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Tickets on Sale Now for 3rd Annual Montana Antiques Appraisal Fair

The Montana History Foundation and the Butte-Silver Bow Public Archives are excited to announce tickets go on sale today, August 12th, for the 3rd Annual Montana Antiques Appraisal Fair. The appraisal fair will be held October 12th and 13th at the Butte Civic Center.

Expert Appraisers Timothy Gordon and Grant Zahajko will be on hand to assess and give verbal valuations of items such as fine art, historic objects and other rarities. Both Gordon and Zahajko are known for their knowledgeable appraisals on television.

Appraisal tickets are $20 per item, plus any applicable fees. There is a limit of three ticketed appraisal items per person. Tickets are purchased based on the hour an individual would like to have their item or items appraised, between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, the 12th and between 9:00 a.m. and noon on Sunday, the 13th. Please, no firearms or minerals.

Spectator tickets are $10 per person. Children 12 and under are free.
All tickets are available for purchase through the Butte Civic Center website.

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Typical items brought in for appraisal include paintings, sculptures, textiles, photographs, Western and Native Americana, dolls and sports memorabilia.

For Appraiser Timothy Gordon, the excitement of the event is finding those items for which the value is unknown to its owner.

“What I find happens is people will bring something in and they’ll have a general idea about what it is, but oftentimes it’s something different,” says Gordon. “Any given day something incredible can walk through the door and that’s what the carrot is for appraisers.”

The event will include seating for spectators, as well as entertainment over the lunch hour. Mary Jane Bradbury will perform historical vignettes based on the life of Nancy Russell, wife of artist Charles M. Russell.

Food and drink will be available for purchase through the Butte Civic Center concessions.

The 3rd Annual Montana Antiques Appraisal Fair is made possible in part through a grant from the Superfund Advisory and Redevelopment Trust Authority, or SARTA.

For more information, please contact the Butte-Silver Bow Public Archives at 406-782-3280 or The Montana History Foundation at 406-449-3770.

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