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# Art Gallery of Guelph Volunteer Association launches first ever Appraisal Event on June 3

On Saturday, June 3 from 12 – 4 pm, the Art Gallery of Guelph will host eight knowledgeable appraisers who will assess and evaluate prized possessions and unusual finds. All are invited to bring personal treasures and heirlooms to the gallery for an Antiques Roadshow-style fundraising event run by the gallery's Volunteer Association and organized by McMaster Fine Art. Get on-the-spot verbal appraisals for everything from jewelry and art to household items and small furniture from the region's experts.

The appraisals are open to the public; tickets are \$15 per item, with each ticket representing one verbal appraisal of an object that belongs to one of the following categories: (1) jewelry and metalwork, (2) unframed or framed art and Canadiana, (3) Inuit art or objects, (4) textile art, and (5) small furniture, glassware, and pottery. Each person is welcome to bring multiple items in different categories, with a maximum number of three items per category. To guarantee an appraisal for your treasures, <u>purchase your tickets in advance</u>. Tickets are also available at the door for walk-ins on a first come, first served basis.



Organized by McMaster Fine Art, Bert Dorpmans and Lauren Ogilvie will be joined by appraisers Heather Beecroft, Jan Kammermans, Joanne Poluch of Remarque Art Consulting, Jeff Reid of Splurge Antiques & Art, Bruce Thurston, and Joe Zidanic of Century Estate Services. Funds raised will go towards supporting the gallery's collection development and acquisitions.

"The gallery is thrilled to present this initiative of the Volunteer Association," said AGG Director Shauna McCabe, "The event offers those in the region a unique opportunity to learn more about their own belongings. Items with sentimental value may also have monetary value which is important to know – whether for family records, or just to satisfy your own personal curiosity."

### At a glance

Date: Saturday, June 3 Time: 12 – 4 pm Location: Art Gallery of Guelph, 358 Gordon St. (at College Ave.) Price: \$15/ item for appraisal Purchase tickets in advance at <u>https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/agg-appraisal-event-</u> <u>tickets-530841710847</u>

### About the Art Gallery of Guelph

The Art Gallery of Guelph (AGG) is one of Canada's premier public art spaces, engaging audiences with innovative artists and ideas from around the world. Through a rigorous and collaborative artistic program that positions visual culture in an ever-changing cultural landscape, the gallery supports social exchange and shapes public discourse. Located in one of Canada's leading innovation-rich and socially engaged urban environments, the gallery offers compelling artistic encounters and contributes to a thriving national artistic climate through global connections that foster and proliferate creativity and imagination. For more information, please visit artgalleryofguelph.ca.

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