser. In addition to Capaldi, four other appraisers will be on hand to provide information about items in an array of categories, including fine arts, decorative arts, books and manuscripts, ivory and silver, glassware and porcelain, timepieces, lamps, tribal art, movies and sports, Faberge objects, classic cars, stamps, dolls and much, much more, Capaldi said.

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Capaldi, who earned her certification as a Fine Arts Appraiser from the College of Appraisers, specializes in fine arts, illustration, photography, the plastic arts, and dolls from all eras and cultures. She studied fine arts at Pepperdine University and Pitzer College and illustration at the Art Center College of Design. She has appraised for private collectors, as well as for civic and municipal installations and collections, including works for the cities of Whittier, Upland and Pomona. She holds memberships in the Appraisers National Association, Biographers International Society, Society of Children's Books Writers and Illustrators, and is a board member for the San Dimas Festival of Arts. She may be reached at gcapa72562@aol.com or at 626 967-6483. The San Dimas Festival's appraisal fee of \$10 for two items is tax deductible. Tickets may be reserved or purchased at the door during the event. To make reservations or for more details, call (909) 599-5374. In addition to Capaldi, expert appraisers at the Fun-Praisal will include Thomas Ahern, Robyn Merrill, Charlotte Bruno and David Baiz.

Ahern, the Educational Director of the College of Appraisers, teaches many of the group's seminars and courses. He is a life-long collector and a popular teacher with an encyclopedic knowledge of glass, jewelry, gemstones and pottery. He has been a successful appraiser and antiques dealer for over 30 years with shops in several Southern California malls. He is a member-supporter of several glass collector clubs and has done research for the Glass Museum in Redlands. Small parts of his enormous collection go on display annually at the Pomona Public Library.

Merrill graduated from the College of Appraisers in 2006. She is USPAP (Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practices) accredited and certified in personal property, collectibles, and fine arts. A member of the Appraisers National Association, she serves as its board chairwoman. She is known as the "expert's-expert" when identifying Victorian glass, pottery and porcelain. Previously a member of the Fostoria Glass Club, she has shared her expertise by lecturing on Victorian Art Glass, Fenton Art Glass, and Royal Bayreuth porcelain. For the past 7 years, she has owned an Estate Liquidation company while supplying two antique malls in Long Beach with elegant art glass. She may be reached at rmerill@parker.com or 714-295-2678.

Bruno's experience in personal property appraising for insurance companies, probate, divorce and charity donations spans over a decade. She has twenty years of experience in the television and movie industries, working with set designers and art directors as a freelance advisor to insure authenticity. Currently, she is president of the Appraiser's National Association (ANA) and is certified in the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practices (USPAP). She owns "A" Appraisers, Estate Liquidations and Sales and specializes in personal property and business liquidations. As the ANA president she also coordinates educational seminars on fine arts, collectibles, metals, antiques and appraising. She may be reached at Cbrunoantiques@aol.com or 626-967-6483.

Baiz is a former entertainment executive whose passion for vintage antiques began when, as a teenager, his fascination with old radios, mechanical antiques and movie memorabilia, grew into a collecting passion. This pastime continued in his later years and in his off hours, he could be found haunting yard sales and auction houses, collecting everything from ephemera to vintage automobiles. After leaving the entertainment business, he turned his hobby into a full-time profession. Currently a co-partner in *Appraisers-Estate Liquidations & Sales*, he specializes in identifying ephemera, historic documents and unique pop collectibles. He serves on the board of The Appraisers National Association and is USPAP certified. He may be reached at 626-967-6483 or dbaiz@yahoo.com

