

Antique Appraisal Event for Hartford Business Improvement District

HARTFORD, Wis. — Hartford Business Improvement District will host an antiques and collectibles appraisal event featuring author and antiques expert Mark F. Moran on March 24, starting at 11 a.m. at the Schauer Arts & Activities Center as part of the Home Improvement Show going on there that weekend.

Formerly senior editor of *Antiques and Collectibles Books* for Krause Publications in Iola, Wis., he has also been a contributing editor for *Antique Trader* magazine. He has served as editor of *Antique Review East* magazine; as producer of Atlantique City, an antique show held in Atlantic City, N.J.; and as editorial director of F+W Media's Antiques Group.

He is the author or co-author of more than 25 books on antiques and collectibles, including three editions of the 800-page annual *Warman's Antiques & Collectibles*. He has also been a guest expert on the PBS series, *Antiques Roadshow*.

Moran bought and sold antiques for more than 30 years, specializing in vintage folk art, Americana, and fine art. He has been active as an appraiser of antiques and fine art for more than 20 years.

Appraisal fee per each item appraised is \$15 and pre-registration is **required**. Contact Karin M. Buhle at Hartford Business Improvement District, 262-673-7193, for details.

Categories of objects for appraisal may include:

Fine art, including paintings, drawings, prints and statuary.

Furniture (usually smaller pieces are best).

Ceramics, including figural pottery, vases, dishes, kitchenware and stoneware.

Glassware, including lighting, marbles and souvenir items.

Vintage photographs, including snapshots, tintypes, ambrotypes and daguerreotypes.

Advertising, including posters, lithographed tin, paper and figural objects.

Folk art, including carvings, quilts, weathervanes, windmill weights and "outsider" art.

Assorted toys, including dolls (bisque, composition and plastic), windups and mechanical banks.

Metalware, including iron, bronze, brass, pot metal, silver, silver plate.

Clocks, including mantel, hanging and figural.

Costume jewelry, including brooches, bracelets, earrings.

Excluded items: all weapons, including swords and knives (though folding knives with advertising are accepted); coins and paper money; Beanie Babies; fine jewelry, including precious gems, pocket and wristwatches; musical instruments, including violins and wind/reed instruments (though some acoustic and early electric guitars are accepted).

Questions about objects not covered here can be submitted to Moran in advance to determine if they are appropriate. Suggested categories for advance inquiry include, but are not limited to: Oriental, Native American and other tribal objects (African, Oceanic); ancient artifacts (Egyptian and other early cultures); fossils and minerals; books; automotive items; nautical and military-related objects; sports memorabilia (including baseball cards); records; antique tools and

technological objects (typewriters, cameras, assorted machinery or instruments for scientific measure, like sextants, telescopes, microscopes, etc.). When in doubt, email inquiry can often address this.

Opinions of value are informal, and may not be used for insurance or charitable donations, which require a certified appraisal.

For more information, contact:

Mark F. Moran Appraisals of Antiques & Fine Art
N7326 Maple Ridge Trail
Iola, Wis. 54945
715-281-5060
moranm1953@gmail.com
Visit Moran's site! <http://mark-moran.blogspot.com/>
<http://facebook.com/Markfmoran>